



NEWSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter.

April 2026

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all the pupils, parents and staff after the Easter holidays. Please take note of the diary dates opposite. These can also be found in the calendar section of the school's website.

www.newstead.notts.sch.uk

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

We have 94% of parents signed up and using the APP. Mrs Stevenson is just chasing the last few of you to ensure 100% of you are using the APP successfully.

This term we have begun using the APP to sign up for after school clubs. If you are still experiencing any issues please contact Mrs Stevenson in the office who is happy to help you.

Summer Term Diary Dates

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- 13 April 2026 - School re-opens to children
- 23 April 2026 - Mini Police - 10-week course for Year 5 children begins.
- 1 May 2026 - Elm Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- WC 11 May 2026 - SATs week for Year 6 pupils.
- 14 May 2026 - Class Photographs
- 21 May 2026 - Maple Class trip to Warick Castle.
- 22 May 2026 - Break-Up for Half Term.

HALF TERM

- 1 June 2026 - INSET DAY
- 2 June 2026 - School re-opens
- 9 June 2026 - Together as One Music Concert for Newstead Primary School Choir @ Newstead Centre.
- 19 June 2026 - Year 5 trip to Police Headquarters (Sherwood Lodge - Arnold)
- Saturday 4 July 12-3pm PTA Summer Fair.
- 9 July 2026 - Year 5 Mini Police Graduation - Parents invited
- 10 July 2026 - Annual reports out to Parents
- 14 July 2026 - Sports Day
- 16 July 2026 - New Classes morning.
- 24 July 2026 - 9:30am - Leavers Assembly
- 24 July 2026 - 2:30pm - Roll of Honour Assembly (invite only)
- 24 July 2026 - Children Break-Up for Summer Holiday.
- 27 July 2026- INSET DAY

INSET DAYS 2025-2026

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)

Ensure you have Arbor as a 'safe user' in your settings and this should pull through the notifications. If we send out e-mails, some of them are ending up in your 'junk/spam' folder so please check and move the messages into your 'inbox' and hopefully any additional e-mails should then land in your inbox.

If you are having an issue please come and see or contact Mrs. Stevenson in the school office, who will be happy you will any issues you are experiencing.



Behaviour and Relationships Policy.

We launched our new Behaviour and Relationships Policy earlier this year. This was e-mailed to you using the Arbor APP. Just in case you have not had a chance to see it, you can use the link below which will take you to a copy of the policy on the website.

The policy is based on a relational approach, alongside our new school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

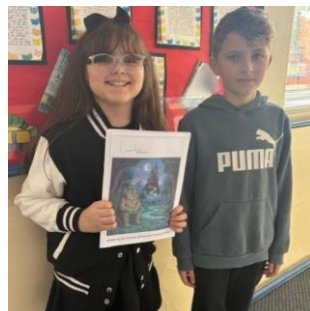
[Newstead Primary and Nursery School - Policies](#)

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day this year by creating a whole class story. Our Learning Ministers Dylan and Kelly worked with Mrs Megeary on the theme. The idea is that one class began a story and passed this onto the next class. The next class worked on a 'build up' and then passed this onto the next class and so on until each class had produced a part of the story. This was then read out in our World Book Assembly.

The whole school story was called 'Crunchie the Trolls Big Adventure' If you click on the following link, it will take you to a digital version of the story - Enjoy!

[Newstead Primary and Nursery School - Crunchie the Troll's Big Adventure - March 2026](#)



Railway Children

The children received a great opportunity on the last day of term when M and M Theatre Productions performed 'The Railway Children'. The performance was amazing and the children all seemed to really enjoy it.



EVENTS THAT ARE COMING UP THIS HALF TERM.

Year 6 SATs Tests

Year 6 SATs are fast approaching. Testing will take place from Monday 11th May until Thursday 14th May 2026. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE IN SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS AND MUST BE ON TIME.**

Year 5 Mini Police

Our Year 5 children have been given the fantastic opportunity to complete the 'Mini Police' Project. This is a course that runs over 10 weeks, culminating in a trip to the Police Headquarters in Arnold and a graduation in school that parents will be invited to.

The aim of the sessions are to raise community awareness and safety.

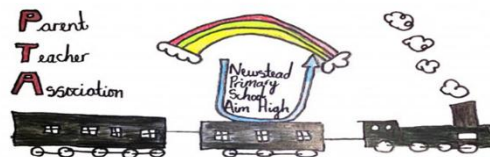
The first session will begin on Thursday 23rd April 2026 and will be led by PCSO Tom Bailey, alongside a member of school staff.

All sessions are practical based, and scenario led

Session themes will be: Bullying and Sharing Images, Hate Crime, Ant-Social Behaviour, Criminal Damage, Road Safety, Permissions and Consents and The Criminal Justice System

PTA Summer Fair

The PTA are working hard to organise the school's Summer Fair. The Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 4th July between 12pm and 3pm.



Watch out for further details coming soon, but if you would like to help out running a game on the day please come and see us at the office and we will pass your details on. The theme this year is 'Country and Western'.

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.



Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox
Until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis
No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting
48 hours from last episode

Glandular Fever
No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth
No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo
Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Measles or German Measles
4 days from onset of rash

Mumps
5 days from onset of swelling

Scabies
Until after first treatment

Scarlet Fever
24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Slapped Cheek
No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough
48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Flu
Until recovered

Head Lice
No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms
No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis
No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

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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