

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2023-2024

March 2024

DATE	EVENT
Friday 1 st	Cricket Taster Sessions
5 th – 8 th	Beech Residential
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th	Books & Bacon – Details to Follow
W/B 11 th	Science Week
Thursday 14 th	Hot Air Balloon Visit
Thursday 14th	Beech Class Taster Day - The Corsham School
Friday 15 th	Comic Relief / Red Nose day
Monday 18th	Maple Class – The Corsham School – Matilda Performance
Friday 22 nd	KS2 Intra House Rugby Tournament
Tuesday 26 th	Oak – Phonics Briefing – 2.45pm
Thursday 28 th	Parent End of Term 4 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 21st	Hazel Class Assembly
Friday 29 th	Easter Break

April 2024

DATE	EVENT
Monday 1 st	Academy Conversion to Mosaic Partnership trust
Monday 15 th	Term 5 Starts
W/B 15 th	Workshare Sessions
Thursday 18 th	Hazel Class to Stonehenge

May 2024

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 9 th	Willow Class to Butterfly World
Friday 10th	Class & Yr 6 Leavers Photos
Monday 13 th	KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 23 rd	Reports out to Parents
Friday 24 th	Parent End of Term 5 Celebration Assembly
Friday 24 th	School Games Day
Monday 27 th	Half Term

June 2024

Monday 3 rd	INSET- school closed
Tuesday 4 th	Term 6 Starts
W/B 3 rd	Chestnut – Multiplication Tables Check
W/B 10 th	Oak – Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 11 th	Parents' Evening Consultation Appointments
Thursday 13 th	Parents' Evening Consultation Appointments
17 th – 19 th	Chestnut - Braeside Residential

July 2024

DATE	EVENT
W/B 1 st	Workshare Sessions
W/B 8 th	Meet the Teacher Sessions
W/B 15 th	Meet the Teacher Sessions
Tuesday 16 th	Beech Leavers Assembly (TBC)
Friday 19 th	KS2 Intra House Cricket Tournament
Tuesday 23 rd	Parent End of Term 6 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 24 th	INSET- school closed
Thursday 25 th	Summer Holidays – End of The Academic Year

New Dates Will Be Added In Red

Class assembly dates will be confirmed in next term's newsletter

Neston Primary School is committed to safeguarding all children

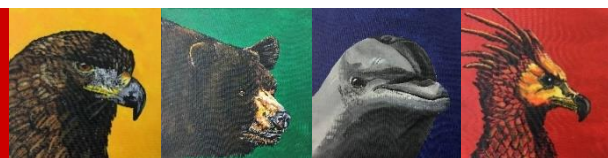
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Interim Headteacher: Mr Gary Risdale B.A., PGCE



REPORTING ABSENCE

Please could we remind parents of the following procedures for reporting your child absent:-

- If your child is absent from school, please call 01225 810478 and leave a brief explanation on the absence answerphone before 9.10am –**Please phone for every day of absence**
- If you need to notify us that your child will be absent due to an appointment please email the office admin@neston.wilts.sch.uk
- If you wish to request a leave of absence, please complete and return the relevant form (which can be obtained from the school office or online via <http://nestonprimary.co.uk/useful-links-forms>) which will then be passed to Mrs Evans for consideration.

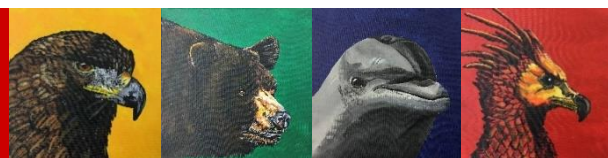
As part of our Safeguarding procedures, we will contact parents of those children who are not present for registration.

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



Percentage attendance	What this means for your child
98%	Excellent attendance that will contribute towards excellent learning and progress.
96-97%	Good attendance that will contribute towards good learning and progress.
93-95%	Average attendance & monitored closely
80-92%	Below average attendance that may begin to have an adverse effect on learning and progress. The school will closely monitor the absences and reasons for them. The Educational Welfare Officer may become involved and a school attendance meeting may take place.
Less than 80%	Very poor attendance that will have a negative effect on learning and progress. The Educational Welfare Officer will become involved in supporting the family to improve attendance.



Family and Community Learning

Who are we and what do we do?

Family and Community Learning (FaCL) offer adults a range of single-session and short courses taught online or at venues across Wiltshire.

Our courses are designed to enable adults to build confidence, gain new skills, reconnect with learning and take their next steps to further learning, volunteering or employment

Our courses cover a variety of topics including:

- Wellbeing and confidence building
- Skills for adults - English, ESOL, maths, IT, work-related skills
- Family skills - helping your child with learning and emotional wellbeing
- Independent living skills for adults with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Information about our courses can be found here: [What's On? - Work Wiltshire](#)

Who do we work with?

