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Message from Mr. Krafft & Mrs. Deevoy

We are already rushing headlong into 2026 and Christmas seems like a distant memory!

We were delighted to be formally congratulated by the Education Secretary, Bridget Phillipson, following exceptional outcomes in the 2025 SATs. She said “Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Newington Church of England Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school’s performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement. This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together.”

We are really proud of our collaborations. Our partnership with Gillingham FC and becoming a JagTag flagship school has inspired a love of sport and teamwork throughout the school. These partnerships hold further exciting opportunities in the coming months. We have also worked with London City Lionesses to offer free tickets to top-class women’s football as well as an offer from Super League Basketball later in the year (details can be found further down this letter). We hope many of you can take advantage of these opportunities. Who knows what it might inspire!

Our wonderful PFA has been busy planning the year ahead. They have lots of ideas which we look forward to sharing with you soon. If you are interested in joining the PFA, please contact the school office.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Krafft & Mrs Deevoy

End of Term 2 Reports

This week, your child’s End of Term 2 report will be sent out via email. Please ensure you check your junk folder in case this goes astray. If you do not receive a copy of the report, please let the office know via email so this can be checked. If your email has changed, please ensure that this is updated with the school office. Please be advised that the Reading and Maths elements of the report are based on a Standardised Test (where the performance of the children is benchmarked against tens of thousands of children nationally). Your child may be more confident in the classroom, but these tests assess how secure their learning is and how they can apply this independently. Writing is assessed by the class teacher against a range of descriptors and moderated with other schools in the area.

This report also contains latest attendance information. If you have any questions

about that part of the report, please speak to the office rather than the class teacher.

Open Classrooms

Open classrooms are taking place on Wednesday 11th February, 3:15-4:00pm. You are welcome to come and see your child's classroom, some of their work and teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have lots of pre-loved uniform - all washed and waiting for a new home. Please contact the office or Mrs Eakins if you have any requirements. Alternatively, pop in and select anything you need.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 10th February, our school will join others nationwide to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2026, the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme, 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,' focuses on teaching children and young people the skills to use AI technology safely and responsibly, and highlights available support.

From voice assistants, to chatbots, to algorithms, AI technology is playing an increasingly large role in all our lives. It is important that we find time to discuss these tools and the impact they can have on our own and our families' online experiences, including:

- the news and content we see,
- the way we work, including using AI for homework or studies,
- the risk of misuse of AI

We encourage you to join us in celebrating by continuing the conversation about AI technology at home.

You may like to use one of these prompts to start a conversation with your child:

- What's your favourite thing to do online?
- Have you ever used an AI tool? How did it make you feel?
- What do you like about AI technology?
- Do you have any worries about AI technology?
- What advice would you give to your friends about using AI?
- Who would you talk to if you saw something worrying online?
- What more can I do to help you feel safe online?

A key part of protecting children and young people from online harms is through preventative education. By talking about this in school and at home, we can all work towards keeping children safe when they are online. Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for you to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

Book Fair

The Book Fair is here from Wednesday 28th January until Tuesday 3rd February. Come and visit every school day, from 3:15 to 3:45 each afternoon. Every purchase helps our school — funds raised will go directly towards updating our library and classroom book corners. We hope you can pop along, enjoy browsing the books with your child, and help us inspire a love of reading. We look forward to seeing you there!

Basketball Tickets

Through working with Super League Basketball, we are pleased to share access to specially discounted tickets for the upcoming Super League Basketball Playoff Finals at the O2 Arena.

The Finals will see the two top teams from the Men's and Women's Super League Basketball battle it out to become the last teams standing in the 2025/2026 season,

earning the ultimate bragging rights, and waltzing off into the summer with the Playoff title to show for their efforts. You can find out more on the event, including our promotional video, by visiting

<https://www.superleaguebasketballm.co.uk/2026playoffs/>

Our school has secured tickets for just £10 per person and you can book your tickets here:

<https://www.britishbasketballshop.com/products/2026playoffprimary>

Simply click "Add to Cart" and adjust the quantity as needed. Tickets will be dispatched directly by Super League Basketball.

Family Create Club

The Creation Station family create club is back and it's not too late to join us for FREE sessions for you and your children!

Come along with your children to take part in with a range of different art and craft activities and take home your creations each week, all "Once Upon A Story" themed and inspired by famous authors and illustrators

Club runs Mondays weekly 3:15-4:15pm, in the Year 5 classroom.

There continues to be no charge for this club as the school are funding the places, but each person attending needs to be booked on for the session. Sessions can be booked weekly, a whole term commitment isn't needed, but spaces do need to be booked by 8pm on the Sunday before each week.

This club is open to children in all year groups within the school, including the nursery.

To book please use this link and remember to book a space for the adult and all children attending separately:

<http://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/10062>

For more information or queries regarding the club sessions please email Claire from the Creation Station at:

claireparsons@thecreationstation.co.uk

Term 3 Clubs

You should have received notifications on My Child at School about the clubs your child can attend in Term 3 but below is a list of what we currently offer. If you have any ideas for future clubs, please let us know.

Monday	
Netball – Years 3 to 6	Miss Hendry
Makaton Club – Years 2 to 6	Mrs Barton
Family Create Club – Whole School	The Creation Station
Tuesday	
Strictly Come Newington Dance Club – Years R to 2	Miss Blackbourn
Boys Football – Years 5 and 6	Mr Lloyd
Choir – Years 3 to 6	Mrs Calder
Spanish – Years 3 to 6	Mrs Baptie
Wednesday	
Tennis – Years 1 to 5	Danny Wynn
Thursday	
Girls Football – Years 3 – 6	Mr Lloyd & Mr Krafft
Construction Club – Years R to 2	Mrs Longstaff
Friday	
JagTag Elite – Years 5 and 6	TeamTheme

Dates for Your Diary

Below is an outline of some of the things we have planned this year. We hope to add to this and will send messages through MCAS to individual classes. Please ensure you check MCAS to stay up to date with the latest events going on in your child's class. Please be aware that dates are subject to change although we will try to keep this to a minimum.

INSET DAYS – Pupils do not Attend

- **Inset Day – Friday 19 June 2026**
- **May Bank Holiday – Monday 4 May 2026**

Term 3

February

- Monday 9th February – Friday 13th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 10th February – Internet Safety Day
- Wednesday 11th February – Open Classrooms – 3:15 – 4pm
- Friday 13th February – PFA Wear Something you Love Day
- Friday 13th February – End of Term 3

Term 4

- Monday 23rd February – Start of Term 4

March

- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- Friday 13th March – PFA Break the Rules Day
- Monday 19th – Friday 13th March – Science Week
- Tuesday 31st March – Parents Evening

April

- Wednesday 1st April – Parents Evening
- Thursday 2nd April – End of Term 4

Term 5

- Monday 20th April – Start of Term 5
- Thursday 23rd April – St Georges Day

May

- Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday
- Monday 4th May – Deaf Awareness Week
- Monday 11th May - KS2 SATs Week
- Friday 15th May – Class Photographs
- Monday 18th May - Charity Week (Planning)
- Friday 22nd – Pentecost
- Friday 22nd May – End of Term 5

Term 6

June

- Monday 1st June – Start of Term 6
- Monday 1st June – Charity Week (Activities)
- Monday 1st June – Year 6 Activity Week
- Wednesday 17th June - Sports Day
- Friday 19th June – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend

July

- Wednesday 1st July – 21st July - Try something New Month
- Tuesday 21st July – End of Term 6

