

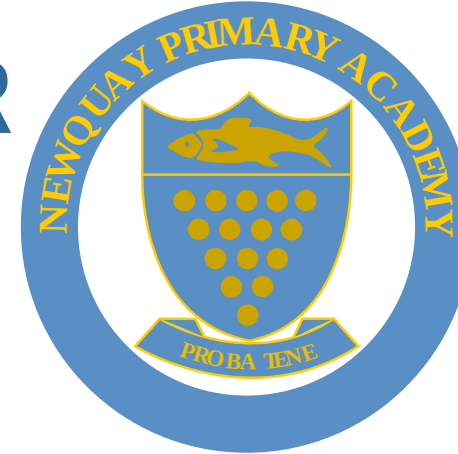
Friday 9th October 2026

NPA NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's Message

Miss Hildyard



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we are already into the month of October! The evenings are certainly drawing in and I think it is officially time to get the slippers out from the back of the wardrobe! There is something I really love about this time of year; the crisp mornings, changing colours and, of course, those cosy evenings when you can snuggle up and enjoy a good book.

This got me thinking about something we will be continuing to place a real focus on at Newquay Primary Academy this year: reading for pleasure.

We all know how important reading is for children's learning, but I also want our children to experience reading as something they choose to do, enjoy and look forward to. Developing an intrinsic love of reading can open up new worlds, spark imaginations, build empathy and provide children with a lifelong source of enjoyment. I want our learners to see themselves as readers, whether they love mysteries, funny stories, fascinating facts or simply getting lost in a wonderful adventure.

We will be developing our approach to reading for pleasure across the academy this year, with a focus on creating a strong reading culture and giving children plenty of opportunities to discover books and authors that they genuinely enjoy.

There is lots more to come as we develop this area across NPA, so watch this space for updates!

Wishing you all a wonderful October and I hope you find plenty of opportunities to snuggle up with a good book too!

Warm regards,
Miss Hildyard

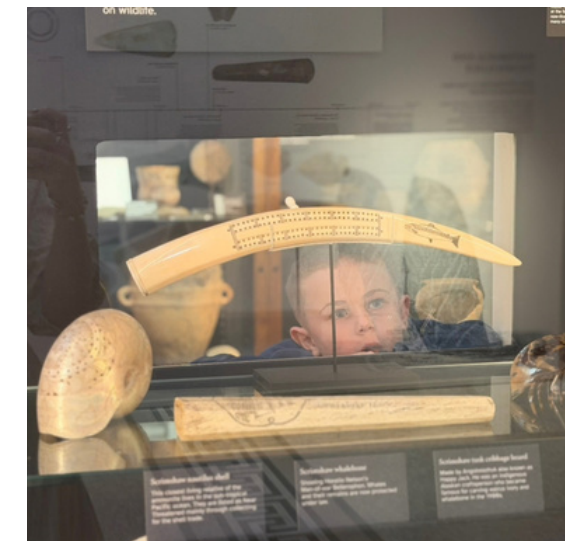
Highlights - Educational Visits

We've had a fantastic start to our trips this academy year!

Kittiwakes enjoyed a walking trip to Trenance Gardens, putting their geography fieldwork skills into practice through map reading, wildlife surveys and weather observations. They also visited the museum and gathered plenty of information to inspire their English guidebook writing.

Meanwhile, Choughs travelled to Truro Museum for an exciting Ancient Egyptian workshop. They discovered the fascinating process of mummification, learned about Ancient Egyptian beliefs surrounding the afterlife and explored a range of incredible artefacts, including a real mummy over 2,000 years old!

Two brilliant opportunities to bring classroom learning to life and a great start to the year's educational visits!



Shine Time

CHANGES FOR THE FUTURE

I have received some important feedback from families about our Shine Time events and I would like to thank those who have taken the time to share their thoughts with me. Shine Time is intended to be a celebration of our children's wonderful learning and it is important to me that these events remain inclusive and accessible to all children and families.

Having reflected on this feedback, I have decided to make a few changes to how we run Shine Time moving forward.

- Once a term: We will run one Shine Time event each term, making it easier for families to plan ahead and fit this special celebration into busy family lives.
- Late Night Shine Time: Alongside our afternoon event, I will introduce a special evening session at 6pm for families who would like to return to school and celebrate their children's work together.

Our next Shine Time will take place on Wednesday 16th December at 2.30pm, with our first Late Night Shine Time session starting at 6pm.

