



TERMLY NEWSLETTER

April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back! We look forward to an exciting term ahead and it was wonderful to see the children return to school this week.

I would like to state that I am extremely honoured and privileged to take on the position of substantive Head Teacher at Neston. I will continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs Evans and strive to create the best education for your child/children whilst they are members of our school family. Whilst I will miss my previous post in Bristol (where I led the school for many years), I am passionate in continuing the journey started at Neston. We have a hugely committed team, inspiring students and a community that rallies behind its school. I thank you all for your kind words and wishes over the course of the past two terms and I am excited for the school and its future.

Yours Sincerely,

G. Risdale

Mosaic Academy Trust



On April 1st, Neston (along with Box Primary) successfully converted to be the first group of schools joining Mosaic Academy Trust. I have personally worked with Andrew Best (CEO) and Geraldine Tidy (Director of Education) for many years and I am absolutely confident that they will offer Neston valuable support, essential collaboration with the other 11 schools whilst allowing us our autonomy and own strong identity. I will discuss academisation with the children next week and there will opportunities for the different schools to further link up as the terms progress. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have in relation to the process.



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April 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 1 st	Academy conversion to Mosaic Partnership Trust
Monday 15 th	Term 5 Starts
W/B 22 nd	Workshare Sessions
Thursday 18 th	Hazel Class trip to Stonehenge
Weds 24 th	Oak class assembly

May 2024	
DATE	EVENT
Thursday 9 th	Willow Class trip to Butterfly World
Friday 10 th	Class Photos
Monday 13 th	Silver Birch Westonbirt trip
Monday 13 th	KS2 SATs Week
Wednesday 22 nd	Silver Birch Class Assembly
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	
DATE	EVENT
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	Parent’s evening consultation appointments
Thursday 13 th	Parent’s 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



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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.



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)

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

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



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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		
Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	3	10	17	24		
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
W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24		W	1	8	15	22	29
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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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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.

facebook

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