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Friday 21st March 2025

This week's Round up...

Children from Sapphire class had a great time at the Pioneer Museum and Town Hall on Monday. They learned about the Cooperative movement at the museum and how local councils are run at the Town Hall. Both the Cooperative movement and the Town Hall show Rochdale at its best. The weekly swimming lessons are going well for Emerald class and some children from Sapphire class. Lots of children have been practising for the Talent competition which starts after the Easter holiday.

Collective Worship

Our theme this half term is **'From Lent to Easter'**

We are continuing our work on God's Kingdom. The week started with St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick was an early Christian, who shared the story of Jesus with the people of Ireland, despite being born in Wales! We explored the symbol of Ireland – the shamrock and the significance it has as a trinitarian symbol. We shared two parables this week to help explain what God's Kingdom can achieve. The links to these are here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj4xEwh1MrY> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6LwEW8jX9A> Time was taken to reflect on our own words and deeds and how we could make a difference. There was a very spiritual moment in worship this week. We were listening to 'Servant King' by Graham Kendrick and all of sudden a small group of children began to sing along. It was a beautiful, spontaneous moment that filled the hall with such a pure sound.

We sang Faith As Small As A Mustard Seed, one of our old favourites.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPylxzfN-Oo>

Next Week's Diary...

Monday

Guitar, Ukulele, Keyboard and woodwind lessons

After school clubs: Choir and Netball

Tuesday

After school Clubs: Football (KS2)

Career's Fair

Wednesday

After School Clubs: Dodgeball

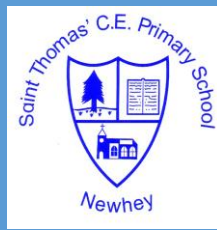
Thursday

After School Clubs: Football (KS1)

Friday

After School Clubs: Multiskills (KS1)

Afternoon Tea



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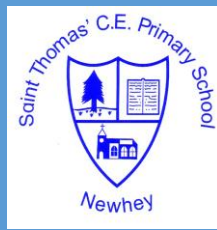
Awards

Stars of the Week

**Valour, Raeann, Molly, Grayson, Myles, Hunter, Toby,
Louis, Renaiya, Maddie, Taron and Zac**

Times Table Rock Stars

Martha achieved **Support Act** and **Ellie-Mae** became a **Breakthrough Artist**.



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TTRS of the week

| | Fastest 1st Place | Fastest 2nd Place | Fastest 3rd Place | Effort 1st place | Effort 2nd Place | Effort 3rd Place |
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| Year 3 | Brady (1.62s) | Toby (2.52s) | Hector (3.51s) | Effie | Noah | Hugo |
| Year 4 | Brendan (0.56s) | Anthony (0.89s) | Freddie (0.93) | Ellie-Mae | Martha | Isabella |
| Year 5 | Scarlett H. (0.49s) Fastest in the school | Maddie (0.57s) | Oliver (0.67s) | Scarlett H. | Maddie | Ethan |
| Year 6 | Austin (0.54s) | Freddie (0.75s) | Reggie (0.81s) | Elliott | Freddie | Cody |

Parent's Association

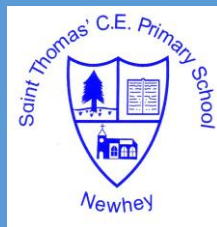
Mother's Day Cake & Cuppa



Tickets for the Cake & Cuppa are available from the school office. Children took home a booking form yesterday.

The event is happening on the afternoon of **Friday 28th March**. Two sittings will be available. Tickets cost £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children. Tickets can be paid for in cash via the school office.

There are also raffle tickets available with some fantastic prizes!



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From the Office...

Any outstanding money to school must be paid by the end of next week. We need to make sure that the finances are ready for the financial year end on 31st March and the academy conversion on the 1st April.

If you need to speak to someone about payments, please contact the school office on 01706 847093 or via email at office@stthomasnewhey.co.uk

On 1st April we will have **a new Forward As One bank account**. The current bank account will be closed on Monday 31st March.

Easter Competition



Wednesday 2nd April will be our **Easter Bonnet** and **Easter Egg** competition.

Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are invited to take part by making an Easter Bonnet. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can use a hard-boiled egg to create a scene or character.

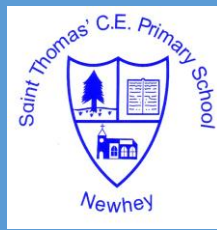
Entries will be judged on creativity and children's input.

New Caretaker needed!