Going forward, Shine Time will take place at the end of each full term.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us to reflect on how we can make our school experiences the very best they can be for every child. At NPA, we want every learner to feel valued, included and proud of their achievements and I hope these changes will help us to continue celebrating their learning together as a school community.

Warm regards,
Miss Hildyard





FOOTBALL



Yesterday, we took part in our first Newquay Sports Network (NSN) event, with our Year 5 pupils heading off to a football tournament. They tried incredibly hard and enjoyed competing against teams from other local schools. We were very proud of their effort and enthusiasm!

And in more exciting football news, NPA now has brand-new football goals in situ! They have already made lots of our children very happy and, even better, they're weatherproof, so hopefully they'll stand up to the Newquay wind too!



STAR LEARNERS

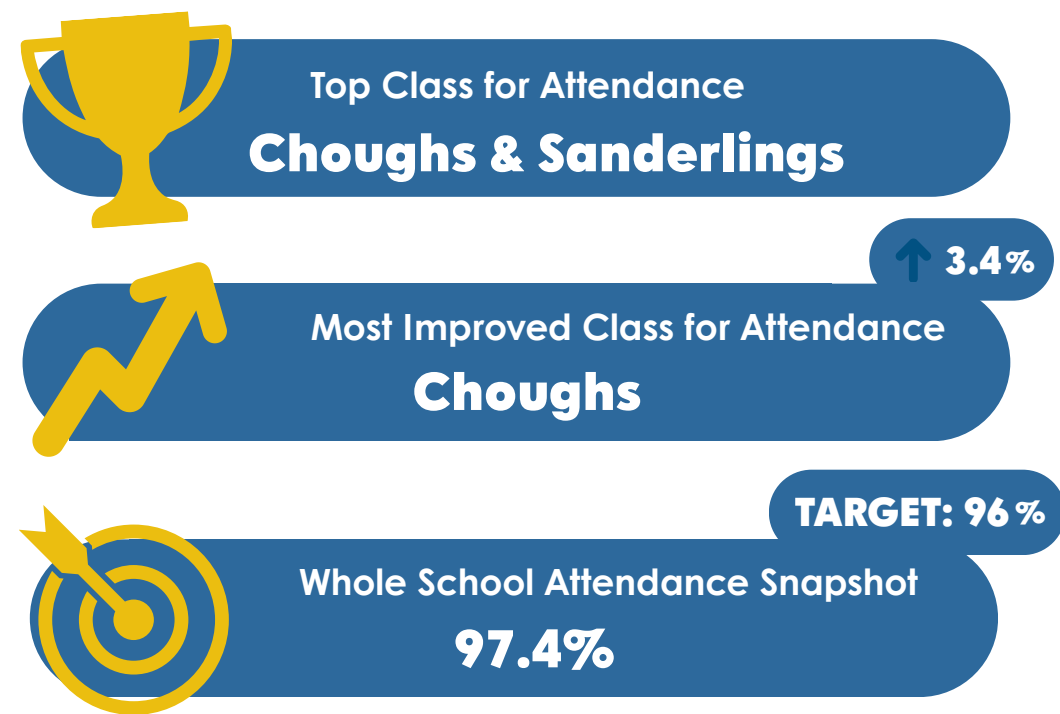
Join us in celebrating children who have shone
in their learning, effort and attitude this week

 Puffins Mackenzie MS WILSON EYFS	 Sanderlings Imogen MISS RICH YEAR 1	 Kittiwakes Tommy MRS ELLIS/ MISS HILDYARD YEAR 2
 Choughs Lyra MISS COWELL YEAR 3	 Guillemots Archie MRS OATLEY YEAR 4	 Kingfishers Marley MRS PARISH-MEENS YEAR 5

HEADTEACHERS HERO AWARD



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Leave during term time

We understand that there are occasions when families need to request exceptional leave for their child during term time.

In such cases, it is essential to submit an absence form well in advance. These are available at the school office and on our website.

We will only authorised these requests in exceptional circumstances, and we will review each application on a case-by-case basis.

Please be aware that taking unauthorised leave may mean you become liable for a fine. To help you plan ahead, term dates are available on the school website.

Unauthorised Absences

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence.

Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court. Please see our website for more information on our attendance policy: [Newquay Primary Academy - Attendance](#)

Coming up at NPA

12	Monday 12 th October	Puffins Partnership Meetings
13	Tuesday 13 th October	Years 1 - 5 Partnership Meetings
13	Tuesday 13 th October	Years 2 - 5 visit NT for Matilda
14	Wednesday 14 th October	Kingfishers Wonderdome Visit at NJA
14	Wednesday 14 th October	All classes Partnership Meetings
15	Thursday 15 th October	Last day for Harvest donations
16	Friday 16 th October	Last day of half term
16	Wednesday 16 th December	Shine Time - 2.30pm & 6pm

**Newquay Primary Academy**

**Newquay foodbank**

Harvest Festival DONATIONS WANTED

What items should families donate?

