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Summary of Child's Views 2026

Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
100% feel safe at school 100% are happy at school	100% feel safe at school 100% are happy at school

Key Stage 1

What have you enjoyed most this year?

- *I am proud of myself because I loved Family Day and performing. I was so happy for other humans to get awards in assemblies.*
- *I am proud because I got 40/40 in my phonics test.*
- *I loved the Christmas performance and Christmas lunch. I enjoyed World Book Day because we dressed up.*
- *I was really happy because I got the teacher that I wanted.*
- *My favourite thing we did this year was the Easter Bingo because I got a FULL HOUSE.*
- *I enjoyed Preston Park and our Christmas Craft night.*
- *I am proud that I got my 100 times reading at home. I enjoyed dressing up for Halloween.*
- *I am proud of my spellings because I get them right all the time.*
- *I liked putting the decorations on the Christmas tree and I loved Sports Day.*
- *I loved Sports Day because I won third place and I loved my mam watching me.*
- *I loved Remembrance Day.*
- *I loved Newcomen's Got Talent because I did an audition.*
- *I love learning and it makes me clever. School is the best.*
- *I loved going to Danby and Locke Park to look at the trees.*
- *I am proud of getting the Head Teacher's Award for being kind.*
- *I am proud of getting my Self Belief Award in PE. I am happy at Newcomen because I learn lots.*
- *I loved Family Day because it was a blast.*
- *I loved singing the Lewis Capaldi song at Family Day.*
- *I am proud because I have learnt how to tie my laces.*
- *I am proud of getting 12/12 in my spelling tests and I love learning new methods in maths.*
- *I am proud of getting 15/15 on my Testbase and it was great answering quick fire times tables questions.*
- *I have enjoyed reading at home and getting over 250 reads! This year I have enjoyed everything that we covered in Year 2.*
- *I am proud of passing my phonics screening test. I loved Family Day because I had so much fun.*
- *I have enjoyed everything especially how my handwriting has improved.*
- *I was thrilled when I received the Head Teacher's Award for Excellence.*
- *I was thrilled doing dance and loved performing different moves.*
- *I am proud of getting 12/12 on every spelling test.*
- *I am proud of getting my Head Teacher's Award for being helpful and kind in the class.*

- *I have really enjoyed going on our school trips to the local area, Danby and James Cook Museum.*
- *I am proud of winning Newcomen's Got Talent.*
- *This year I have really enjoyed Robinson Crusoe because we got to become Robinson and go on an adventure!*
- *I enjoyed our Christmas performance because I got to go on stage and perform in front of a live audience.*
- *I loved singing in front of thousands of people on Family Day.*
- *I was an angel in the Christmas performance.*
- *I loved open afternoon because my dad looked through all of my books.*
- *I really enjoyed performing at Newcomen's Got Talent.*
- *I loved Sports Day because I am as fast as lightning.*
- *I loved using unusual adjectives in my work.*
- *I was most proud when I won the Head Teacher's Award for focusing on my studies because I was in front of the whole school!*
- *Making my handwriting neater every day.*
- *I was most proud when I made my clay pot.*
- *I enjoyed World Book Day. It was a magical time.*

Key Stage 2

What has been your proudest moment or achievement this year?

