

Newlands Junior School



Newsletter 2025

A message from Mrs Castledine: I would like to welcome everyone back to school and hope you have had a lovely Summer break.

Welcome to our new pupils and families. We hope your time with us will be both successful and enjoyable. We are here to help make happy, confident, proud and respectful pupils. We pride ourselves in working closely with families. If you have any concerns, please speak to the class teacher/TA who work with your child daily.

We hope you feel privileged and proud to be part of Newlands.

Medical Conditions: Please ensure school is kept up to date with any medical conditions and allergies.

If your child has asthma, they must have an inhaler in school at all times.

If they have allergies and would like a school dinner a meeting will be arranged with our school cook.



Our Reading Expectations: At Newlands, we have high expectations for all pupils.

One of the best tools to success is being able to read fluently and understand what we have read.

We ask that our pupils read 5 or more times at home in a week. This can be 5 minutes before bed or a nice time snuggling on the sofa and sharing a book.

Please remember to sign/initial the diary which needs to be in school every day. Please also sign the home/school agreement in the front of the diary.



Communication: All our correspondence at Newlands is via email or text. We are trialling a weekly bulletin which will inform you of the events for the following week.

Diary dates are attached to each monthly newsletter and can also be found on our school website.

Texts are sent as reminders and these will also be added to Facebook. This is a private group so please ensure you complete the questions in order to be accepted into the group. Please keep this information to refer to or look on the website.

Teachers will also message parents via Marvellous Me, so please ensure you are logged on to this app.



Uniform: The children have returned to school looking very smart. Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform every day and remember our colours are red and grey, not black.

Please do not purchase pencil skirts for school, or skirts that are too short, as children have to sit cross legged in assembly and are so uncomfortable with their underwear on show.

Please also ensure PE shorts are an appropriate length. Shoes with a strap or laces are the safest as children go out skipping and carry out active minutes daily.

Please put names in uniform, particularly coats, jumpers/cardigans as we already have a collection that have been lost.



Attendance and Punctuality: We all know children need to be in school every day to make the best progress and develop social skills.

Please ensure school is informed before 8:30 if your child is too ill to attend. If it is just a sore throat or snuffle, send them in and we will contact you if they are too unwell to stay.

We have a minimum target of 96% for each child. If the whole school achieves this minimum target a reward will be organised by the school governors.

Also, please arrive on time. It is difficult for children to walk into lessons which have already started and learning does start straight away in the morning.



Our School Values: Our school values are very important to us as they help to shape our pupils into caring, responsible young people.

This is the most important thing we can do for our pupils as we prepare them for their future roles in society.

We focus on 4 main areas – **PRIDE, RESPECT, KINDNESS** and **RESPONSIBILITY**.

Within these there will be weekly targets including the British Values, inclusion and equality.

We are proud of our pupils' positive and respectful attitudes in school and want them to display this throughout their lives.



Vacancy for Governors: We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor. This is a rewarding role which can help to shape the future of the school. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact the office.



Lockdown: Whilst at school, safety is always our number one priority.

We carry out fire practices and lock down practices each term so children are aware of the procedures should an incident occur. These are explained to the children without creating worry and are procedures that all organisations must follow.



Afterschool Clubs: This week we will be sending out forms for you to complete if your child would like to attend one of our afterschool clubs.

These are very popular therefore sometimes we have to create a waiting list. If your child receives a place this half term, you will receive confirmation. If you don't hear they will get a place later in the year. All children must attend the club unless we receive a call from a parent/carer as we will be responsible for the children until 4:05.



Our new Outdoor Shelter: Over the summer holidays we have had workers at the school building our new outdoor shelter.

With the monies we raised at our summer fair, we were able to use this to go towards paying for this vital piece of outdoor equipment for the children to enjoy. So, a huge thank you to everyone that helped make this possible



Should you have any concerns during your child's time at Newlands, please inform the class teacher so we can work together to fully support you and your child.

