

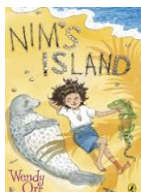


## **Newquay Junior Academy** **News Bulletin –Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

It has been a busy start to January, with Year 3 visiting Newquay Library, Year 4 welcoming parents to their poetry and reading café, Year 5 orienteering and doing Bikeability and Year 6 taking part in heart dissections in science!

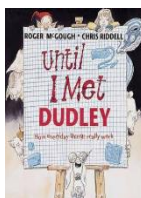
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their generosity at the end of last year. With your help, the PTA Christmas Card initiative raised £222, and the Christmas Fayre raised £1096.21. These vital funds will benefit all our pupils, providing a wide range of initiatives for pupils across the academy. We are very grateful for your support, and we look forward to sharing these with you over the coming months. Please check your seesaw account, our website [www.newquayjunior.net](http://www.newquayjunior.net) and [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) for further information and pictures of your child's class activities.

### **An overview of the activities in each year group for this half term:**



#### **Year 3 – Exploring Earth:**

- Reading “Nim’s Island”, discovering the adventures of a young girl called Nim.
- Learning about germination in science and planting seeds in the academy gardens.
- We will watch our vegetables grow and hope to harvest them ready to taste in the Summer Term.
- Year 3 parents and carers will be invited to NJA for our Year 3 Parent Café on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a celebration of St Piran’s Day and further details of this event will be sent out nearer the time.



#### **Year 4 – Innovations and Inventions:**

- Reading “Until I met Dudley”, a fun-filled book of how things work by Dudley, the techno-wizard dog.
- Learning about electricity and how it is made in science.
- Exploring our very own archaeological dig with Mr Ellis Davis, to discover the lost treasures of Pompeii.
- We enjoyed welcoming our Year 4 families to share our learning and presentation of the Jabberwocky: it was lovely to spend time in the academy library with our families and enjoy reading together.



#### **Year 5 – Explorers:**

- Starting “The Explorer” by Katherine Rundell, the adventures of 4 children stranded in the rainforest.
- In maths, we have been finding out about fractions.
- Orienteering and learning how to read a compass as part of our adventurous outdoor activities in PE.
- Over the next few weeks, we will be learning how to build a small campfire and cooking a South American stew together. This is inspired by the survival adventures of children in “The Explorer”.



#### **Year 6 – Topics include World War 2, Ancient Civilisations and Hinduism:**

- Learning about the Indus Valley in History, one of the large Bronze Age Civilisations.
- Finding out about Hindu Traditions in RE, as part of our Opening Worlds curriculum.
- Reading “When the Sky Falls” by Phil Earle, which is set in London during The Blitz.
- Creating dot paintings, inspired by the World War 2 Art of Roy Lichtenstein, the American Pop Artist.
- We have been dissecting lamb’s hearts in small groups to learn all about our cardiovascular system.

### **Booking meals on ParentPay**



Please remember to book any academy meals via ParentPay by Sunday, ready for the week ahead. Meals will be charged at £2.65, and your account will need to be in credit on the day to secure these bookings. If your child needs a snack at break time, you will need to provide these from home. Please ensure any snacks do not contain NUTS, as we have pupils with severe allergies. Thank you.

Please be aware, if your dinner money account is in arrears of £13.25 or more (1 week of academy meals), you will be requested to provide a packed lunch until your debt is cleared. Chartwells charge for meals daily via ParentPay, so please ensure your account is kept up to date. Thank you for your help with this.

### **Reminder: Smart watches and mobile phones are to be handed into class each day**



If pupils bring smart watches or mobile phones into the academy, these cannot be used on site during the day. All devices must be handed into class teachers at the start of the day and will be returned at home time. Any personal items are brought into the academy at your own risk. If you do need to contact your child, please contact the academy office on 01637 874543. Thank you.



### **Updating or changing your child’s home time arrangements by 12 noon**

Please let us know any unexpected changes in home time arrangements before 12 noon, so we have time to inform classes and ensure pupils are dismissed safely at the end of the day. This also means less interruptions in class, so pupils can concentrate on their learning.



### Keeping your child safe in the local community

We have been made aware of a number of incidents taking place between children in the park and local area. We would like to remind you that all parents and carers are responsible for their children, once the academy day has ended. We would recommend any children playing in the park are supervised by an adult. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe in the local community.

### Online Safety Information For Parents and Carers

**WhatsApp**  
A Guide for Parents & Carers

WhatsApp is a free messenger app. It uses the internet to send messages, images, documents, audio or video. The app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that all messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient.

**Age Rating 13+**

**Privacy**  
Show your child how to adjust their privacy settings, such as hiding their profile photo, last seen status and about info. Set them to either of the following:  
My Contacts: available to contacts from their address book only  
Nobody: not available to anyone  
Talk to them about not sharing their personal details online.

