



# March & April '25 NEWARK NEWS

## Attendance Matters at Newark

#TogetherWeShine

Our whole school attendance is sitting at 93.38%. Primary 3 are leading the way with a collective attendance of 94.75% which is our aim for the whole school.

If your child is going to be absent, it is important that you let the school office know preferably before the start of the school day.

Remember that Newark primary starts at 8.50am. The playground entrances to the school are opened until 9am, no-one should come through the office before 9am. If your child arrives after 9am, coming through the office they will be marked late.

We have seen an increase in late comings over the past few weeks. If you are finding it difficult to arrive on time, please get in touch with us as we are here to help. If you are running late, remember to let us know so that a hot meal can be ordered.

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### Sharing the Learning

#### UNCRC Articles 28, 29, 15,31

Miss Rodgers and P2b Newark... 11/03/2025  
We had so much fun at stay and play this afternoon! Thank you so much to everyone that came along! 🎉



This year we are doing digital termly newsletters on SWAY which parents can access at any time using the link below:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/fHepW7j1oGtNxEip?ref=Link>

Every class will tweeting their daily highlights and adding to a weekly digital Learning Journey which can have a look at using the SWAY link here:

Term 1: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/zzrLOKhJFAcK5HrD?ref=Link>

Term 2: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/zTSAowirspPkU7JE?ref=Link>

Term 3:

[Newark Primary Learning Journey Term 3 2024- 2025](#)

Term 3 Week 1: Week beginning 6.1.25

[Go to this Sway](#)

Click on the icon (dots & lines) in the bottom right corner to go direct to the class you need.

Remember to check X (Previously Twitter) for daily updates from your class.

### #NewarkFamily Cookbook

Our Anti-Racist group are still looking for recipes from across all the different cultures from our Newark Families so they can progress with their idea to create a cookbook. They have some fab ideas, please help us by contacting the school with your recipes. We have quite a few British recipes now, but it would be great to have some from Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Syria, Ukraine, Russia, Portugal, Brazil... all the countries that we are linked to!

### Spring Holiday

The school closes on Friday 4th April '25 at 2.50pm for the February long weekend. The children return on Tuesday 22nd April '25 at 8.50am.

Empowering young voices

### P7 Leaver's Party #UNCRCArticle12

The P7's have spoken! The theme for their party in June '25 will be a Beach Party. They had a choice between Festival, Beach and Disco and it was close, but the Beach Party won by 7 clear votes. We are looking forward to seeing what they plan for it.

# #NewarkPrimaryAgainst Racism

Heart Celebrating diversity

Remember we want to speak to our Parents of Colour about their experiences and that of their children with regards to racism in our school and community. We are committed to making Newark and Port Glasgow #Welcoming and a safe space for all. If you would be interested, please see Mrs O'Hagan.

## #TeamNewark

We are so proud of all our sporting legends at Newark!

The athletics, basketball, football and netball teams have all been in action. Look out for their progress on X. #Ambition

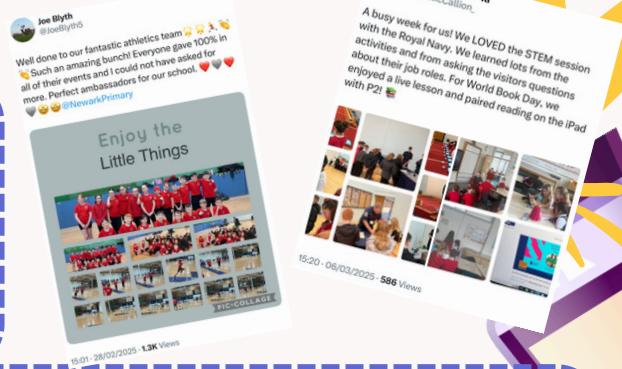
We are developing our creative spaces in the classrooms so any crafty leftovers you have would be most welcome! Wool, buttons, sequins etc... anything we could transform through our enquiry based learning.

## Enquiry Based Learning

### Parent's Appointments

Pupil progress meetings for parents to come along and speak to the teacher, see their child's work and the classrooms are on Wednesday 2nd April.

Appointments are available for you to book through ParentPortal. The office sent an email with details.



## #TogetherWeShine

Mrs Jackson  
@MrsJacksonNP

P5/6 have been taking part in the Climate Ready Classroom project today. We have learned about global warming, greenhouse gases and the Web of Life. We realised if one bit of the Web collapsed then



We're taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 challenge

Headline sponsor SCHWALBE

[bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk)

A big thank you to two of our House Captains, Caragh and Paul who represented Newark Primary at the Pupil Consultation event in St. Columba's. They showed great confidence, #Ambition and #Enjoyment getting to know the pupils from all other establishments, Mr Roach & Ms. Binks.

## Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel Challenge 2025

We are taking part in this challenge this year, it supports an active journey to school, improve air quality in their community and discover how these changes benefit their world.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. Our school's best five days will determine our final position... and there is prizes! Looking forward to having lots of children involved.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs McVittie has now had her beautiful baby boy! Congratulations to them all.

Mrs McGregor will now be starting her maternity leave a little earlier than planned so we will be welcoming Miss Ward to cover P5b from Monday 24th March until Summer.

## Staffing

As you know, we are developing outdoor learning as part of our school improvement plan this year. There is a staff and pupil working party creating the plans of action. If you could help us in anyway please get in touch. For example, we have 2 gazebos to build and could do with some more loose parts (tyres, pallets, pipes etc.) for the playground.

## Outdoor Learning

# Meta Skills at Newark

As part of our school improvement plan we have been developing opportunities for meta skills through the school day.

## Why are meta skills important?

These are the soft skills that are transferable and required to work in a modern day job.

They help you:

- Learn new things faster.
- Solve problems more easily.
- Work well with others.
- Become more confident.
- Be ready for anything!



Think of meta skills like the special tools in your brain's toolbox. They help you use all your other skills even better! The meta skills we will be introducing weekly at assembly and developing throughout the school are shown in the posters above. Make sure to ask your child how they have been developing their meta skills that week.

Creating a brighter future



## #TogetherWeShine

#Welcome to Newark! We love having our #NewarkFamily in and around our school!

- Star Café for the Star Pupils and their family member on Thursday's 9- 9.30am. Don't worry if you can't make it on the first week, you are welcome to come at a time that suits you.
- Parent Drop- In on Friday 9am in the Parent Room. All are welcome!
- Follow the Parent Action Group (PAG) on X @PAGNewark or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/212086658965845/> for details of their meetings and fundraising. PAG meetings are in the staffroom on the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm.
- You are #Welcome to come along on the first Friday of the month to assembly with our chaplain Rev. Boyle from 9.15am.

Remember to add class assemblies and Stay & Play dates to your diaries.

## Contact Us...

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact us, we love to hear from you!

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Follow us on X @NewarkPrimary

If you wish to speak with a class teacher, please contact the office during school hours and we will be in touch within 72 hours. Please refer to our 'Proactive Communications the Newark Way' for details of who you should contact if you have spoken to the class teacher, but require further assistance.