

NEWLAITHES NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM EVERYONE IN THE NEWLAITHES NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL TEAM

I can't believe it is nearly Christmas already! What a busy term we have had. We have had not one, not two but three Christmas theatrical performances arranged for the children this term! We have had Nina from St.Luke's teaching us about Advent. It has been a pleasure to welcome so many new families to our community this term. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the nativities next week. It is always a treat and you never quite know what will happen with such lovely little children on the stage!

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

If your child is in reception, year one or year two, attached to this newsletter are the tickets for your child's Christmas Nativity performance. **Please look after them as we cannot issue spares!**

Tickets are limited to two per child as we have to abide by fire regulations in terms of the numbers we can safely evacuate from the school hall.



Unfortunately, filming or taking photographs is not allowed in school. However, we take photographs of those we have permission for, and these are available to purchase on the day at a cost of £1 each.



Parties are taking place as follows:

Nursery	– Wednesday 10 th December
Reception classes	– Thursday 18 th December
Year 1 classes	– Wednesday 17 th December
Year 2 classes	– Tuesday 16 th December

Each year group will be enjoying their Christmas parties and these take place during the school day. **Children can come to school wearing their party clothes/Christmas jumpers on the day of their party but please make sure whatever they are wearing needs to be weather appropriate and footwear must be suitable for running around outside at playtimes!**

We provide all food and the entertainment.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Tickets are still available for our Christmas raffle which will be drawn on **Tuesday 16th December**. Raffle tickets are available from the school office. Thank you for all your generous contributions for prizes. If anyone still has any prizes they can

donate to our school raffle please drop them off at the school office. Thank you.



Our reindeer run is on **Friday 12th December** this year and we are **leaving school at 9.30am or just before.**



We are so grateful for all the members of our community who have collected Christmas cards to deliver in the local area with a link to support the children's hospice this Christmas.

Over 1000 cards have already been taken! This still puts us at about half of the houses locally. If you can help to deliver more, every single card could make a difference. Please come to the office to collect if you're able.

Children have already had a Christmas jumper/non-uniform day that week so children can wear their uniforms. Jigsaw have provided us with antlers for every child. Christmas hairbands and hats are allowed but please do not buy anything just for the day. They will look fab in their antlers already.

We're also hoping that the sight of so many reindeer may encourage another visitor wearing red just like our uniforms! We ho-ho-hope we've been good enough for a visit.

We never put pressure on any family to make contributions to school or charities as we know how difficult times are. If you can raise funds for the hospice, however, any contributions can be handed into school or paid directly to Jigsaw via <https://www.justgiving.com/page/jigsaw-hospice-newlaithesinfants>

Thank you for your support.

STARTING SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2026

If your child is due to start school in September 2026 applications can now be made online at [Apply for a reception place | Cumberland Council](#)

The closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

STARTING NURSERY

We take applications all year round to start in our nursery, which is open to children the term after their third birthday. Information from the local authority is available at [School Admissions - Applying for a nursery place | Cumberland Council](#) and there is further information on our school website at <https://www.newinf.cumbria.sch.uk/starting-nursery-admissions/>. You can collect an application form from the school office or print one from either of the links above.

HEALTH & SAFETY – help us keep our children safe

Please don't bring cars onto school grounds unless you are collecting an ill child during the day.

Thank you to the Royal Scot and St. Luke's for allowing parking in the morning and afternoon. Families are welcome to use either.



We are sure that you would feel frustrated if you were delayed/unable to attend an important medical appointment. Please do not park in the doctors' surgery. We continue to receive complaints from the surgery that patients could not park due to parents parking there. **The doctor's surgery carpark is for PATIENTS not parents. We have also received calls from private houses where driveways have been blocked.**

Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds.

Jewellery isn't permitted in school. This includes earrings

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

This year we would like to invite all families in our community to join staff in making a Christmas craft for your tree! **This will take place on Wednesday the 17th December.**



Straight after school the hall will be open, the festive music will be playing and families can make a simple decoration together. This is a chance for screen free fun and to make a little something to hang on your tree each year.

The session will begin straight after school and will run until 4:30pm. It shouldn't take too long and you are welcome to come back if straight after school is tricky. Anyone who is collecting a child is welcome to attend. **There is no cost to this session. It is part of our celebrations as a community.**

END OF TERM



Phew! After all these Christmas activities we'll all be ready for a rest!

School finishes for Christmas at **1.15pm on Friday 19th December.**

EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURES

Should school ever have to close due to bad weather we will use our texting system if possible to let you know. We also notify local media and use the local authority reporting system. Closing is



always a last resort and we may open later rather than closing if at all possible.

DIARY DATES

December

Monday 8 th	2:30pm	Reception Nativity
Tuesday 9 th	2:30pm	Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 10 th	9:15am	Nursery performance and party
Thursday 11 th	2:30pm	Year 2 Nativity
Friday 12 th		Reindeer Run

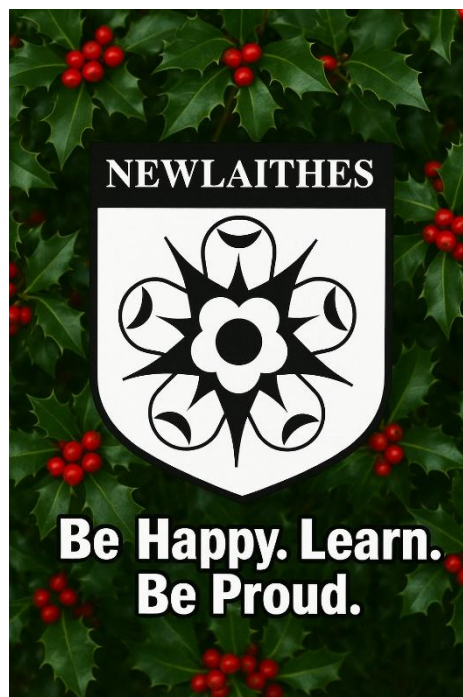
Tuesday 16 th		Christmas raffle draw
Tuesday 16 th	pm	Year 2 party
Wednesday 17 th	pm	Year 1 party
Wednesday 17 th	3:20pm	Community Christmas Crafts
Thursday 18 th	pm	Reception party
Friday 20 th	1:15pm	Finish for Christmas

January 2026!

Wednesday 7th School reopens

FINAL FRIDAY LIBRARY FOR CHRISTMAS

It is wonderful welcoming families into our library each Friday. Our lovely library has completely different themed book collections each term. So we can get the library ready for the new year our final day is **Friday the 12th of December.** Feel free to take an extra book or two as it will be a few weeks until the library is open again.



WISHING ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST NEW YEAR FROM THE NEWLATHES NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL TEAM