

NEWSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter.

February 2025

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all the pupils, parents and staff after the February half term holidays.

We have several things happening this half term, leading up to Easter, please ensure you look at the dates opposite and keep yourself updated using our school website.

www.newstead.notts.sch.uk

Tesco

Just a reminder we are still in the Tesco Stronger Starts Project until the end of March 2025.

If you shop in Hucknall Tesco's or the Tesco Express on Annesley Road, make sure you get some blue tokens and vote for us please.



Spring Term Diary Dates

HALF - TERM

- 24 February 2025 - School re-opens.
- 6 March 2025 - World Book Day
- 21 March 2025 - Red Nose Day
- WB24.3.25 - Parents Evening Week
- 28 March 2025 - PTA Mother's Day Market
- 1 April 2025 - Termly Attendance Assembly
- 2 April 2025 - Easter Egg Competition
- 2 April 2025 - PTA Easter Disco 4pm-5:30pm
- 3 April 2025 - Children Break-Up for Easter Holidays
- 4 April 2025 - INSET DAY

Summer Term Diary Dates

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- 22 April 2025 - School re-opens to children.
- 2 May 2025 - Maple Class Trip to Perlethorpe (Anglo-Saxons)
- 5 May 2025 - Bank Holiday Monday
- 12 May -15 May 2025 - Yr6 SATs Week (Mon to Thurs)
- 21 May 2025 - Class Photograph Day
- 22 May 2025 - Children break up for half-term.
- 23 May 2025 - INSET DAY

HALF TERM

- 2 June 2025 - School re-opens to children

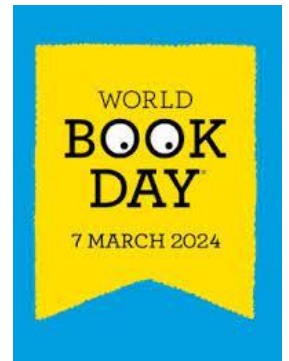
INSET DAYS 2025

- Friday 4th April 2025
- Monday 23rd May 2025

Leave of absence during term time - I would please ask that if any leave of absences 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: 5 days of absence within a 10 week period puts children within the persistent absence category and could result in a formal attendance contract.

World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 6th March 2025. The children can come dressed in fancy dress or non-school uniform. The theme this year is 'Make a Story Day'. The children can bring a favourite storybook to share with their class. During the day the children will be making a class story.



PTA Mother's Day Market

The PTA are in the process of finishing of the planning for a 'Mother's Day Market' that will be held on Friday 28th March 2025. The details will be shared with you as soon as we have them.

Red Nose Day - 21st March 2025



This year, for Red Nose Day we are going to hold a non-uniform day. The children can choose what they wear. In past years children have worn superhero costumes, pyjamas, as much red as they can or just non-school uniform. For wearing non-school uniform we are asking for a donation of £1.

At break time we will also be serving toast and juice. A slice of toast and juice will cost 20p. Additional slices of toast are 20p each (no more than 3 slices)
All monies raised will go to charity.

Easter egg competition

Our annual Easter Egg Competition will be held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 so get your thinking caps on and boxes, glue and scissors at the ready. We always have lots of children enter this competition. The entries will be judged in year groups and there will be Easter Egg prizes to be won.



Easter disco

We will be having a school Easter Disco on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 4:00pm - 5:30pm. Entry is £1 per child and there will be hotdogs, sweets and drinks on sale at an additional cost. Children who are Year 1 or younger need to be accompanied by an adult. Younger siblings are allowed but no older siblings.



Year 6 SATs Tests

Year 6 SATs are fast approaching and will commence during the week of May 12th 2025. These are statutory tests and children **MUST BE IN** school to take them. Please do not book any **HOLIDAYS** or any other events during this week.

Attendance Reminder

Below 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.



Attendance Matters



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 1:15pm.

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,

Attendance Reward Assembly

At the end of this term, we will be holding an attendance assembly, where we will be celebrating those children who have achieved good attendance during the Spring Term. Children will receive a certificate for 'good' attendance if their attendance is 96% or above. Children who have 100% attendance at the end of the term will also receive a certificate. If they continue to achieve 100% attendance for the whole school year they will also receive a bowling trip in July 2025.

Attendance Policy

Please find a link below to the new attendance policy below.

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/newstead-primary-school/UploadedDocument/778a68a7-61bf-49dc-8225-dbcca4cbad59/19-attendance-policy.pdf>

There are certain aspects that have changed this year in line with new Dfe policy and legislation, the points I would like to draw your attention to are below:

- Attendance Contract Meetings.

A pupil is defined by the Department for Education as where an absence escalates and pupils miss 10% or more of school for any reason (ie below 90% attendance). This can be both authorised and unauthorised absence. Absence at this level will cause considerable gaps in a child's education. Schools are expected to put in place targeted support plan to support improved attendance. Parents will be invited to attend a formal meeting called an 'Attendance Contract Meeting' as a support method to improve attendance.



- Severe Absence

This is defined as pupils missing 50% or more of school. In these circumstances the attendance will need a more intensive approach with support from outside agencies, such as an Early Help referral.

- Fixed Penalty Notices

The Department for Education has issued a new threshold of 10 sessions (5 days) of **unauthorised** absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. The Local Authority may pursue cases of poor attendance through the courts or the school could trigger a fixed penalty notice. This is why it is so important you let us know the reasons for any absence as if you don't the absence is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Leave of Absence (holidays) fall within this category.

Illnesses


At the back of the newsletter you will find a poster called, 'Do I need to keep my child off school?' This is a quick guide to certain illnesses and the recommended time to keep children off school.

30 Hours Childcare Provision

Newstead Primary School now offer up to 30 hours free childcare provision. If you, or you know someone who may require childcare for 3-year-olds please ensure you either contact the school office or look on our website for the information. We currently have spaces for anyone in or out of the catchment area to access this provision.


<https://www.newstead.notts.sch.uk/nursery-admissions-15-and-30-hours-childcare/>

School office - 01623 753681



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FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS.**



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Visit: www.newstead.notts.sch.uk

Wraparound Childcare

If you require wraparound childcare before or after school, school link with Little Chicks Early start club and after school Craft Club based at the Acacia Centre in Annesley. The provider is able to drop children off at school and pick them up. Please click on the link below for further information and the contact details of the provider.

<https://www.newstead.notts.sch.uk/wraparound-childcare/>

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

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.



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.

SCHOOL DINNERS - Pine, Maple and Oak Class

School dinners cost £2.70 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.

CONTACT DETAILS

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

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Email - office@newstead.notts.sch.uk

