

# HOMELINK

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## Key Dates

### September 2023

- 1st INSET - School closed to children
- 4th Y1-6 Children Start Back
- 6th YR start 08:45-12:00
- 7th YR 08:45-12:00
- 8th YR 08:45-13:15
- 26th Year 6 Taster Day at Yateley School
- 27th Year 6 Parents evening at Yateley School

### October 2023

- 20th Break up for half term at 3.10pm
- 30th Children Start Back

### November 2023

- 17th FONDS Musical Bingo - more details later
- 24th INSET - School closed to children

### December 2023

- 15th Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

### January 2024

- 2nd INSET - School closed to children
- 3rd Children Start Back

### February 2024

- 9th Break up for half term at 3.10pm
- 19th Children Start Back

### March 2024

- 28th Break up for Easter at 1.30pm

### April 2024

- 15th Children Start Back

### May 2024

- 24th Break up for half term at 3.10pm

Dear Children & Parents,

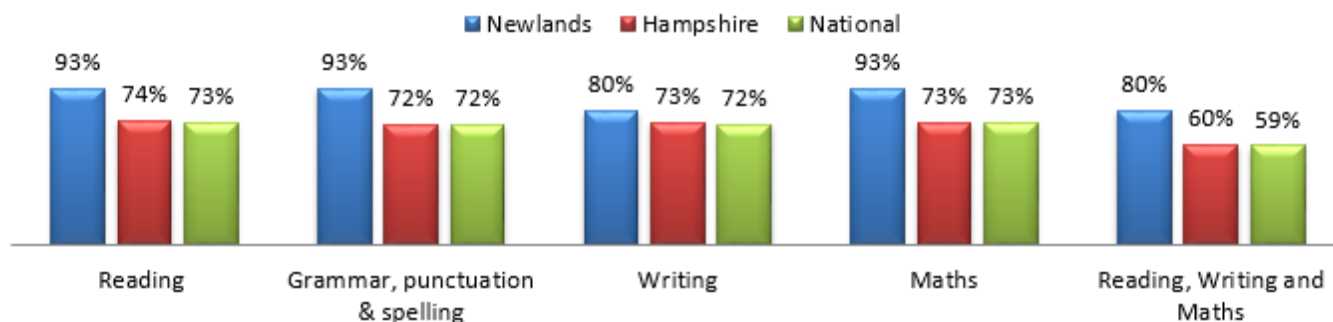
I know I say this every year but wow, what a year! There is not enough space here to list the many triumphs of 2022/23. For me the crowning achievement is that today we send 30 curious, reflective, resilient and able learners out into the world ready to embrace the next stage of their journey and to shape the world they want to live in.

Again the children, staff and parents have shown great flexibility and resilience in the face of not only the usual ebb and flow of school life but also in adapting the fluid nature of our leadership structure in the face of secondments. I have found my work at St. Mark's rewarding and there have been a number of benefits and synergies for Newlands (as well as them paying the vast majority of my salary). However as I look forward to next year I'm very excited to be back at Newlands and being able to focus all my energies on to one school. The end of a school year unfortunately means we have to say goodbye to some staff. Today we say goodbye to Mr Gray (and Dave the Unicorn), Miss Davies and Mrs Kelly. All three/four have had an immeasurable impact on the school and will be greatly missed.

I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again in September

William Neighbour

## 2023 Children meeting the expected standard at the end of KS2



Rowan Class have had an incredibly busy final few weeks at Newlands. As well as receiving our reports and SATS results, we put on four performances of our production of 'Peter Pan'. The show was professionally filmed, we performed a dress-rehearsal to the whole school and put on two sold-out evening performances to families, friends and invited guests. It was an incredible show and an amazing experience!

On Thursday we went to St Peter's Church for our Leaver's Service – we all had an opportunity to speak and talk about our favourite Newlands's memories and also to say our thank yous and goodbyes. Some tears were also shed.

We are very sad to leave but also so excited to be heading off to secondary school. Goodbye and thank you Newlands!



## Peter Pan 2023





# Community News

## Summer Holiday Events

The Holiday Activity Food (HAF) program is running at Yateley Library this summer. The HAF sessions are free activities for families in receipt of Free School Meals.

## Naturetown Sports Day

11am to 1pm on Saturday 19th August

Join ZooLab to meet the animals in Naturetown's sports day.  
Take part in creative activities.  
For children aged 4-11 yrs.  
Includes refreshments and a lunch bag. Adults to stay.

## Mindful Morning

11am to 1pm Date TBC w/c 21st August

Join us in the library for a yoga session, followed by mindful crafts.  
Design and decorate a pencil case.  
For children aged 5-12yrs.  
Includes refreshments and a lunch bag. Adults to stay.

**Booking is essential and spaces are limited.**

Book via telephone or email:

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With the school holidays almost upon us, Hampshire has shared important water safety information to help everyone stay safe over the summer. Hampshire has over 230 miles of coastline, rivers and lakes, and it's important that everyone knows the Water Safety Code and what to do if they should get into difficulties: <https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/>