



**What can help us feel
hopeful about a new
beginning?**

Let's look at the story



Earlier this year, singer Dolly Parton gave one of her most hopeful songs a fresh start, by recording it again 50 years after she first wrote it. She worked with other singers and used the new version to raise money for children's cancer research.

Just as Dolly returned to something from her past and gave it new meaning, a new school year gives us an opportunity to build on what we have already learned, try new things and make a positive difference to others.

**Learn more about this story [here](#).
Watch the useful video [here](#).**



Read through the information below about Dolly Parton and the work she has done. What impact do you think she has had? What do you think we can learn from her legacy?

Dolly Parton

Who was Dolly?

Born: 19th January 1946 in Tennessee, USA.

Known for: Singer, songwriter, actress, author and businesswoman.

Famous songs: Jolene, 9 to 5, I Will Always Love You, Light of a Clear Blue Morning.

Dolly's dream: Dolly loved music from a young age and dreamed of becoming a singer.

Helping others: In 1995, Dolly started the Imagination Library, which gives free books to young children. She also supported charities, hospitals and communities.



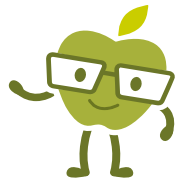
Inspired by her father, who never learned to read, Dolly Parton created the Imagination Library to give children free books and help them discover a love of reading.

Source: CBBC

"If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader."
- Dolly Parton

Dolly's Legacy

Dolly is remembered not only for her music, but for using her success to help others. Her 2026 song, Light of a Clear Blue Morning, continues her message of hope, kindness and fresh starts, showing how one person's ideas can make a difference for years to come!



My Brand-New Day!

A fresh start for the new school year

This year I hope to...

Something new I would like to try is...

If something feels difficult I will...

One way I can help another person is...



Reflection



As we begin a new school year, let us look ahead with hope and support one another. We can remember that every new day brings another opportunity to learn, grow and make a difference.