We are on the hunt for a new caretaker for school. If you know anyone who is interested, please direct them to:

<https://forwardasone.face-ed.co.uk/Vacancies/Detail?campaignRef=SCH-FAOMAT-0202>

The closing date is 2.4.25.



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Attendance

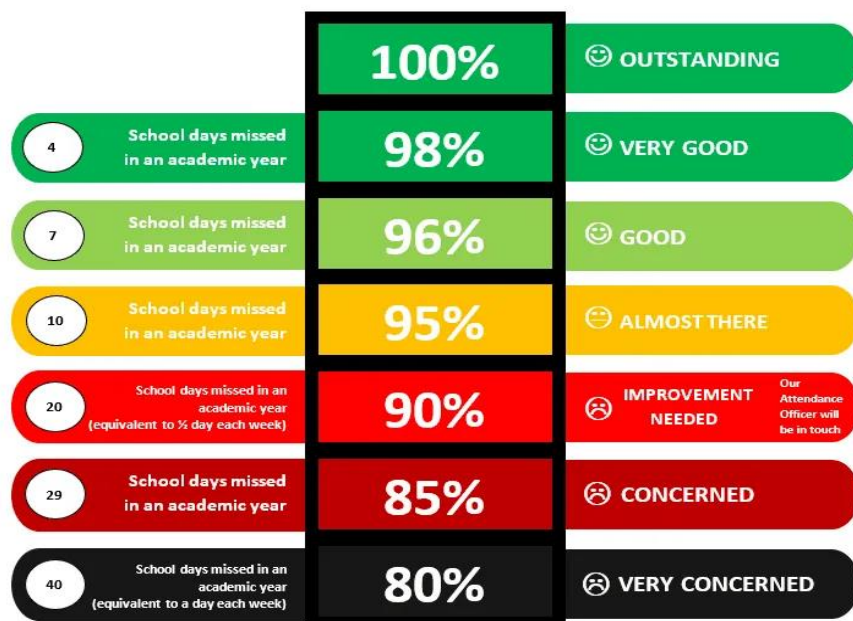
Regular attendance at school is really important. Children who miss school regularly don't make as much progress and they often struggle with friendships.

If your child is ill, you must **notify the school** as soon as possible on **the first day of absence and each day thereafter**.

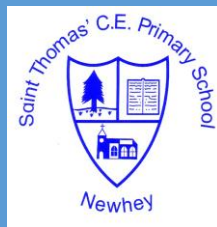
Any unreported absence will be marked as unauthorised until notification is given. We may ask for evidence of child's illness before we will authorise the absence. Home visits will take place if children are missing school and no contact has been made.

Parents of children with more than 5 days unauthorised absence in any 10-week period may be issued a fixed penalty notice. This is a fine of £80 per child per parent. The same as it is for holidays during term time.

Attendance Ladder



Please contact school if you are your children are struggling to attend school. We can help!



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Our School's Got Talent!

It's That Time of Year Again!

The first round of Auditions will take place on 29.4.25 and 30.4.25. The children are already busy practising for this popular event and are getting exciting about who is going to win this year! The final will take place at **Milnrow Cricket Club on Friday 6th June.**

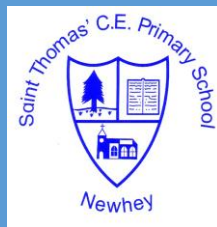
Forward As One

Several staff from Forward As One will be visiting school on Monday. They will be spending time in the classrooms, talking to staff and children to find out about our amazing little school.

On Tuesday 1st April, we will be officially part of Forward As One Multi Academy Trust. In the afternoon, the Chair of the Board of Trustees will be visiting us along with Karen Bramwell, the CEO and other Forward As One staff. There will be a very special Collective Worship to welcome us into the Forward As One family.

Diary Dates...

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| 25.3.25 | Career's Fair |
| 28.3.25 | Afternoon Tea |
| 1.4.25 | Academy Conversion Day |
| 2.4.25 | Easter Bonnets and Egg Competition |
| 3.4.25 | Dodgeball Tournament |
| 4.4.25 | Easter Service in church at 1.30pm |
| 4.4.25 | Close for Easter holidays |
| 22.4.25 | School Reopens |
| 24.4.25 | Reception eye screening |
| 25.4.25 | Swimming Gala |
| 28.4.25 | Emerald class visiting Heybrook School |
| 29.4.25 and 30.4.25 | School's Got Talent auditions |
| 7.5.25 | Water Polo competition |
| 8.5.25 | VE Day – dress in Red, white, blue or 1940s clothing |
| 12.5.25 | Year 6 SATS week |
| 23.5.25 | Semi finals Our School's Got Talent |



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