



Monday 2nd June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Summer Term 2 at Newhall Junior School. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable May half term. We want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud we are of all the children for the way they approached their SATs last half term. Their hard work, resilience, and positive attitude were truly impressive, and they should feel very proud of what they've achieved. Thank you for your continued support - it really makes a difference. We're looking forward to a fun and rewarding final half term together!

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 18th June – Sports Day at Shobnall Sports Field
- Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd July – Secondary School Transition Days (See individual information direct from Secondary Schools)
- Thursday 10th July – Leavers' Trip to the National Forest Adventure Farm
- Wednesday 16th July – Leavers' Assembly (More information to follow)
- Friday 18th July – Leavers' Colour Run (More information to follow)

Curriculum

This half term, we have an exciting and enriching curriculum planned across all subjects. In History, we'll be exploring the enduring legacy of the Ancient Greeks and reflecting on how their innovations continue to shape our world. In Religious Education, we'll be examining the question, "Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?" In Design and Technology, our focus will be on structures as we design and create model playgrounds. Our PSHE lessons will focus on the theme 'Changing Me,' including thoughtful discussions about personal development and preparing for the transition to secondary school. In Maths, we'll be revisiting key concepts to strengthen our understanding and ensure we're ready for the next stage of learning. In English, we'll be writing a formal letter, an informal letter, and a diary entry, all inspired by the novel *When the Sky Falls* by Phil Earle. Our Reading sessions will continue to develop our comprehension skills through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Additionally, we'll be continuing with the Mini Police programme on Friday afternoons, where we'll explore important issues affecting both our local community and the wider world.

PE

Our PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Children should be wearing their school PE kit - please refer to the uniform section on the school website. Children also need to have hair tied back and have removed their earrings or be able to take them out themselves.

Lost Property

To cut down on the amount of lost property each term, please could you ensure all items of your children's clothing is clearly labelled. This includes uniform, coats, lunch boxes and water bottles.

Homework and Weekly Tests

Children should continue to access Spelling Shed (<https://play.edshed.com/en-gb>) to practise spellings and Times Table Rockstars (<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>) to aid them in developing a rapid recall of multiplication



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facts. We ask that they complete these activities 4 times per week. This will be monitored by class teachers to ensure participation. Spelling tests will be on a Friday afternoon.

Reading

Your child is encouraged to bring their reading book home each day, along with their reading diary. Please set aside time at home for your child to read quietly or to an adult. Reading at home, when it is a regular habit, has a remarkable impact on reading progress. We ask that children read at least 4 times per week at home and that this is evidenced in their reading diary by an adult.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 6 Team