

# NEWSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter.

January 2025

### Welcome Back

A cold and snowy welcome back to you all after the Christmas holidays, hope you had a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year.

Please take note of the dates opposite or by using the calendar section on the school website.

[www.newstead.notts.sch.uk](http://www.newstead.notts.sch.uk)

A copy of this newsletter can also be found on the homepage.

### First Admissions in September 2025

The deadline for applications for children to begin primary school in September 2025 is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Applications must be made by this date to Nottinghamshire County Council.

### Tesco

Newstead Primary School has been accepted by Tesco to be part of the Tesco Stronger Starts Project.

If you shop in Hucknall Tesco's or the Tesco Express on Annesley Road, make sure you

### Spring Term Diary Dates

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- 6 January 2025 - School re-opens to children
- 14 January 2025 - Photograph day (Siblings and Individuals)
- 17 January 2025 - Pine Class Trip to Creswell Crags
- 27 January to 29 January - Yr5 and 6, 2 night residential to Willersley Castle in Cromford.
- 6 February 2025 - Children's Mental Health Day
- 6 February - SCARF Workshops (part of PSHRE curriculum)
- 12 February 2025 - Maple Class Trip to Mansfield Museum
- 13 February 2025 - Children break-up for half-term
- 14 February 2025- INSET DAY.

### 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
- 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

22 April 2025 - School re-opens to children.

### INSET DAYS 2025

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

get some blue tokens and vote for us please. Depending on how many votes we get, we could receive up to £1500 to help towards the transformation of the outdoor space with a new allotment space, raised beds and mud kitchen area.



## **Mental Health Day**

We will be holding our annual Children's Mental Health Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The theme for this is KNOW YOURSELF, GROW YOURSELF.

We are currently finalising the activities for the day, however during the day the children will be accessing a workshop from SCARF, who are the providers of our curriculum for our Personal, Social, Health Education. (PSHE).

During the day we will be asking the children to wear their SCARF to school.



## **Photographs**

Photograph morning is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. 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,

### **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>

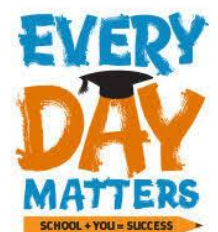
There are certain aspects that have changed this year in line with new Dfe policy and legislation, the points I would like to draw your attention to are below:

- 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.

## **Parent Governors.**

We currently have two parent vacancies on our governing body. If you think this is something that you might be interested in, you can always pop in and have a chat about what this role entails. I can put you in touch with some serving parent governors for you to talk to and you could even come and observe a governors meeting before committing to the role.



## **Year 6 SATs 2025**

SATs for the current Year 6's will commence during the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025. These are statutory tests and children **MUST BE IN** school to take them. Please do not book any LEAVE OF ABSENCE 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.

## **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

# NEWSTEAD PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



FREE 30 HOUR CHILDCARE  
FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS.



Call: 01623 753681. E-mail: [office@newstead.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@newstead.notts.sch.uk)  
Visit: [www.newstead.notts.sch.uk](http://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](http://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.

Telephone - 01623 753681

Email - [office@newstead.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@newstead.notts.sch.uk)