Our courses are funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Courses are no cost to learners who are 19+ and resident in UK/EU for 3+years* and live in Wiltshire, and if they can tick any one of these criteria:

- less than 5 GCSEs grades A-C
- in receipt of benefits
- military family
- family with SEN child
- are unemployed and seeking employment

*Adults with certain types of immigration status and their family members are also eligible to join our courses.

If you are unsure about eligibility, or if the person you are referring has any questions, please contact us for more information and support:

Call us: 01225 770478

Email: familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Website: <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Wiltsfamilylearning/



Family and Community Learning

UNDERSTANDING THE EARLY STAGES OF SCHOOL AVOIDANCE



Two hour,
online course

Taught by a friendly
tutor, plus Q & A with an
assistant psychologist

Free for eligible
learners

Free online course for parents and carers

Upcoming course dates

Wednesday 6 March 10am – 12pm

Joining our course:

Enrolment closes one week before the course start date.
For more information or to request a place, please contact:

familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

or call the team on 01225 770478. Please see our website for who can join our free courses: <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/important-information/>

This course covers:

- What is emotional based school avoidance, and its impact.
- Strategies to support with anxiety and worry.
- Advice on reasonable adjustments school can make to support good attendance.

Wiltshire Council



Feel confident to
help your child
learn



Online Family Courses 2024

Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience
Thursday 29 February 10am - 12 noon

Helping My Child Prepare Positively for Change
Thursday 7 March 10am - 12 noon

Course registration closes 7 days before start of each course

Our courses are free if you are 19+ and have been a resident in UK/EU for 3+ years (some immigration status are exempt from the 3-year residency requirement) and have a Wiltshire postcode, and if you can tick **any** of these criteria:

- have less than 5 GCSEs grades C/4
- are in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit)
- are a military family
- are a family with a child/children needing additional support
- are unemployed and looking for work

If you are unsure about eligibility, we are always happy to talk things through. Please get in touch with us via email at familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk or call the team on 01225 770478.



Wiltshire Council



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FoNS presents



Quiz Night

Friday 8th March

**7.30 FOR 8PM START
NESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL**

**£5 per person
Teams of 8 max
Grown-ups only!
Refreshments available**

email
sharon.people@gmail.com to
reserve your table

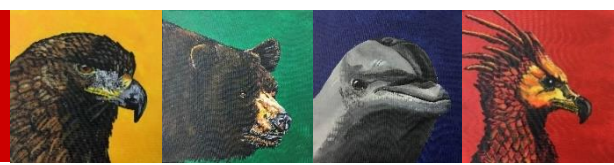
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FoNS events

2023-2024

GET IN TOUCH WITH
HARRIET@FRIENDSOFNESTONSCHOOL.ORG.UK
TO GET INVOLVED. WE NEED YOU!



Date	Event
Friday 8th March 7.30	Quiz - (grown ups only).
Friday 22nd March 3.15	Easter activities on school grounds. Parents/careers must attend! There will also be an opportunity to purchase pre-loved uniform
21st April	FoNS provide marshals for Corsham 10km
24th May - 2nd June	The fRUNdraiser. Get your trainers on and walk/run some miles for your House.
12 May (tbc)	Groundforce day - let's get those flowers planted and the grounds tidied ready for summer



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NESTON BARN DANCE

ONLY 100
TICKETS AVAILABLE!

Saturday 2nd March 2024

Neston Memorial Hall

Doors open 7pm for an 8pm start

£10 per ticket available here;

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/GM2VKDVEHVYYZ/checkout/CZ4BZDG5KA6JPOELUCOPMGXE>

BAR ON SITE – CARD ONLY

nestonbarndance@gmail.com

RAISING MONEY FOR NESTON PRESCHOOL & NESTON MEMORIAL HALL



Guides is a relaxed, welcoming space where girls can have fun, learn and be themselves with good friends from 10 to 14 years old.

Come along to find out more
Tuesday 19 March
7 – 8:30pm
Dandelion Café, Rudloe

www.girlguiding.org.uk

"We go on loads of adventures."

Josie

"You get lots of respect and to show who you really are."

Isla

"Guides is safe place for girls to be themselves and make new friends."

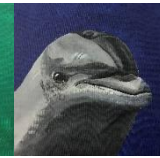
Bee

"It's really great and you learn lots of different things. Everyone's really friendly and whoever joins will have some of the best moments ever."

Mia

Guides

1st Neston and Box Guides



Hosted by Bradford on Avon Town Council

Disney
FROZEN
SING-ALONG EDITION

St Margaret's Hall
Sunday 3 March
doors open @ 2pm
film starts @ 2.30pm
£1 entry for adults
children under 18 free



School Dinners



Please can we remind you that meals need to be ordered at least one week in advance.

The **booking deadline is midnight on a Wednesday** and a text is sent out at 6pm on Wednesday every week.

If you miss the midnight deadline, ParentPay will not allow you to book meals for the following week. You will still be able to order for subsequent weeks, with the option to book for the whole term, if you wish.

