



Newlands Junior School



Newsletter 2026

As we come towards the end of our Spring term, I would like to thank all the parents/carers and grandparents who have attended events this year. The children love having you come in and it is warming to see the support you give.

Mrs A. Castledine
Head Teacher

*Be proud
of who
you are*

Football

Congratulations to our girl's football team who have made it through to the semi-final of the cup after winning 4-3. They showed great teamwork and skill and we are extremely proud of their achievements.



Reading

This term **114 children** reached the target of 100 reads. This is a fantastic achievement. Please remember to continue listening to your child read at least 5 times a week and writing this in the home/school diary.



Attendance

Attendance is continuing to improve and is currently at 95%. We have been set a government target of 95.7% for the year, so we do still have a long way to go. Whilst we understand children pick up illnesses and we have children in school with medical issues, we need to work together to ensure they are in school whenever possible. If you are concerned your child may not feel well, please inform the office and we can monitor them and ring you if necessary. If your child's attendance is around the 80% mark that means they are missing one day every two weeks, which is a lot of learning and opportunities to socialise with friends. We are proud to say this term we have 93 pupils achieving 100% attendance and 75 with 96+. Well done to these pupils.



SATS preparation

This week our Year 6s have done their final mock SATs papers. The improvement in their scores was amazing. They are showing a positive work ethic and determination to do well. Over the Easter break, try to encourage your child to complete some of the learning sent home or use the online apps for 15 minutes every day. The children will then still have 23 hours and 45 minutes to enjoy their break.

Times Tables Tests

In Year 4, our pupils sit a compulsory times table's assessment, which is carried out in schools across the country during a two week period beginning Monday 1st June.

A solid knowledge of times tables is vital for so many maths concepts e.g. division, fractions and problem solving. Please help us to ensure your child is ready for this test by revising at home for example using Times Tables Rock Stars and other available apps.



P.T.A (Parent Teacher Association)

As we move into the Summer term, we will be looking for new members to join our Newlands Helping Hands group who do an amazing job raising extra funds for school. Money raised has recently been used to purchase an incredible outdoor learning shelter for pupils. When budgets are tight, this extra funding is invaluable. If you can offer any support, please speak to Mrs Underwood who would value your time.



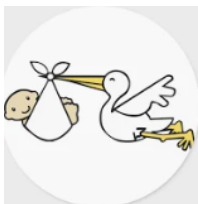
Parent governors

I am pleased to say we finally have two new parent governors. A huge thank you to Miss Evans and Mrs Houston who will be helping to support staff and other governors providing the best opportunities for our pupils and families.



Mrs Matthews

Many of you have been asking after Mrs Matthews. She is currently off sick. We wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs green is covering in class 1 so fortunately the children have continuity.



Mr Freeman

Mr Freeman and his partner are expecting a baby in May. Mr Freeman will be taking 2-weeks paternity leave once baby arrives. During this time there will be no Football or Multi-skills afterschool clubs. We expect this to be at the beginning of May. We will send text messages out once we know more on the exact dates.



School expectations

At Newlands we pride ourselves on the high expectations and standards that we set for our school community. We continuously strive to enable our pupils to be the very best responsible citizens we know they are capable of.

In order to achieve this, we would like to remind you that:

- Homework should be completed weekly and children should read a minimum of 5 times every week (recorded in the school diary). Books and diaries need to be in school every day.
- Pupils are to only have water in their bottles to drink throughout the day and need to bring a healthy snack for breaktime.
- Jewellery is to be kept to a minimum - one small stud in each ear and a watch. This is for health and safety reasons, particularly when children are playing outside or doing PE.
- Smart watches are not to be worn in school as they often have cameras/calculators which are not permitted and also, they are expensive items which we cannot be responsible for in school.
- Dyed hair and make-up are not needed – children should be children and they have many years ahead for such things.
- E-scooters, which are illegal on public land, are not to be brought onto school property.
- Correct uniform is to be worn daily including the school tie and black shoes. (We will inform you when ties are available to purchase again.)
- Black/navy joggers and sweatshirt as well as a white polo shirt or T shirt are to be worn on PE days without logos. Such items can be bought very cheaply in supermarkets and local stores.



Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely Easter break before we look forward to our Summer term.

