

# Newlands Junior School



Newsletter 2025

## A message from Mrs Castledine:

We have had a busy, half term with many exciting events. Please keep checking our diary dates for upcoming events. School will close for the break on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October and re-open on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

We wish everyone an enjoyable break and thank you for your continued support and partnership.

## Harvest Festival:

You are invited to join us at All Saints Church on Thursday (Y3 and Y4 at 9.30am, Y5 and Y6 at 10.30am) for our harvest festival.

Donations of tins and packets will be gratefully received on the day and donated to the local food bank.



## Reading Challenge:

As part of our ongoing reading for pleasure plan, your child will be bringing home a challenge to complete over the break.

Please enjoy completing this together and return it to school the first week back and receive 25 dojos.



## Attendance:

We have had a satisfactory start to the year with our attendance which currently stands at 95.8%. Please ensure children do not miss days from school unless essential.

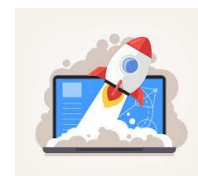
We will contact you if your child is unwell whilst in school. If your child is going to be absent, please ensure school is informed so that we know all of our children are safely accounted for. Children need to be at school promptly at 8.35 ready for the start of lessons.



## Website:

We're excited to announce the launch of our brand-new school website! Designed with parents in mind, the new site is easier to navigate and packed with helpful features, including up-to-date calendars, important announcements, classroom resources, and quick access to key information.

Whether you're checking lunch menus, school events, or looking at photographs of children's learning, everything you need is now just a click away. Visit us and take a look around—we hope it becomes a valuable tool for staying connected with our school community.



## New Dinner Menu:

Our new dinner menu is now live on our new website for you to view – [view here](#)



This new menu will be available from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

## The Local Offer for pupils with SEND:

As part of the national **SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Code of Practice**, all schools are required to publish a **Local Offer**. This is a clear, accessible guide for parents and carers outlining the support available for children with SEND at our school.

Our **Local Offer** includes:

- How we identify and assess children with SEND
- The range of support we provide (in class, small groups, or one-to-one)
- How we involve parents in planning and reviewing progress
- Who to contact if you have questions or concerns
- How we work with external agencies

We aim to provide an inclusive, nurturing environment where every child can thrive. **You can view our full Local Offer on the school website.** If you would like a paper copy or have any questions, feel free to contact Ms Elliott via the school office.

Dates for your diary. These can also be found on our school website:



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## Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2025



Date	Event
<b>Week beginning: 03.11.2025</b>	
03.11.2025	School opens
07.11.2025	Y3 faith visit (Hinduism) to The Open Centre, Derby - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
<b>Week beginning: 10.11.2025 – Anti-Bullying Week</b>	
10.11.2025	Odd Socks Day – children wear odd socks to school to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week
11.11.2025	Y6 faith visit (Islam) to The Open Centre, Derby - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
12.11.2025	Parents' evening 2-6pm – appointment letters sent out nearer the time.
14.11.2025	Children in Need Y3 Charity - <a href="#">more details to follow</a> 2:15pm Mental Health & Anti-Bullying Week assembly for <b>parents/carers</b>
<b>Week beginning: 17.11.2025</b>	
17.11.2025	9 – 9:45am Y3 Maths Workshop in classrooms <b>for parents/carers</b> - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
18.11.2025	9 – 9:45am Y5 Maths Workshop in classrooms <b>for parents/carers</b> - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
19.11.2025	Y6 visit to Newstead Abbey – Victorian Christmas - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
19.11.2025	9 – 9:45am Y4 Maths Workshop in classrooms <b>for parents/carers</b> - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
20.11.2025	9 – 9:45am Y6 Maths Workshop in classrooms <b>for parents/carers</b> - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
21.11.2025	Children wear non uniform in return for bringing in sweets for the Christmas Fayre
<b>Week beginning: 24.11.2025</b>	
<b>Week beginning: 01.12.2025 – Mock SATs week Y6</b>	
02.12.2025	9 – 11:30am Y4 Christmas Workshop delivered by Mr Darlington
03.12.2025	1:45pm <b>Christmas Fayre</b> – <b>date change due to clash with John T Rice</b>
05.12.2025	Whole school – Santa sleigh run - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
<b>Week beginning: 08.12.2025</b>	
08.12.2025	9 – 10:30am Y3 <b>Grandparent's</b> Christmas craft workshop with bacon butties - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
09.12.2025	9 – 10:30am Y4 <b>Grandparent's</b> Christmas craft workshop with bacon butties - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
10.12.2025	9 – 10:30am Y6 <b>Grandparent's</b> Christmas craft workshop with bacon butties - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
11.12.2025	9 – 10:30am Y5 <b>Grandparent's</b> Christmas craft workshop with bacon butties - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
11.12.2025	9 – 11:30am Y3 Christmas Workshop delivered by Mr Darlington 12:30 – 3pm Flu vaccinations whole school – <a href="https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/52ed79c2">https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/52ed79c2</a>
<b>Week beginning: 15.12.2025</b>	
15.12.2025	2:15pm Superstars Assembly - <b>parents/carers of those children who have been chosen to receive a Superstars award will be invited to this assembly.</b> 3:05pm Celebration of Learning – <b>parents/carers are invited into your child's classroom to share the amazing learning they have been involved in this term.</b>
16.12.2025	Children's Christmas dinner & toy afternoon – children are allowed to bring toys/games into school ( <b>no electronics, mobile phones, games consoles or anything that needs to be plugged in</b> )
17.12.2025	Children's Christmas party day - <a href="#">more details to follow</a>
18.12.2025	Christmas Service at All Saints Church – whole school (children only)
19.12.2025	1:30pm Carols around the tree – <b>parents/carers</b> welcome. Children can go home after the carols with their parent/carer.
<b>Last day of term.</b>	
<b>Children return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	

### INSET DAYS FOR THE REST OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR ARE:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Please follow link for next academic year's holidays

Remember our INSET days are not on this Notts County Council list:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-holidays-and-closures/school-holiday-and-term-dates>

**PE days for 2<sup>nd</sup> half term are:**

Year 3 Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 Wednesday and Friday