

Newlands Junior School



Newsletter 2025

Staffing: As the year draws to an end, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Redford who will be leaving to complete his teacher training. He has been a huge part of Newlands for five years and will be missed. We would like to thank him for everything he has done for the school during his time here. We will also be welcoming a new teacher to year three, Mrs Green. The children had a very successful transition morning in their new classes last week and everyone is looking forward to September.

Class	Teacher	TA
1	Mrs Matthews /Mrs Green	Ms Davies /Mrs Brewer
2	Miss McKay	Miss Walters
3	Mrs Martin	Mrs Furmage
4	Mrs Boulton	Miss Wild
5	Mr Robinson	Ms Thornton
6	Ms Elliott/Miss Redman	Mrs Sizer
7	Miss Wells	Mrs Gibbs
8	Miss Coupe /Mrs Gregory	Mrs O’Gorman



SATs Results: Well done to all of our year 6 pupils who received their SATs results on Tuesday. Although those achieving the expected standards is slightly lower than usual for Newlands, the progress from KS1 is exceptional. Several pupils also scored 98 or 99 out of a hundred, so close to the pass mark. We are all so proud of their achievements. A big thank you to all of the staff who worked hard to ensure the children are truly ready for their journey to secondary school.

	School at expected at KS1	School Achieved 2025	Difference to KS1	2025 national	Difference to 2025 national
Reading	47%	71%	+24%	75%	-4%
Writing	51%	85%	+34%	72%	+13%
SPAG		70%		73%	-3%
Maths	51%	75%	+24%	74%	+1%
RWM	50%	63%	+13%	62%	+1%



Readfest: The Children will be enjoying their Readfest reward next week. We are hoping that 203 children will participate which is an amazing accomplishment. We hope those positive reading habits will continue next year as this is such an important aspect of learning. Children need to read a minimum of five times per week. Diaries must be signed and in school every day, particularly Mondays when reads are counted.



Attendance and Lates: Unfortunately, our attendance is 95.5% another low for Newlands. Good attendance is vital both for children's academic progress and their social interactions. We will be closely monitoring children who fall below our target of 96% and trying to improve individual attendance. Please work with us to ensure your child is in school every day possible. We are always here to support with attendance, so if you have any issues, please speak with us.

Well done to those **71 children** who achieved 100% attendance this term and the **20** who attended every single day this year. What an amazing accomplishment.

We have also had a huge issue with lates this year. 163 hours 10 minutes of learning have been lost by 65 children. It is uncomfortable for children walking into lessons once they have started and difficult to know what is happening if the start of the lesson has been missed. Please make a big effort to be on time next year.



Year 6: Once again, it is time to say goodbye to our year sixes. It is always a proud moment for us when we see our pupils grow into confident, young adults who are prepared for the next stage of their journey. For those of you who have no further children at Newlands, we wish your families well for the future. For others with younger siblings, we look forward to continuing our work together.



Summer Fair: Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair with donations as well as attending on the day. We were able to raise an amazing £1,635. A Big thank you to Mrs Underwood and other staff members who helped as well as our Helping Hands PTA. This money will be used to purchase further outdoor shelter and play equipment as requested by the children.

Year 6 will also experience an enjoyable end of school treat with a trip to Vicar Water, pizza and ice-creams paid for with the incredible £400 raised from their Fiver Challenge.



Questionnaires: Thank you to those of you who completed our parent/carer questionnaire this year, a staggering 178 were received and were very positive. It is lovely to see your appreciation for the hard work and dedication that go into your children. Please remember, if you do have any concerns particularly regarding your child's safety and well-being, you must follow these up by speaking to a member of staff. We will reflect on your responses, always striving to improve.



Football: It has been an incredible year for our school football teams. There are still matches to play in the boys football league. The girls reached the final of the cup where they just missed out, losing 2-0, a remarkable achievement. We are proud of the way the teams played together, showing commitment and resilience. Thank you Mr. Freeman for coaching our teams.



Hagg Farm: Please make sure that you have paid in full by the end of the term (if you have any problems doing this, please contact the school office). We have **52** children going on residential this year (almost the entire year group!). It will be an amazing opportunity for the children to consolidate and create new friendships which will support them throughout year 6 and beyond. We will be sending out an information letter on the first day of term in September.



Uniform: Please ensure children have the correct uniform for September. Refer to the school website if you are unsure. Remember: skirts, pinafores, shorts and trousers are grey (no leggings/jeans).

Black sensible school shoes should be worn except on PE/club days, as well as a shirt and tie and red woollen jumper/cardigan. On PE days shorts, T shirts and tracksuits must be plain (no logos or brands).

The PE days for September are:

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



A message from Mrs Castledine: Enjoy a happy and safe Summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September (sorry, except Y6).

Mrs Castledine and everyone at Newlands

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



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Diary Dates

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	
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	
15.10.2025	Y4 Visit to The Collection, Lincoln - more details to follow
16.10.2025	Harvest Festival at the church – 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
04.11.2025	Y6 faith visit (Islam) to The Open Centre, Derby - more details to follow
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
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	
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 this term are:

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

[More diary dates will follow in September 2025](#)