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



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Diary Dates

Summer Term 2026



Date	Event
Week beginning 13.04.2026	
13.04.2026	Children start back to school
Week beginning 20.04.2026 – after school clubs begin this week	
23.04.2026	12 Y5/6 children to World Cup Football - more details to follow
Week beginning: 27.04.2026	
30.04.2026	10 children to gymnastics competition - more details to follow
01.05.2026	Mini marathon at 1:30pm - more details to follow
Week beginning: 04.05.2026	
04.05.2026	May Day – school closed
07.05.2026	12 children to Teambuilding Y3/4 - more details to follow
Week beginning: 11.05.2026 – SATs week: SATs breakfast	
11.05.2026	Y6 GPS SATs paper
12.05.2026	Y6 Reading SATs paper
13.05.2026	Y6 Maths SATs papers 1&2
13.05.2026	12 Y3/4 children to World Cup Football - more details to follow
14.05.2026	Y6 Maths SATs paper 3
14.05.2026	Y6 photos during afternoon
Week beginning: 18.05.2026 – Anti-knife Crime Week and Outdoor learning Week	
19.05.2026	30 Y4/5 children to Athletics Challenge - more details to follow
20.05.2026	30 Y5/6 children to Cricket Festival - more details to follow
25.05.2026 – 31.05.26 MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	
Week beginning: 01.06.2026 – Y4 Multiplication Checks carried out this week	
01.06.2026	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
02.06.2026	School opens
04.06.2026	Y3 visit to the church
04.06.2026	10am – 12:30pm Y6 First Aid training from The Red Cross
Week beginning: 08.06.2026 – Y4 Multiplication Checks carried out this week	
09.06.2026	Y4 visit to Bomber Command - more details to follow
Week beginning: 15.06.2026	
15.06.2026	Y5 Safety Awareness Event at Vicars Water - more details to follow
17.06.2026	12pm Picnic followed at 1pm by Sports Day - more details to follow
Week beginning: 22.06.2026	
24.06.2026	Y6 visit to Galleries of Justice - more details to follow
25.06.2026	Y5 visit to the church
Week beginning: 29.06.2026	
29.06.2026 – 03.07.2026	Y5 Bikeability - more details to follow
30.06.2026	Y4 visit to the church
30.06.2026	Y6 Moving on Workshop with Mr Darlington
01.07.2026	1:30pm Summer Fair - more details to follow
Week beginning: 06.07.2026	
06.07.2026 – 09.07.2026	Y5 Bikeability - more details to follow
06.07.2026 – 08.07.2026	Y6 Transition days to Garibaldi School – any child not going to Garibaldi in September will come to school as usual.
06.07.2026	Y4 (20 children) sing WW2 songs at Clipstone Hall Lodge

07.07.2026	Whole school transition morning, John T children stay all day at Newlands.
07.07.2026	2:30pm New parents meeting for Y2 children who will be in Y3 in September
07.07.2026	Y2/3 Potted Sports pm
07.07.2026	KS2 SATs results out
08.07.2026	Y4/5 Potted Sports am
Week beginning: 13.07.2026	
13.07.2026	Y5 visit to Perlethorpe - more details to follow
13.07.2026	9:30am Y6 Play dress rehearsal to Y3, Y4 & Y2s from JTR
14.07.2026	1:45pm Y6 play performance for parents/carers (Y3 children support) - more details to follow
15.07.2026	1:45pm Y6 play performance for parents/carers (Y4 children support) - more details to follow 6pm Y6 play performance for parents/carers (Y5 children return to school to support Y6) - more details to follow
17.07.2026	2:15pm Celebration and Superstars Assembly for parents/carers - more details to follow Reports sent home today including reviewed support plans.
Week beginning: 20.07.2026	
21.07.2026	Y3 last swimming session.
21.07.2026	Y6 Leavers Disco 3-5pm
22.07.2026	Y4 visit to Veolia Recycling - more details to follow
24.07.2026	9am Y6 Leaver's Assembly - more details to follow 2:30pm Y6 Water fight against staff - more details to follow CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS TODAY
Week beginning: 27.07.2026	
27.07.2026	INSET DAY
Monday 31st August – BANK HOLIDAY Tuesday 1st September – INSET DAY Children return to school on Wednesday 2nd September 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 for the Summer Term 2026 are:

Year 3 Tuesday and Friday
Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5 Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6 Wednesday (&Friday (2nd June 2026))