



NEWSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter.

January 2026

Welcome Back

Welcome back. Hope you all had an amazing Christmas and New Year.

New Website

<https://www.newstead.notts.sch.uk>

This is the link to our new website. The website is live, however there is still some work to be completed on it, so please bear with us. The calendar is up to date and this newsletter has been uploaded to it.

Abor - Parent Portal and APP

You were invited, by e-mail, before the Christmas holidays to activate your parent portal account. This will be how we communicate with you from now on. If you have not activated your account please do so, the e-mail may have landed in your junk box (e-mail sent on 12/12/25). If you have any issues with this please contact Mrs. Stevenson in the school office, who will be happy to help you get this set up.

Moving forward, newsletters will be sent out via your e-mail on your Abor Parent Portal / APP

Spring Term Diary Dates

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5 January 2026 - School re-opens to children
27 January 2026 - Photograph Day
4 February 2026 - Maple Class Trip to the Space Centre
5 February 2026 - SCARF Workshops (part of PSHRE Curriculum)
WB 9 February 2026 - Children's Mental Health Week
12 February 2026 - Children break-up for half-term
13 February 2026 - INSET DAY
HALF TERM
23 February 2026 - School re-opens.
2,3,4,5 March 2026 - Cycle Training for Years 5 and 6.
5 March 2026 - World Book Day
WC16 March 2026- Parents Evening Week
20 March 2026- Comic Relief / Red Nose Day7
25 March 2026- Easter Egg Competition
25 March 2026- PTA Easter Disco 4:00-5:30pm
27 March 2026 - Break-Up for Easter Holidays

Summer Term Diary Dates

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13 April 2026 - School re-opens to children
WC 11 May 2026 - SATs week for Year 6 pupils.
14 May 2026 - Class Photographs
22 May 2026 - Break-Up for Half Term.

INSET DAYS 2025-2026

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 27th July 2026 (**note** children will break-up for Summer 2026 on Friday 24th July 2026)

Leave of absence during term time - I would please ask that if any holidays are to be taken during term time you consider using the INSET days to make your holiday more cost effective and reduce the amount of days children are absent from school. Please note: 3 days of absence within a 6 week period puts children within the persistent absence category with Nottinghamshire County Council (illness or holidays)

You will need to download the **Arbor Parent App**. Newsletters and messages will arrive on the App. You will need to allow notifications, so you receive messages straight away.



Arbor Parent App

Parent & Guardian Portal

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Staffing Changes in January 2026.

I sent out a letter before the Christmas holidays to update you on staffing changes that begin this week.

Pine Class Year 3 and 4 pupils	Mrs Musgrove - Mon, Tues, Wed Mrs Walsh - Thurs, Fri
Elm Class Year 1 and 2 pupils	Miss Wade - Mon Mrs Wensley - Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

First Admissions in September 2026

The deadline for applications for children to begin primary school in September 2026 is Wednesday 15th January 2026. Applications must be made by this date to Nottinghamshire County Council.

Photographs

Photograph morning is on Tuesday 27th January 2026. The children will be photographed in sibling groups unless parents contact the school office and ask for individual photographs.



Attendance Reminder

As we start a new school term, this is a reminder about how many absence days affect a child's attendance.

- If a child is absent for 3 days or more this will take their attendance percentage lower than 96% - 96% is classed as good attendance.
- If a child has 5 days of absence (10 sessions) within any 10-week rolling period, this will take their attendance to or below 90% depending on their current attendance percentage. At 90% or below, children's attendance is classed as persistent absence and can trigger attendance monitoring or formal attendance contract meetings (see below).

Hospital Medical Appointments

We have children who have medical appointments at the hospital to attend and I know these are difficult to manage due to the appointment times that you are given. Could I please ask that if your

child is attending a hospital appointment that we have a copy of the appointment letter for our attendance records please.

Please ensure your child returns to school after their medical appointment.



