



Newlands Junior School



Newsletter 2026

Parent Governor

My name is Colin Sawyer and I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Newlands Junior School. I'm proud to support the school's commitment to providing a happy, inclusive and ambitious education for every child, and to work in partnership with staff, pupils and families to help the school continue to thrive.

We currently have a vacancy for 2 parent governors, and I warmly encourage any interested parent or carer to consider getting involved. Parent governors play a vital role in bringing the views of families to the governing body, helping to shape the school's future and ensure the best outcomes for our children. No previous experience is required—just an interest in the school and a willingness to contribute. If you'd like to find out more, we would love to hear from you. Please contact office@newlands.notts.sch.uk to find out more or express an interest by Friday 27th February 2026.

You can also find out more by watching this short video - https://youtu.be/mRqJ_bFipHk?si=5A9_CHInr-3ShjnR

Over the next half term, we will be taking part in a number of events.

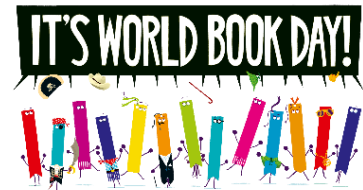


Monday 23rd February: Aspirations Week

During Aspirations Week, we will be inspiring our children to dream big and explore the many exciting paths their futures could take. Pupils will take part in fun, age-appropriate activities, hear from visitors with different jobs and life experiences and learn how their interests, skills and positive attitudes can help them achieve their goals. The week is all about building confidence, curiosity and a belief that anything is possible with hard work and perseverance.

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day

Our theme for World Book Day this year is "Go All In", focusing on making reading a fun, daily habit. On Thursday 5th March, children can come dressed as a favourite character or a word to describe a character e.g. wear love hearts for a kind hearted person or dress scruffily for someone like Mr Twit or Mr Stink. Children will be bringing home a voucher to either get a free book from local stores or take £1.50 off the price of a book of their choice.



Monday 9th March: Science Week

The theme of science week this year is "**Curiosity: What's Your Question?**". This theme aims to spark a passion for exploration in pupils by encouraging them to ask questions, explore new worlds and investigate the science behind everyday life and the world around them.



Friday 20th March: Red Nose Day

In order to support this charity, we are asking the children to wear red in exchange for a £1 donation. This year the charity will be helping people get what they need to eat, sleep and feel safe. All you have to do is "Take Yourself Funny for Money". If children have red noses that they have bought, they may wear these.

Easter Activities

As usual at this time of the year, the children will take part in a variety of Easter activities. These will include activities with Mr Darlington from All Saints Church, but also our Easter Competition (more details to follow). Some year groups will be visiting local care homes to complete Easter activities with the residents there. We will be holding our very successful Grandparents Craft mornings too. We know that grandparents, staff and children thoroughly love these mornings.



Lost Property

Could we please remind you to put names in your children's clothes, particularly jumpers/cardigans and PE tops. We continue to collect a large amount of items and a lot are not claimed. Having names in items will help to return items to whom they belong. Please ensure all items of clothing are named for year 3 children as they start swimming.



Ways we communicate

At Newlands we pride ourselves on the variety of events, visits and clubs we organise to enrich our curriculum and develop our character education. It is important that parents/carers are aware what is happening in school and also about the inevitable changes which take place from time to time.

There are several different ways we communicate at school.

Website - Here you will find lots of information about the school. You will find the current information about what your child is learning each term, find photos of them and there are lots of our policies and information about specific things such as SEND/ Pupil Premium and lots more.

There is also a calendar on our website which has all the latest events listed.

Facebook - We use Facebook to remind parents/carers of activities and updates of what is happening within the school. You may ask urgent questions out of school time if the information has not been shared.

Marvellous Me - Please ensure you have downloaded this app as class teachers will be able to inform you of things relating to your child's class/year group.

Eduspot texts to parents - messages are regularly sent with updates and reminders

Eduspot e-mails – weekly information, monthly newsletters/diary dates and other letters will be emailed. Newsletters are saved on the school website.

If you are still unsure about anything, you can also phone the school office between 8:00am - 4:00 pm on 01623 480440 or speak to the class teacher/TA at the end of the day.

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



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Diary Dates

Spring Term 2026



Date	Event
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
26.02.2026	Y6 African Drumming
Week beginning: 02.03.2026	
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 – Football Week	
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
26.03.2026	2:30pm Rocksteady Concert for parents/carers of children taking part in Rocksteady – more details to follow
27.03.2026	1:45pm 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 Easter Holidays 2026
are:**

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