- *Going onto copper reading books.*
- *Writing about The Butterfly Lion.*
- *Receiving full marks in a maths test.*
- *I loved it when the Durham University teachers came in.*
- *Raising over £300 for our Sponsored Spell.*
- *When I got the Head Teacher's Award for teacher's choice.*
- *Our Christmas performance (Midwife Crisis) and not getting butterflies.*
- *Taking part in Newcomen's Got Talent.*
- *Getting 15/15 on every spelling test.*
- *My proudest moment this year was singing at Family Day.*
- *Reading at home 274 times this year.*
- *Learning the 24 hour clock, for example 13:00 = 1 o'clock.*
- *When I achieved 35/35 on my reasoning paper and I got a crown. I was so proud.*
- *When I received my first Spirit of the Games award I was so proud.*
- *Getting 49/50 in the Sponsored Spell made me proud.*
- *I have enjoyed everything in Year 4!*
- *Parents' Evening is my proudest moment because I got told I was working hard in Maths and English and I got 25/25 on my times tables check.*
- *When I participated in the Illuminous Glow Festival and dressing up for Halloween.*
- *The best part of Year 4 is going to Marrick because I learn life skills and I really like hiking.*
- *I loved World Book Day and I got a book which is now my favourite book.*
- *Being on School Council.*
- *When we did a project with Virgin Money and went to the soft play with the money we made.*
- *When I achieved 65/70 on my grammar paper in Year 5. I was filled with joy.*
- *Having achieved 41/50 on my final reading test in Year 5 I felt a profound sense of satisfaction and pride filled my heart.*
- *When I got a pen I was filled with a deep sense of pride.*
- *I have improved at maths getting 107/110 on the 2025 papers.*
- *When I sang at Family Day in front of a large crowd I was extremely proud of myself.*

- *I felt courageous performing in front of the whole school on Family Day.*
- *I am proud of my Sponsored Spell because I got 59/60.*
- *When I drew a realistic portrait of myself it was a huge success and my teacher framed it on the wall.*
- *Getting higher standard on every mock paper I did.*
- *When I completed the reading test in the SATs without any problems.*
- *Doing the Leavers' Assembly.*
- *Given an opportunity to mature.*
- *Getting my SATs results. Playing Scrooge in the Christmas Performance.*
- *Coming to boosting every time.*
- *Getting the outstanding achievement award in PE and going to Bewerley Park.*
- *Achieving the higher standard in reading for the first time.*
- *Getting full marks on the Sponsored Spell and getting a pen for my handwriting.*
- *When I got the opportunity to say a memory at the Leavers' Assembly.*
- *Finishing my SATs and getting my results made me extremely proud.*
- *The best part of my class has been all of the supportive friends and teachers encouraging me.*
- *Making memories with my friends.*
- *Waiting in anticipation for Mr Pajak's spelling bonus.*
- *Working on Enterprise with people I have never worked with before.*
- *Going back to school after staying home from my wisdom teeth surgery.*

People learn in different ways. What helps you to learn?

- *Repeating things over and over again helps me learn.*
- *The methods in maths.*
- *Learning the Word Family List, using the Writing Checklist and our Maths Facts.*
- *No talking and a quiet environment.*
- *It helps me when the teacher repeats the knowledge.*
- *Reading helps me learn because knowledge is power!*
- *The use of talk partners helps me learn.*
- *The strategy of reading the question three times and underlining the key words helps me in reading.*
- *Maths Knowledge book with all the facts in that we learn.*
- *This year I have tried hard to accept mistakes and learn from them.*
- *I like Flick Backs as I think about what I have learnt.*
- *Peace and quiet helps me learn.*
- *Spelling tests help me learn.*
- *My teachers always correct me when I get something wrong and encourage me when I do not believe in myself.*
- *What helps me learn is how the teachers are all good at different things.*
- *The teachers work slowly and repeat everything to get important knowledge into our brains.*
- *A quiet space and talking to myself.*
- *Identifying unknown vocabulary and revising work.*
- *The teacher modelling how to work something out first.*
- *A quiet, tidy and focused environment.*
- *Having my own space and sitting at the front.*
- *Watching it happen first, then trying myself.*
- *Seeing methods visually and a quiet environment for me to concentrate.*
- *When I can say it to myself to help me with my stammer.*
- *When I sit by myself and am left alone to figure it out myself.*

What is the best thing about our school?