If you do miss the booking deadline, you will need to provide a home packed lunch for the whole of the following week.

Our kitchen orders the food and prepares the meals based on the number of dinners booked on a Wednesday. This helps to reduce food wastage and keeps costs down, which is especially important with the current economic climate.

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PACKED LUNCH OPTIONS ARE FOR CHILDREN
IN KS2 ONLY (YEARS 3 TO 6)**



Children should come to school in their PE kit.

Willow – Tuesday
Oak – Monday & Thursday
Silver Birch – Wednesday & Friday
Hazel – Tuesday & Wednesday
Chestnut – Wednesday & Thursday
Maple – Tuesday & Friday
Beech – Tuesday & Friday

Maple and Beech classes should wear their school uniform on the days they have swimming



TERM DATES 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023						
M		4	11	18	25		M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	
Tu		5	12	19	26		Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	
W		6	13	20	27		W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th		7	14	21	28		Th		5	12	19	26		Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29		F		6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		
Sa	2	9	16	23	30		Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	3	10	17	24			Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su	5	12	19	26		

December 2023						January 2024						February 2024					
M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27
W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28
Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25		Th	1	8	15	22	29
F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26		F	2	9	16	23	
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Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28		Su	4	11	18	25	

March 2024						April 2024						May 2024					
M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		7	14	21	28
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June 2024						July 2024						August 2024					
M		3	10	17	24	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26
Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27
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Th		6	13	20	27	Th	4	11	18	25		Th	1	8	15	22	29
F		7	14	21	28	F	5	12	19	26		F	2	9	16	23	30
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	6	13	20	27		Sa	3	10	17	24	31
Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	7	14	21	28		Su	4	11	18	25	

Bank and Public Holidays 2023/2024

Christmas Day Holiday	25 th December 2023
Boxing Day Holiday	26 th December 2023
New Year's Holiday	1 st January 2024
Good Friday	29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	1 st April 2024
May Day Holiday	6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th August 2024

Term dates summary:

Term 1	34 days
Term 2	38 days
Term 3	27 days
Term 4	29 days
Term 5	29 days
Term 6	38 days
TOTAL	195 Days

KEY:

	School Holidays
	Bank & Public Holidays
	Inset Days (SCHOOL CLOSED)
	SATS week – Year 6

Staff Inset Days (SCHOOL CLOSED):

Term 1	September 1 st and 4 th 2023
Term 3	February 9 th
Term 6	June 3 rd & July 24 th



Please visit our website to view all the before and after school clubs that are on offer

<http://nestonprimary.co.uk/school-clubs>

Please note, in line with our *Safeguarding* and *Child Protection* policies, parents cannot remain on site during their child's club.



FoNS – Who We Are

Friends of Neston School (FoNS) formed in 1998 and registered as a charity in 2001 with the purpose to advance the education of the pupils at Neston School with two main aims:

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the School and advance the education of the pupils

We are always seeking ways to improve and evolve as your children progress through the school. We welcome any new ideas and suggestions for events.

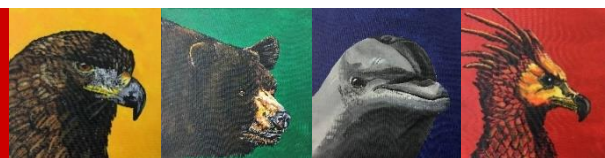
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Did you know that FoNS have their own Facebook page?

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Neston-School-711133625923126/>

Follow us for our school fundraising activities!

Dates and events will be added to the Newsletter once a they have been finalised.



MUSIC LESSONS

Did you know we have some amazing music teachers who offer private music tuition in piano and guitar?



Please visit our webpage for further details

<http://nestonprimary.co.uk/parents>



Please can we ask that parents are considerate of our neighbours and cautious where you park at drop off and pick up times. This includes leaving the bus stop free for the school bus and not blocking the entrance to the school car park, as this is required at all times.

Please also be mindful that cars leaving the car park cannot always see out onto the road clearly.

We thank you for your continued support in this matter.

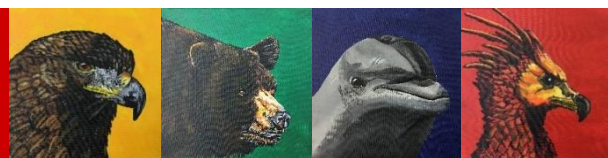
OUR SCHOOL DAY



8.30am	School Office Opens
8.45am	School Gates Unlocked
8.50am	Our school day starts. Children will be welcomed into class where an activity will be waiting for them.
9.00am	Registration
9.10am	Registration Closes / School Gates Locked
10.15am	KS1 Break / Snack Time
10.30am	KS2 Break / Snack Time
12.15 – 1.15pm	Lunchtime
3.15pm	School Gates Unlocked
3.15pm	Home Time
3.30pm	School Gates Locked & School Office Closes



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Please view our updated Facebook page to see celebrations of weekly learning:



<https://www.facebook.com/nestonschool/>

