



Newcomen Newsflash

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Friday, 13 February 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Families, we hope this finds you all keeping well.

Our children enjoyed their work in school on Safer Internet Day. This year's theme is '**Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'.

Your kind donations were delivered to Maxi's Mates on Monday. They were so very grateful. It was a moving experience to be there and to help such a worthy cause. Thank you again.

Dates for your Diary for next week:

- Wednesday, 18 February: Class 12 Swimming week 6/10. Pupils will return to school at approx. 3:10pm.
- Friday, 20 February: School breaks up at 3:00pm for the half term break.

Pancake Day: Shrove Tuesday, also called Pancake Day, is the feast day before the Lent fast starts on Ash Wednesday. This year, it falls on **Tuesday 17 February 2026**.

We are holding an **Open afternoon on Tuesday, 3 March** from 2:00pm until 4:30pm (Nursery will be open all day). We would like to give you the opportunity to enjoy our learning environment whilst having time to look through your children's workbooks; you will be so proud of them. This is an informal event so a specific timeslot is not needed. Please feel free to stay for as long as you wish. Looking forward to seeing you.

World Book Day is being held on Thursday, 5 March this year. As always, we shall be promoting and celebrating the joy of reading throughout the day in a variety of ways. Should your child/children wish to come to school dressed up as their favourite character from a book, they are welcome to do so. Some children wish to dress up as a book character and some do not. If your child does not wish to dress up as a character from a book, it is school uniform as normal. (Please do not feel you have to go out and buy a costume specifically for World Book Day.) Happy reading everyone! **We do have some pre-loved outfits available. If you would like to view them, please pop into the school office.**

A reminder, if you are in receipt of benefits and have not already applied for Free School Meals, please apply via Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council's Citizen Portal at <https://admissions.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE/en>.

If you are in receipt of FSM for your older children and have younger siblings in school, we would advise to claim as it could open further benefits.

This week's Online Safety Focus: **Healthy Sleeping Habits.**

Our birthday children for this week are:

Hunter Lamb, Thea-Rae Knox, Rory Blenkin, Libby Blenkin and Dre Jones.

Read, Enjoy and Discover Award (Reading for Pleasure):

Henry Kyme, Emilie Kirk, Freddy Marshall and Olive Humble.

Home Reading award:

100 times: Ella Phoenix, Lillyanna Craggs.

150 times: Harrison Earl, Olivia Lucas-Barker.

Well done to you all. Keep reading and enjoying!

Remember reading gives you knowledge and knowledge is power!

Key Stage 1: Congratulations to Mrs Tickle & Miss Peacock's and Mrs Hood's classes for receiving a visit from Leonardo this week. 100% of the children scored 100% in their spelling test. Well done Classes 3 & 4!

Key Stage 2: Congratulations to Miss Mrozik's class for receiving a visit from Leonardo this week. 96% of the children scored 100% in their spelling test. Well done Class 14!

Our Headteacher's award this week: Musical Talent

Lulu Petty, Mavis Lampett, Edie Daniell, Mollie Hunter, Oscar Preston, Arianna Grey, Joey Wood, Aoife Elliott, Jacob Varney, Frankie Groves, Emilie Kirk, Joseph Miller, Archie Coaker, Amelia Elsy and Jacob Oxendale-Hunter.

Out of School Achievements:

Aaria Stockton: Swim England Borocuda Swim School Stage 1 completed after only 4 weeks;

Emilie Kirk: Swim England Learn to Swim Stage 6, Rainbow Distance 50 & 100 metres;

Isla Lowndes: Redcar Gymnastics Progression Award Level 9 Silver;

Arianna Grey: Redcar Town FC trophy for playing in the match and great goalkeeping;

Hannah Mitchell: Redcar Gymnastics Progression Award Level 4;

Agnes Phoenix: Redcar Gymnastics Progression Award Level 7;

Penny Duke: 10th Guisborough Brownies Buddy & Charities badges – Boxing Day Dip raising £840... **WOW!!!**

Alfie Dixon: Swim England Learn to Swim Stage 2, Rainbow Distance 5 metres and Duckling Stages 3 & 4;

Charlie Porritt: Boro Soccer Schools trophy for being good at football;

Esther Emmett: Rainbows Silver Award;

Freddie French: Redcar Athletic Player of the Match;

Rae Campbell-Jarvis: Swim England Learn to Swim Stage 2, Duckling Award Stages 1 & 2 and Rainbow Distance 5 metres;

Archie Campbell-Jarvis: Swim England Learn to Swim Stage 2, Duckling Award Stages 1 & 2 and Rainbow Distance 5 metres;

Preston Feetham: Riverside Juniors U7's Star Player trophy;

Hannah Mitchell: Brownies Aviation badge.

Class attendance this week goes to Mr Beckett's and Miss Pajak's classes with 100%.

In 2nd place Miss Mrozik's class with 99.6% and in joint 3rd place Mrs Hood's and Mrs Asquith's & Mrs King's classes with 99.2%. Well done to you all!

This week 307 children from our school achieved 100% attendance. Fabulous! 

Have a lovely weekend everyone, stay warm and take care.
Miss Pusztai, Staff and Governors of Newcomen Primary School x

**We break up for the half term holiday on Friday, 20 February 2026.
Pupils return on Monday, 2 March 2026.**