



Newton Farm Primary School

August 2026 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Meet the Teacher last week, it was wonderful to see so many people in the school after our summer break. I hope the information you received was useful to you. The presentations shared by the teachers will be uploaded onto our school blog for anyone who was unable to come along. Our pupils have had a great start to the year. Our P1 pupils have settled in very well, have enjoyed their first assembly and are loving playing with their buddies. I have added some dates for your diary below but please remember to check our school blog regularly for class updates as well as for school and SLC news. On the blog you will also find the whole year planner showing all school events planned so far.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/newtonfarm/>

Parents Portal is used to send out correspondence to families. If you have not yet registered for Parent Portal, please contact the school office and our staff will be able to help you with that. Our newsletters will be sent out on Parent Portal and also posted on the blog. We are all looking forward to another busy year ahead and look forward to seeing you at many more of our events.

Kind regards *Mrs C Meechan*

Head Pupils

At the start of the school year, teaching staff choose four P7 pupils to be our Head Pupils for this year; they are our school ambassadors. The pupils chosen this session are Judy, Harry, Amber and Grayson. They have been chosen as they show a great example to other pupils in our school, always try their best in class and carry out duties around the school in a mature and polite manner. We look forward to having them as part of our pupil council and to working with them over the year. They will also be writing sections for our school newsletter each term. Well done to you all!



Head Pupils' Report...



On Saturday 22nd August pupils represented Newton Farm Primary at the Cambuslang Schools Bike Fest at the cycle park. Teams of 6 riders took part in a relay race and they won gold and silver medals for the fastest time in the relay competition as well as the schools' trophy, presented by Michael Shanks MP and Clare Haughey MSP. There was great support for the teams from family and friends.

We asked the pupils how they enjoyed the event. Team 1 said they enjoyed the race and that they finished first overall. They made everyone proud in Newton Farm Primary School. They also said it was a bit stressful but they would do it again! Team 2's opinion was that it was fun and they said it wasn't stressful. They also told us that they would happily do it again but next time could it have more seats and space and be on longer? We are proud of everyone who took part.

Go Team Newton Farm!

Playground and Car Park safety

Thank you to all the adults who are using our school ground responsibly and being mindful of the safety of our pupils. In our car park, we ask that cars are parked in bays and drivers do not double park or block cars in. We also ask that anyone using our disabled bays clearly displays their blue badge to show they can park there. Please keep the drop off lane on the left nearest the road clear for school buses to park, there is another drop off lane at the pitches that is free for cars to use. We have had complaints from residents as drivers park on pavements and block pedestrians from walking past with prams and block residents' driveways. Any issues in the street that are a hazard may be reported to the police.

Please park responsibly to keep everyone safe.

Dogs in the playground

We ask adults not to bring dogs into school grounds as we have children who have allergies and are afraid of dogs. As it is such a busy area dogs can become over excited or distressed and parents have requested we keep it a dog free area.

We do have one dog who is permitted into the area. He is a 6 month old guide dog puppy called Nigel who is being raised by one of our families and he comes to the school as part of his training. Nigel has been to shops and supermarkets as he has to be involved in all aspects of life to prepare him to support someone with visual impairments. Nigel will stand back from main gate, and will be next to the pitches. Nigel wears a harness and guide dog collar. The family looking after him are happy to answer any questions about Nigel if you meet them.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome all our new members of staff to Newton Farm Primary. Our pupils are doing a fantastic job at making them feel at home here.

Mrs Wishart is in Rm 13, Miss Connor in Rm 16, and Miss Russell and Ms Hunter have joined our support staff team. We also have some new names, Miss Love is now Mrs Johnston and Miss Laird is Mrs Bryden.



Some school housekeeping...

We are a nut free school. Please do not send your child in with nut products for snack or lunch.
Some of our pupils and teaching staff have very severe allergies.

Absences

Can we please remind all our Parents and Carers if your child is sick and absent from school please call our school office and leave a message on our absence line. This will help our office staff when completing daily registers. If your child is likely to be absent for more than one day, please inform us of the day they will return to school. Any other absence requests e.g. appointments, should be given to your child's class teacher in the form of a letter. Stating the day and time of appointment.

Communication

Parents and carers can contact us at any time and we are always pleased to hear your views and for you to update us on any concerns you or your child has. We would much rather you let us know as soon as you or your child are worried so we can help as best we can. Please don't wait but contact us on 0141 642 0333 or email gw17newtonfarmoffice@glow.sch.uk and your query will be dealt with by the relevant member of staff.

Dates for your Diary

September

2/9/26 – Parent Council Meeting
24/9/26 – Rooms 1-4 Learning Showcase 1.40pm – 2.40pm
24/9/26 – School closes for holiday weekend @ 3pm
29/9/26 – School reopens

October

1/10/26 – Parents' Evening
7/10/26 – Parent Council Meeting
09/10/26 – School closes for holiday weekend @ 3pm
19/10/26 – School reopens
30/10/26 – School Halloween parties / dress down day

November

4/11/26 - Parent Council Meeting
09/11/26 – Inservice day – school closed to pupils
12/11/26 – Rooms 20, 21, 23, 24 Learning Showcase 1.40pm – 2.40pm
21/11/26 – Rooms 18,19 26 Learning Showcase 1.40pm – 2.40pm

All other dates for the year can be found on our school blog in the Parent Year planner

