NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

Newlands Junior School
We are Proud

I would like to say a massive well done to our Year 6 students for their fantastic attitude towards their SATs last week. Everyone tried their very best, showing determination, resilience and positivity. Thank you also to all the staff who supported them through the week.



The Year 4s will be taking their multiplication tests commencing on 5th June. The children have been preparing for this and should be feeling confident. Please spend 10 minutes each day in the build up practising times tables so they can do the best they can.

This year we have been working on our rapid recall skills within maths. These have been stuck into the pupil's homework books and we encourage pupils to spend some time practising a few of these each week. There are extra DOJOs to be collected for pupils putting in that little bit of extra effort.



Our football teams have continued to succeed in their matches. The girls have played 6 and won 5. The boys have played 5 winning 4. Thank you to those parents who have been able to transport pupils to matches and offer their support on the touchline.



Recently, some pupils have become a little lazy with their school uniform – no tie, trainers or just incorrect items. Uniform is enforced to ensure pupils are the same and not competing with designer brands. It is also part of the identity of the school and we should be displaying this with pride. Please ensure pupils are wearing the correct clothes every day. If you are struggling, we have a uniform bank with many items like new that you are free to take. Please pop into the office if you would like to look. There are still almost 10 weeks until we break up for Summer. This is over a quarter of the year and is too early to be without the correct uniform.



This week Mrs Boulton has organised an Aspirations week for our pupils. We have many guest speakers who will be talking about their jobs and looking to inspire pupils into their professions. Thank you to everyone who has given up their time. we will be ending the week with a special visit from Doggie Day Care.



During the week commencing 4th June we will be carrying out our work around knife crime. This is a huge problem in our society currently and the work we carried out last year was very impactful. All work is age appropriate e.g. in years 3 and 4 it is around good and toxic friendships, peer pressure and making choices.



The children are continuing to support local charities. We still have the trolley in reception for the foodbank. Please donate a few tins or packets if you are able.

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of another half term. Next half term is always a busy one so please continue to read newsletters and check the school website/Facebook page. Ensure you are signed up to Marvellous Me for class messages.

Have a lovely break and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Castledine