

Newlands Junior School



News Letter 2025



We are expecting the lovely weather to continue so please ensure children have sun cream on, and bring a water bottle and a hat to school every day.



Inspection: This week an inspector from Notts County Council came to review our practice at Newlands. The children were amazing and were a real credit to themselves, their families and their school. It was definitely a very proud moment. When asked by the inspector what makes Newlands so special, the children said the staff who work here. It was lovely to receive this recognition from them as everyone here goes above and beyond for our pupils and their families. I would like to thank the staff for their dedication and to thank you as parents and carers for your continued support. It is a real team effort and for this to be recognised makes it all worth-while.



Multiplication Check: A huge well done to our Year 4 pupils who took their multiplication check last week. They did exceptionally well and worked so hard to prepare. Your child's score will be included in the end of year school report.



Foodbank: As part of our ongoing charity work, we are supporting Sherwood Forest foodbank. Children are encouraged to bring in one food item each month. Please put this in the shopping trolley in reception. Thank you to those of you who have already donated.



Sports Day:



Over the final five weeks of the school year, we have a packed calendar with Sports Day, Summer Fair, Year 6 production and the reading reward to name a few. We have made the decision to change our Sports Day to the morning on Wednesday 25th June to protect our children from potential sun burn/heat-stroke. Races will take place at 9.30 and the picnic lunch will be at 11.30. Children will stay in school in the afternoon. You should have received notification of the colour team your child is in. Please can your child wear a t-shirt in this colour if possible, otherwise wear usual PE kit.

Readingfest: We now have everything booked and in place for our Readingfest which will take place on the 24th of July. The children have been working hard to reach their 75 reads so they are able to take part in this reward. Please continue to ensure children read at least five times a week, diaries are signed and in school every day. Children can read anything at home – school book, their own book, online book, recipes, instructions – all reading is valuable and creates lovely 1-1 time at home also.



Summer Fair: Our Summer Fair will be held on Thursday 10th July. A Helping Hands meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th June, to organise this fabulous event. We have some valuable regulars who help with school events. If you have time to give, please join us. Further information will be sent out about donations soon. Children may wear non uniform on Monday 23rd June in exchange for sweets and chocolates for the fair. The money we are raising supports school in purchasing those little extras. This year we are raising funds for play equipment and an outdoor shelter on the playing field.



Year 6 Production: The Year 6 Production The Pirates of the Curry Bean begins on Tuesday 22nd July at 1:45 pm, with Year 3 children singing in the choir. The second performance is on Wednesday 23rd July at 1:45 pm, with Year 4 children singing in the choir. The final performance is on Wednesday 23rd July at 6:00 pm, with Year 5 children singing in the choir. Tickets are £1 available from the school office from Monday 30th June.



Class Transition Dates: Year 6 pupils moving to Garibaldi have two planned transition days on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd July. Pupils will make their own way to Garibaldi on those days and must wear school uniform. On Thursday 3rd July, pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will spend the morning in their new classrooms with their new teachers and teaching assistants.



A message from Mrs Castledine: Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events in school in our final weeks.

Mrs Castledine

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



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Diary Dates Summer Term 2025



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

PE days for Summer Term are:

Year 3 Tuesday and Friday
Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5 Wednesday and Friday
Year 6 Thursday
(after SATs Y6 will also have Wednesday)

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>