Thank you, Mrs Castledine

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

Diary Dates



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Autumn Term 2025



Date	Event
Week beginning 01.09.2025	
01.09.2025	INSET DAY
02.09.2025	Children start back to school
07.09.2025	Y6 go on residential to Hagg Farm - more details to follow this week
Week beginning: 08.09.2025	
08.09.2025 - 10.09.2025	Y6 Residential to Hagg Farm. Children return by lunchtime on 10 th and go home. Those Y6 children not going on residential to attend school as usual.
Week beginning: 15.09.2025	
Week beginning: 22.09.2025	
25.09.2025	Y3 parents/carers invited to have lunch at 11:30am with their children - more details to follow
Week beginning: 29.09.2025	
29.09.2025	Whole school photos - more details to follow
30.09.2025 – 03.10.2025	Scholastic Book Fair in school - more details to follow
Week beginning: 06.10.2025 – Mock SATs week Y6	
06.10.2025	3:30pm Y6 SATs meeting for parents
10.10.2025	#HelloYellow (linked to World mental Health Day) Y4 Charity - more details to follow
Week beginning: 13.10.2025	
14.10.2025	Y5 faith visit (Sikh Gurdwara) to The Open Centre, Derby - more details to follow
15.10.2025	Y4 Visit to The Collection, Lincoln - more details to follow
16.10.2025	Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Clipstone – parents/carers welcome 9:30am – 10am Y3 and Y4 10:30 – 11am Y5 and Y6
16.10.2025	School closes.
17.10.2025	INSET DAY
18.10.2025 – 02.11.2025	OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS
Week beginning: 03.11.2025	
03.11.2025	School opens
07.11.2025	Y3 faith visit (Hinduism) to The Open Centre, Derby - more details to follow
Week beginning: 10.11.2025 – Anti-Bullying Week	
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 - more details to follow
12.11.2025	Parents' evening 2-6pm – appointment letters sent out nearer the time.
14.11.2025	Children in Need Y3 Charity - more details to follow 2:15pm Mental Health & Anti-Bullying Week assembly for parents/carers
Week beginning: 17.11.2025	
17.11.2025	9 – 9:45am Y3 Maths Workshop in classrooms for parents/carers - more details to follow
18.11.2025	9 – 9:45am Y5 Maths Workshop in classrooms for parents/carers - more details to follow
19.11.2025	9 – 9:45am Y4 Maths Workshop in classrooms for parents/carers - more details to follow
20.11.2025	9 – 9:45am Y6 Maths Workshop in classrooms for parents/carers - more details to follow

21.11.2025	Children wear non uniform in return for bringing in sweets for the Christmas Fayre
Week beginning: 24.11.2025	
Week beginning: 01.12.2025 – Mock SATs week Y6	
02.12.2025	9 – 11:30am Y4 Christmas Workshop delivered by Mr Darlington
04.12.2025	1:45pm Christmas Fayre - more details to follow
Week beginning: 08.12.2025	
08.12.2025	9 – 10:30am Y3 Grandparent's Christmas craft workshop with bacon butties - more details to follow
09.12.2025	9 – 10:30am Y4 Grandparent's Christmas craft workshop with bacon butties - more details to follow
10.12.2025	9 – 10:30am Y6 Grandparent's Christmas craft workshop with bacon butties - more details to follow
11.12.2025	9 – 10:30am Y5 Grandparent's Christmas craft workshop with bacon butties - more details to follow
11.12.2025	9 – 11:30am Y3 Christmas Workshop delivered by Mr Darlington
Week beginning: 15.12.2025	
15.12.2025	2:15pm Superstars Assembly - parents/carers of those children who have been chosen to receive a Superstars award will be invited to this assembly. 3:05pm Celebration of Learning – parents/carers are invited into your child's classroom to share the amazing learning they have been involved in this term.
16.12.2025	Children's Christmas dinner & toy afternoon – children are allowed to bring toys/games into school (no electronics, mobile phones, games consoles or anything that needs to be plugged in)
17.12.2025	Children's Christmas party day - more details to follow
18.12.2025	Christmas Service at All Saints Church – whole school (children only)
19.12.2025	1:30pm Carols around the tree – parents/carers welcome. We will be selling Christmas decorations made by your child. Children can go home after the carols with their parent/carer.
	Last day of term.
	Children return to school on Monday 5th January 2026

INSET DAYS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR ARE:

Monday 1st September 2025
Friday 17th October 2025
Friday 13th February 2026
Monday 1st June 2026
Monday 27th July 2026

PE days for 1st half term are:
Year 3 Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5 Monday and Tuesday
Year 6 Wednesday and Friday

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>