**Toiletries**

- Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Tooth paste
- Hand wipes

**Household items**

- Laundry liquid detergent
- Laundry powder
- Washing up liquid

**Feminine products**

- Sanitary towels
- Tampons

**Baby supplies**

- Nappies
- Baby wipes
- Baby food

 We also support those with pets, so please consider providing pet food.

★ **OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS THIS WEEK ARE:** ★

 UHT Milk

 Coffee

 Baked Beans

 Pulses

 Rice Pudding

 Custard

 Tinned Fruit

 Unisex Toiletries

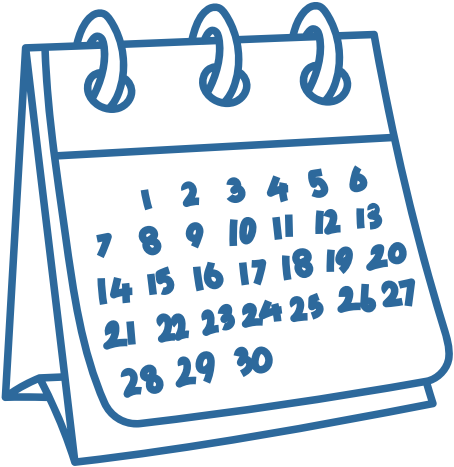
 Please bring your donations into school by the **15th October**.

**Let's make a difference together!**

Newquay Foodbank does incredible work supporting individuals and families across our community. You can find out more about their vital work here:

www.newquayfoodbank.org.uk

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



**Applying for a Reception Class Place for September 2027**

If you would like a tour of Newquay Primary, we have Parent tour dates on the following days:

Parent Tour Dates

 **Friday 16th October**
1.30pm

 **Wednesday 4th November**
1.30pm

 **Wednesday 18th November**
10.30am

 **Thursday 19th November**
1.30pm and 5pm

 **Wednesday 2nd December**
10.30am and 1.30pm

Come and see our school!

A warm welcome

A great start

A bright future

If you would like to book onto one of these tour dates please email npasecretary@npa.celtrust.org

We look forward to meeting you!

Academy Notices



NEWQUAY PRIMARY ACADEMY IS ALLERGY AWARE

We encourage children not to bring in nut items to school so we can be mindful of our other learners who have allergies.

Small choices make a big difference!



Thank you for supporting our allergy aware academy!

Academy Office



The academy office opening hours are 8.00am until 3.30pm Monday to Friday. If you need to speak to Mrs Payne or Mrs Townley in the office, please contact them between these hours.

Our teachers are available at the start and end of the academy day at your child's classroom door, please do not hesitate to talk to them if you have a query.

NPA PTA NEWS

A HUGE THANK YOU!

HALLOWEEN DISCO SUCCESS

The event was a fantastic success, raising over £500 towards new playground equipment for our children.

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, baked or donated treats, volunteered their time, and to all the staff who helped make the disco such a brilliant evening. We really appreciate your support!

Over the last few weeks, we have also welcomed several companies into school to provide quotes and recommendations for the new playground equipment we are hoping to purchase. We're really excited to see our fundraising efforts helping us get closer to making these improvements a reality.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support

A colorful graphic for the PTA Committee meeting. At the top, it says "MEET THE PTA COMMITTEE" in large, bold letters. Below this, there are five circular portraits of the committee members, each with their name and role underneath. To the left of the portraits are two speech bubbles: "Stronger Together for Our Children" and "Our NPA Our Community Our Children". To the right is a speech bubble that says "Parents Working Together". Below the portraits are two more speech bubbles: "Small Ideas Big Impact!" and "New faces always welcome!". At the bottom, there is a calendar icon and the text "NEXT PTA MEETING 2nd November 6:30pm at NPA". The footer of the graphic reads "SUPPORT ♥ FUNDRAISE ♥ PLAN ♥ SHARE IDEAS ♥ MAKE A DIFFERENCE ♥".

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MEET THE PTA COMMITTEE

Emily Wale Co-Chair

Kate Stephens Co-Chair

Mo Smith Vice Chair

Small Ideas Big Impact!

Debbie Derbyshire Secretary

Neill Furlonger Treasurer

Parents Working Together

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Halloween Pictures!