- *Learning knowledge.*
- *Miss Pusztai has meetings with people who are upset or angry.*
- *Winning the Golden Ticket.*
- *I like how the staff always organise fun events like Sports Day, Family Day, Christmas Plays and Newcomen's Got Talent.*
- *The staff.*
- *Definitely the teachers are the best.*
- *Being surrounded by lovely people in lovely classrooms.*
- *The magnificent education we receive.*
- *All of the school trips and I mean all of them.*
- *The best part of Year 3 has been improving my knowledge.*
- *We are rated Outstanding by Ofsted.*
- *Our learning because if you learn you can get a good job.*
- *The best thing about our school is everything!*
- *We are lucky enough to have air-conditioning in the hall to keep us cool.*
- *Everything because everyone is kind.*
- *The roof keeps the bad weather out.*
- *Charity activities and donating to Maxi's Mates.*
- *Everyone is so polite!*
- *We've got the best head teacher ever because she is so kind to people and even her students.*
- *In my opinion our vast outdoor space is the best!*
- *The opportunity of going to Marrick.*
- *The best thing about our school is we welcome everyone. We are a school of sanctuary.*
- *The amazing flora and fauna of Newcomen and Family Day.*
- *Being at Newcomen is the best.*
- *The lessons are the best.*
- *The best thing about Newcomen is the journey of fascinating facts, maths and learning important knowledge we can use in later life. We are all amazing and fantastic together.*
- *The best thing about Newcomen is the amazing staff who look after the pupils.*
- *We grow apples and plums and wildflowers.*
- *The best thing is the amazing school dinners.*
- *Everything! I LOVE SCHOOL!*
- *We have a great air-conditioned hall.*
- *My friends who treat me with respect and individual liberty.*
- *Our outstanding events in our school.*
- *Our school is unique and outstanding and the most important thing is the teachers and pupils who attend Newcomen.*
- *The best thing is the high standards that we achieve.*
- *The very best thing for me is the passionate, respectful and caring staff.*
- *The staff because of their humour and love for us.*
- *Our phenomenal indoor and outdoor environment.*
- *The staff who give us knowledge.*
- *Everything, but the teachers most of all.*
- *The amazing staff who are so supportive and kind and all the preparations for SATs.*
- *The amazing pupils and staff.*
- *The fall outs get sorted.*
- *The lessons are not boring!*
- *The staff and doing our Enterprise project for SARA.*

- *We have a democracy and it is not the teachers who decide.*
- *The selection of books we have is amazing.*
- *The amazing and kind staff who support us.*
- *Being allowed to deliver presentations about subjects you love.*
- *Our school is perfect.*
- *This is the best school ever. I think the staff are brilliant.*
- *Our safety and everyone has a say or a voice in what will happen.*

How could we make our school even better?

- *Get a class pet. Maybe a dog.*
- *Maybe we could do school holiday meetups?*
- *We can't make the school any better!*
- *Have an after-school computing club with lemonade.*
- *We couldn't although an after-school guitar club would be nice!*
- *An after-school chess club, please.*
- *French Club every term!*
- *Can we have some toys in KS2?*
- *In my opinion there is nothing to change about Newcomen.*
- *In my opinion I think the school is amazing as it is. I cannot say anything to make Newcomen better. It is brilliant!*
- *There is nothing I would change at all.*
- *I would love to have Book Club to chat about the books we are reading.*
- *If you want to upgrade our school, add a pool so we don't have to go on the bus. We would also need lifeguards.*
- *We should make more schools around England like Newcomen and we could have Taco Tuesday.*
- *There is nothing to improve in our amazing school.*
- *If we were to make our school even better I would ask politely to add nets on the goals and bring back chess club.*
- *Do more fundraising.*
- *I believe there is not anything that could make this school any better because this is the best school you can get. Believe, Achieve, Succeed!*
- *Our school is perfect the way it is.*
- *Board games outside at lunchtime.*
- *It cannot be better.*
- *By keeping it the same as it is because it is a phenomenal school already.*
- *I believe the school is perfect as it is.*

I have read every comment and I am proud beyond measure.

Our children tell us that they feel safe and that they are happy. They talk about learning, about kindness and about belonging. They remember the people who look after them and the moments that made them stand a little taller.

That is the Newcomen I am honoured to lead.

Miss Pusztai
Headteacher

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