**Messaging**  
Encourage your child to think about these things before they message:  
• Is it kind?  
• Is it true?  
• Would your parents/guardians approve?  
• Would you say it to their face?  
• Have you asked permission to post photos?  
• Have you used your online manners?  
• You don't have to join in!

**Contacts**  
Make your child understands that they should only connect with friends, family, or trusted individuals.  
Teach them not to accept messages from unknown contacts.  
Go over with your child how to add, block and report contacts.

**Group Chats**  
If a child is added into a Group Chat, it may include people they don't know. This can put them at risk of being contacted by a stranger.  
Go to Settings -> Privacy -> Groups. Select specific contacts that can add your child into groups.  
Encourage your child to only join a group with people they know and trust.

**Location**  
WhatsApp allows users to share their location with others.  
If this feature is enabled, it could potentially let others track your child's location or discover their home address.  
Speak to your child about keeping this feature disabled.

**Check**  
Check in with your child regularly to review their phone settings.  
Have an open dialogue about their WhatsApp usage and how often they are using the messaging app.  
Encourage them to share what they're experiencing and periodically check that they are staying safe and happy online.

Encourage your child to come to you if ANYTHING online makes them feel uncomfortable, upset or worried.

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### Attendance figures for the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Year 3	Attendance	Year 4	Attendance	Year 5	Attendance	Year 6	Attendance
3JJ	94%	4MH	92%	5MR	96%	6JM	95%
3JR	92%	4MB	98%	5AC	93%	6MA	99%
3JKR	96%	4JS	98%	5AS	97%	6TSL	94%
3CS	92%	4SH	90%	5WM	95%	6TSH	92%



Well done to 6MA for 99% attendance last week!



### Newquay Junior Academy Diary Dates for Spring Term 2025

Tuesday 4th February	<b>PINS - Parent Workshop in the Edge Hall on Tuesday at 1.30pm</b> about Inclusion & Neurodiversity. This is run by the external group PINS (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools).
Friday 7th February	<b>NSPCC Number Day</b> – further details to follow next week.
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Internet Safety Day</b> – pupils will take part in various activities to learn more about staying safe online.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 9am to 10.40am	<b>Year 6 Parent Café</b> – Year 6 parents/carers are invited to come and share our learning in Maths. Further details will follow nearer the time.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Block One of clubs ends on the last Friday before half term.</b> Art Club ends at 4pm on this day. Ninjas wraparound childcare will be available to prebook as usual, please note spaces are limited.
Spring Half Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025 – academy closed during half term.

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>First day back after half term.</b>
Block Two Clubs	<b>Block Two of clubs begin Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> , the first week back after half term.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 6 parents/carers will be contacted by Cornwall Council regarding Year 7 secondary placements.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Year 3 will celebrate St Piran's Day</b> - parents/carers will be invited to join us during the day. Further details will be sent nearer the time.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b> – various activities will be taking place across the academy for World Book Day. Pupils will <b>not</b> be required to dress up and further details will be sent out nearer the time.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Lego League Competition</b> takes place – we wish the NJA team the best of luck!
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	The next <b>NSC Cross Country Race</b> takes place during the academy day for Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils who have signed up. On the day, pupils will need a packed lunch, drink, PE kit, trainers and a coat.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Year 6 National Height and Weight Programme</b> – further details will be sent out nearer the time. Parents/carers can opt out online if they do not wish their child to take part.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Comic Relief Day</b> – further details to follow nearer the time.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Final Week of Spring Term</b> - No internal after school activity clubs will be running this week. Atlantic Karate (Monday), Trio Dance (Monday/Tuesday) and Bounce Dance (Friday) will still be on. Ninjas wraparound childcare will be available each morning and until Thursday afternoon.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Online Parent/Carer Consultations</b> –details will be sent out nearer the time to book appointments. Please note there will be no after-hours activity clubs on these days and appointments are online.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Online Parent/Carer Consultations</b> – details will be sent out nearer the time to book appointments. Please note there will be no after-hours activity clubs on these days and appointments are online.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Last day of term – All pupils finish at 2.55pm on this day.</b> <b>No NINJAS wraparound afterhours childcare or internal activity clubs on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April - Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Easter Holidays – the academy will be closed.

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### Newquay Junior Academy Diary Dates for Summer Term 2025

<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025.</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>First day back after Easter Holidays.</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>May Day Bank Holiday – academy closed.</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 6 SATS</b> will take place this week – Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May. Further details regarding these will be sent to Year 6 parents nearer the time.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last day before half term.
Summer Half Term	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024.</b>

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Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>First day back after half term.</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 6 London Trip and Activity Days</b> will take place during this week.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 4 Activity Camp</b> will take place during this time at Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last day of term – All pupils finish at 2.55pm on this day.</b> <b>No NINJAS wraparound afterhours childcare or activity clubs on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025.</b>

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