



Newlands Junior School



Newsletter 2025

We wish our families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Celebration Assembly

On Monday we were able to celebrate the children's wonderful achievements this term. 81 children received a book of their choice as a reward for reading 100 times. The number of 100 reads increases every term and we are so proud of this. Let's see how many new year's resolutions for 2026 can be to read more at home - take a book to bed, to grandparents or read in the car. It will massively help progress in school and support wellbeing as children can chill with a good book and a cuddle.

We also rewarded 50 children who achieved 100% attendance. This is an amazing accomplishment with the large amount of bugs and germs circulating this term. A further 82 also hit our whole school target of 96% or more. A big well done to all of them.



Attendance

Whole school attendance this term has been at an all-time low at 94.5%. Many of you will have received letters regarding attendance. We understand that it has been a very difficult few months for everyone and the vast majority of absences could not be avoided. We hope things can pick up in the Spring term and children can make up for some of their missed learning. Please remember, that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend school. We can call you, if necessary, but please ensure children attend every day possible so that when they genuinely cannot come to school, their attendance is not already a cause for concern.

We currently have 34 children below 90% as opposed to 21 last year. This has a massive impact socially and academically as so much time in school is missed. Please ensure your child is in school every day possible.

Attendance Matters



Lost Property

A final reminder that our lost property boxes (yes, we now need more than one) are overflowing. All items with names in have been returned to children. Please ensure all jumpers, sweatshirts and coats are named for the new year as it is such a waste to throw away huge quantities of clothing each term. The items will be displayed once again during the Carols Around the Tree. Please take a look if you have anything missing before they are disposed of.



Christmas Bauble Competition

Congratulations to this year's Christmas Bauble winners. You all created amazing baubles.

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition, your support and creativity this year blew us away!



Save the Children

Thank you for your continued support with charity donation. This year we have raised £84.20p for Save the Children, through donations on Christmas Jumper Day!



We would like to take this opportunity, as 2025 draws to a close, to thank everyone for their continued support and partnership. December has been a real community and family time with our visits to the care home, hospital and Four Seasons, Christmas Fair, Grandparents crafts and Carols Around the Tree.

We will see everyone back in school on Monday 5th January for another fabulously successful term.

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



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Diary Dates Spring Term 2026



Date	Event
Week beginning 05.01.2026	
05.01.2026	Children start back to school
06.01.2026	Reading breakfast Y3
07.01.2026	Rock Steady Assembly and Workshops for Children (Lessons every Thursday for those who sign up)
08.01.2026	Reading breakfast Y4
09.01.2026	Reading breakfast Y5
Week beginning: 12.01.2026 - Wheelchair sports week	
Week beginning: 19.01.2026 - After School clubs begin this week	
22.01.2026	Y6 Afternoon Tea for parents/carers - more details to follow
Week beginning: 26.01.2026	
26.01.2026	Y5 Partake Mayan Day
26.01.2026	9 – 9:45am Y3 Reading Workshop in classrooms for parents/carers
27.01.2026	9 – 9:45am Y4 Reading Workshop in classrooms for parents/carers
28.01.2026	9 – 9:45am Y5 Reading Workshop in classrooms for parents/carers
29.01.2026	9 – 9:45am Y6 Reading Workshop in classrooms for parents/carers
30.01.2026	Y3 visit to Weston Park – more details to follow
Week beginning: 02.02.2026	
02.02.2026	Maths Escape rooms Workshops
03.02.2026	Maths Escape rooms Workshops
05.02.2026	Time to Talk Day – linked to the charity Mind. Start a conversation about mental health.
06.02.2026	NSPCC Number Day - more details to follow
Week beginning: 09.02.2026	
10.02.2026	Safer Internet Day
12.02.2026	9am Safer Internet Assembly for parents/carers - more details to follow
12.02.2026	11:30am Valentine's dinner for Y3 parents/carers - more details to follow Children break up today
13.02.2026	INSET DAY
16.02.26 – 20.02.26 FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	
Week beginning: 23.02.2026 Aspirations Week	
23.02.2026	School opens
23.02.2026	Y6 SATs after school boosters start today
Week beginning: 02.03.2026	
4.03.25	Y4 visit to Veolia – more details to follow
05.03.2026	World Book Day - more details to follow
Week beginning: 09.03.2026 – Science Week	
11.03.2026	10 – 11:30 Y5 (15 children) visit to Clipstone Hall Lodge Care Home to make Easter cards.
11.03.2026	2pm – 6pm Parents Evening - more details to follow
12.03.2026	10 – 11:30 Y5 (15 children) visit to Clipstone Hall Lodge Care Home to make Easter cards.
13.03.2026	2:30pm Science assembly for parents/carers - more details to follow
Week beginning: 16.03.2026	
16.03.2026	9 – 10:00am Y3 Grandparent's Easter craft workshop - more details to follow
17.03.2026	Y5 Easter Workshop with Methodist Church
17.03.2026	9 – 10:30am Y6 Grandparent's Easter craft workshop - more details to follow
17.03.2026	Y4 visit to Magna - more details to follow
18.03.2026	Y3 visit to Botanical Gardens – more details to follow

18.03.2026	9 – 10:30am Y5 Grandparent’s Easter craft workshop - more details to follow
19.03.2026	Y6 Easter Workshop with Methodist Church
19.03.2026	9 – 10:30am Y4 Grandparent’s Easter craft workshop - more details to follow
Week beginning: 23.03.2026	
23.03.2026	1:15 – 2:30 Y4 singing at Clipstone Lodge Care Home
26.03.2026	9:30am Easter Assembly at church – children only due to space
27.03.2026	2pm Superstars, Attendance and Easter Competition Assembly for parents/carers - more details to follow CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR EASTER TODAY
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026 EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Children return to school on Monday 13th April 2026	

INSET DAYS FOR THE REST OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR ARE:

Monday 1st June 2026
Monday 27th 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 up to February Half Term

2026 are:

Year 3 Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6 Monday and Wednesday