



Newlands Junior School Newsletter April 2025

Welcome back to our summer term. This is always our busiest term with lots of family events so keep checking your diary dates, the school website calendar, texts/emails, Marvellous Me and Facebook.

Reading

We have now purchased the online reading app called Get Epic where children can choose from a multitude of books to read. All children have a login they can use at home. If your child is reading an online book, please ensure this is recorded in the home/school diary as this will count towards their 100 reads. The children are working towards the chance to participate in our end of term treat and must read at least 5 times every week including school holidays. Further details will be included in Mrs. Matthews reading newsletter.



Attendance

Our attendance is currently at 95.7% which is above the national figures. I have been pleased to see that the vast majority of children and their families have been working very hard to ensure they are in school every day possible and understand how important this is. Our target for the year, 96%, is within our reach.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



Sadly, we have an increasing number of children arriving late each morning. Lessons start at 8.35 and it is very stressful for children when they miss the beginning. It is good manners to arrive on time and is a life value. Once children move to secondary school, an after-school detention is given to children who are late so it is worth fostering those good habits now. Please try to ensure your child is on time every day.

PE

PE will be outside this term where possible so please ensure children have on the appropriate PE uniform (navy or black unbranded sweatshirt/joggers if it is cooler and navy or black PE shorts and white polo shirt/T shirt in warmer weather). Often children take off their jackets during the lesson so PLEASE ensure names are written inside so they can be returned when lost.

PE days are as follows:

Year 3 Tuesday (swimming) & Friday

Year 4 Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 Wednesday & Friday

Year 6 Wednesday (after SATs) and Thursday

Children who are attending after school sports clubs will also need to come in PE kits on those days.

There are times when PE days may have to change. You will always be informed via Marvellous Me or Text To Parents if this happens, so PLEASE ensure you are signed up to these.



Times Tables Tests

A reminder that the Year 4 times table's assessment, which is carried out in schools across the country, will take place during the weeks beginning Monday 2nd June and Monday 9th 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 practicing at home e.g.

using Times Tables Rock Stars and other available apps. If your child is in year 3, they will take part in this assessment next year and those year 6s preparing for their SATs are really noticing how important their times table knowledge really is.



Breakfast Club

Due to the popularity of our breakfast club, please ensure your child has their place booked via Eduspot. If you are booked in and will no longer be attending, please inform the office so someone else can have this space.



School dinners



Please remember school dinners have increased to £3.16 and need to be paid for in advance via Eduspot. Please look at the new menu to ensure your child likes the dinner or is willing to try it before you pay as we are having a few instances where children are not wanting to eat what is available.



Date	Event
Week beginning 21.04.2025	
21.04.2025	EASTER MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
22.04.25	Children start back to school
25.04.2025	Mini marathon 1:30pm – children only
Week beginning: 28.04.2025 – after school clubs begin this week	
01.05.2025	KS2 Inclusive Multi-skills WNC (pm)
Week beginning: 05.05.2025	
05.05.2025	MAY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY
06.05.2025	School opens
08.05.2025	Outdoor Learning Day
Week beginning: 12.05.2025 – Y6 SATs week & SATs breakfast	
12.05.2025	Y6 GPS SATs paper
13.05.2025	Y6 Reading SATs paper
13.05.2025	Y3 & Y4 Teambuilding at WNC (pm)
14.05.2025	Y6 Maths SATs papers 1&2
15.05.2025	Y6 Maths SATs paper 3 Y6 photos during afternoon
Week beginning: 19.05.2025 – Anti-knife Crime Week	
26.05.2025 – 30.05.25 MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAYS	
Week beginning: 02.06.2025 – Y4 Multiplication Checks carried out this week	
02.06.2025	School opens
05.06.2025	Y6 Body Image Workshop delivered by Mental Health Support Team Y6 First Aid Workshop
Week beginning: 09.06.2025 – Y4 Multiplication Checks carried out this week	
10.06.2025	Y6 Moving On Workshop
11.06.2025	Y6 visit to Galleries of Justice - more details to follow
Week beginning: 16.06.2025	
16.06.2025	Y5 & Y6 girls cricket day - more details to follow
17.06.2025	Y4 visit to Bomber Command - more details to follow
17.06.2025	Y3 tennis festival - more details to follow
Week beginning: 23.06.2025 – Aspirations Week	
23.06.2025	3:30pm Y5 Hagg Farm Residential parents meeting
25.06.2025	12pm Picnic followed at 1pm by Sports Day - more details to follow
Week beginning: 30.06.2025	
01.07.2025	3:30pm New parents meeting for Y2 children who will be in Y3 in September - more details to follow
02.07.2025	Y6 Transition Day 1 to Garibaldi School – any child not going there in September will come to school as usual.
03.07.2025	Y6 Transition Day 2 to Garibaldi School – any child not going there in September will come to school as usual. Whole school transition morning. Y2 children stay at Newlands for lunch.

04.07.2025 – 17.07.25	Y6 Bikeability - more details to follow
Week beginning: 07.07.2025	
09.07.2025	Y5 visit to Perlethorpe - more details to follow
10.07.2025	1:30pm Summer Fair - more details to follow
Week beginning: 14.07.2025	
16.07.2025	Potted Sports, including Y2s (Y2/3 am, Y4/5 pm)
18.07.2025	2:15pm Celebration and Superstars Assembly for parents/carers - more details to follow Reports sent home today.
Week beginning: 21.07.2025	
21.07.2025	9:30am Y6 Play dress rehearsal to whole school & Y2s from JTR
22.07.2025	Last swimming session for Y3 1:45pm Y6 play performance for parents/carers (Y3 children support) - more details to follow
23.07.2025	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
24.07.2025	Reading Fest – reading reward day for those children who have reached 75 reads.
24.07.2025	3:30 – 5pm Y6 Leaver’s Disco - more details to follow
25.07.2025	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
28.07.2025	INSET DAY
29.07.2025	INSET DAY
Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd September 2025	

INSET DAYS FOR THE REST OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR ARE:

Monday 28th July 2025
Tuesday 29th July 2025

INSET DAYS FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR ARE:

Monday 1st September 2025
Friday 17th October 2025
Friday 13th February 2026
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>