Other Medical Appointments (eg, doctors, dentist, opticians)

We ask, that doctors, dentist and optician appointments are scheduled carefully as to not affect your child's registration marks in the morning and afternoon.

Morning registration is 9:00am and afternoon registration is 1:30pm.

So, if appointments can be made after 9:30am in the morning, the children can get their mark, be collected after this time and then be returned to school after the appointment.

In the afternoon, could you please make appointments for after 1:30pm but ideally as close to the end of the school day as possible,

Year 6 SATs 2026

SATs for the current Year 6's will commence during the week of May 11th 2026. These are statutory tests and children **MUST BE IN** school to take them. Please do not book any **LEAVE OF ABSENCES** or any other events during this week.

Lost Property

We have lots of uniform left over again at the end of the half-term with no names in them.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE ensure every clothing item that your child has, including the separate items in PE Kits, are named. If clothing is not named in **permanent marker** we struggle to find the owner! If it is named, we generally manage to get it back to you.

Together as One Collaboration.

Newstead Primary School is proud to be working with a formal collaboration of schools in the local community known as 'Together As One'. We are a group of five schools growing together with a commitment to professional learning that enables life-transforming educational opportunities for our pupils. The other schools within the collaboration are:

- Abbey Gates Primary
- Annesley Primary School
- Morven Park Primary School
- Orchard Primary School

Our strategic plan is centred on three key priorities:

Priority 1: Children who are confident and resilient learners, prepared for the future.

Priority 2: Staff who are valued and supported with opportunities for growth.

Priority 3: Together we are aspirational, nurturing and forward looking.



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 School Holidays  Public Holidays  Administration Day

Autumn Term

1 September - 17 October **7 weeks**
3 November - 19 December **7 weeks**

Spring Term

5 January - 13 February **6 weeks**
23 February - 27 March **5 weeks**

Summer Term

13 April - 22 May **5 weeks 4 days**
1 June - 27 July **8 weeks 1 day**

Newstead Primary INSET DAYS

Friday 17th October 2025
Friday 13th February 2026
Monday 1st June 2026
Monday 27th July 2026

UNIFORM

All the children look really smart in their new uniforms at the beginning of this term.

HOODIES / SPORTS TOPS

Hoodies and sports tops are NOT part of our school uniform. If the children come to school in these they will be asked to hang them up in the cloakroom, they are not to be worn in the classroom. Navy blue jumpers and cardigans are available from the school office or local supermarkets.

PE KITS

The children are required to wear 'school colours as part of their PE Kit (Navy or black shorts and a plain white t-shirt). Any brightly coloured kits are not allowed. PE kits are available to purchase from the school office.

JEWELLERY

Necklaces and rings are not appropriate for the children to wear in school. If your child wears earrings, they must be small studs. Your child must be able to remove their own earrings for PE or plasters must be worn over the top. Plasters must be provided from home. Children can wear a watch.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL DINNERS?

The government provides extra funding to schools for each child who qualifies for free school meals. If your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals (Willow and Elm Classes) this DOES NOT automatically trigger this funding it needs to be applied for. This is simply done, over the phone, on the following number (0300 500 80 80) if you receive one of the following benefits. Parents of children in Oak, Maple and Pine class can also apply for free school meals using the same number.

Benefits:

- Income support
- Jobseekers allowance
- Employment support allowance
- Child tax credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of state pension credit.
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year.



SCHOOL DINNERS - Pine, Maple and Oak Class

School dinners cost £2.90 a day (£14.50 a week) and MUST be paid for in advance or on the days itself.

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

All children in Willow and Elm Class are entitled to a FREE school lunch under the governments Universal Free School Meal Scheme.

MILK

You must register online at www.coolmilk.com for your child to receive milk. If your child is under 5 they will receive free milk but you must still register them.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please feel free to contact school with any queries or questions and we will be happy to help.

Telephone - 01623 753681

Email - office@newstead.notts.sch.uk