



Neston Primary School

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Where Learning Adventures Begin...

NESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers

It has been another busy term! We have seen some incredible learning across all the classes as always. In particular, there has been some wonderful design and technology (DT) learning, with children making everything from felt pouches and planets to Greek temples and wheeled vehicles. Their use of textiles including sewing has progressed really well.

We have had a particular focus on Pupil Voice which involves Subject Leaders talking to a selection of children from all year groups about what they are learning and what they are most proud of. The children have demonstrated a really good understanding of how learning builds on learning and of the strategies they use to know more and remember more.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the class workshare sessions and we know that you are as proud of the children as we are.

The Year 6 children had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Stackpole and achieved things they never thought possible.

Year 3 visited Stonehenge as part of their history learning and we experienced a wonderful musical celebration performed by Stage Sensations.

This term, we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Heyde who has been a wonderful teaching assistant and midday supervisor. We wish her every success and happiness as she embarks on a brand-new adventure.

Thank you to the Neston Team who all pull together so strongly to ensure that children are taught well and kept safe.

And finally, a huge thank you for all your support this term and I wish you a very happy Easter.

With warmest wishes

P. Evans



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Neston Primary School is committed to safeguarding all children



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.



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 can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school premises. We'd be grateful if they could be kept back from the school gate too. Thank you



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2022-2023

MARCH 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Friday 31 st	Reports

APRIL 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 3 rd	Easter Break
Monday 17 th	Term 5 Starts

May 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday
Friday 5 th	Class Photos / Year 6 Leavers
W/C 8 th	KS2 SATs
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday–His Majesty’s Coronation
Friday 26 th	School Games Day
Monday 29 th	Half Term

JUNE 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 5 th	Term 6 Starts
Monday 12 th	Oak Workshare 2.45pm
Tuesday 13 th	Chestnut Workshare 2.45pm
Wednesday 14 th	Beech Workshare 8.50am
Wednesday 14 th	Silver Birch Workshare 2.45pm
Wednesday 14 th	Chestnut Braeside Residential
Thursday 15 th	Hazel Workshare 8.50am
Thursday 15 th	Willow Workshare 2.45pm
Friday 16 th	Maple Workshare 8.50am
Thursday 22 nd	Parents’ Evening
Tuesday 27 th	Parents’ Evening

JULY 2023	
DATE	EVENT
W/C 10 th TBC	Meet The Teacher Sessions
Tuesday 11 th	New Class Changeover
W/C 17 th TBC	Meet The Teacher Sessions
Tuesday 18 th	Beech Leavers Assembly
Monday 24 th	TD Day – School closed
Tuesday 25 th	TD Day – School closed
Wednesday 26 th	Summer Break

September 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Friday 1 st	TD Day – School Closed

New Dates Will Be Added In Red



September 2022							October 2022							November 2022						
M		5	12	19	26		M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	
Tu		6	13	20	27		Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28		W		5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	1	8	15	22	29		Th		6	13	20	27		Th	3	10	17	24		
F	2	9	16	23	30		F		7	14	21	28		F	4	11	18	25		
Sa	3	10	17	24			Sa	1	8	15	22	29		Sa	5	12	19	26		
Su	4	11	18	25			Su	2	9	16	23	30		Su	6	13	20	27		

December 2022							January 2023							February 2023						
M		5	12	19	26		M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	
Tu		6	13	20	27		Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	
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Sa	3	10	17	24	31		Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	4	11	18	25			Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su	5	12	19	26		

March 2023							April 2023							May 2023						
M		6	13	20	27		M		3	10	17	24		M	1	8	15	22	29	
Tu		7	14	21	28		Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu	2	9	16	23	30	
W	1	8	15	22	29		W		5	12	19	26		W	3	10	17	24	31	
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June 2023							July 2023							August 2023						
M		5	12	19	26		M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	
Tu		6	13	20	27		Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
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Bank and Public Holidays 2022/2023

Queen's State Funeral	19 th September 2022
Boxing Day Holiday	26 th December 2022
Christmas Day Holiday	27 th December 2022
New Years Holiday	2 nd January 2023
Good Friday	7 th April 2023
Easter Monday	10 th April 2023
May Day Holiday	1 st May 2023
His Majesty's Coronation	8 th May 2023
Spring Bank Holiday	29 th May 2023
Summer Bank Holiday	28 th August 2023

Term dates summary:

Term 1	35 days
Term 2	35 days
Term 3	29 days
Term 4	30 days
Term 5	29 days
Term 6	37 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	1 st & 2 nd September 2022
Term 3	3 rd January 2023
Term 6	24 th & 25 th July 2023



FREE

EASTER BUG HUNT



FIND THE BUGS!

From 01-26 April

Friendly little bugs are hiding in the windows of businesses and shops in Corsham's town centre. Find where those little bugs are hiding and you could win a great prize from Nature Nurture Kids.

Pick up an entry form from the Town Hall, the Tourist Information Centre and Automatic Comics/Corsham Toyshop, or download a copy at www.corsham.gov.uk





FAMILY LITTER PICK



Saturday 01 April 2023

Want to show your children how to make a difference in their community? Bring them along to Springfield Community Campus at 9am and take part in the Great British Spring Clean.

All the litter will be sorted and recycled at Corsham Recycling Hub if possible.

www.corsham.gov.uk



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WILTSHIRE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEARNING

**STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL
TUESDAY 25 APRIL 10:00-12:00**



5 x 2 hour online sessions



**The next chapter is going
to be amazing!**

THIS ONLINE COURSE WILL HELP YOU DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH EMOTIONS, UNDERSTAND HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD* WITH THE TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL, AND TO UNDERSTAND THE CHANGES AHEAD, AND TO PLAN FOR THEM. *SEN FAMILIES WELCOME

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

EXPLORE BARRIERS TO A SUCCESSFUL
TRANSITION, AND WAYS TO OVERCOME THEM
DEVELOP ENGLISH AND MATHS SKILLS AND
UNDERSTAND HOW TO SUPPORT WITH
HOME LEARNING

HOW TO USE POSITIVE PRAISE, SUPPORT WITH
ANXIETY AND DEVELOP COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Contact Details:

Email: Familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

Call: 01225 770478

Wiltshire Council

Courses are funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Learners must be 19+, resident in the UK for 3+yrs or be a military family member, have less than 5 GCSEs A-C, have a child with SEN and/or be in receipt of benefits or be unemployed. If you you're unsure about the criteria, we still may be able to help so please call if you have any questions.



FAMILY OPEN DAY

EVERYONE WELCOME

CHIPPENHAM SPORTS CLUB

Sunday 23rd April

11am - 4pm

**Entry Fee - Donation to
Enter**

Bristol Rd, SN15 1NH

Come and try out our variety of sports on the day. Collect your stamps and you will get rewarded with a treat! We have BOWLS, CRICKET, NETBALL, TENNIS, HARRIERS, HOCKEY, WHEELERS & SKITTLES

Archery

Donkey rides

Bubble football

Face painting

Hook a duck

Food stalls

Craft stalls

Childrens rides

Kids bumper cars

Nerf shooting range



**Lots of Inflatable
Fun!**



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Youth Art Competition

'The Wonder of the World'



- how the sky is held up
- if the moon is made of cheese
- if I'll ever like Brussels sprouts
- when it will be play time
- who discovered that blue and red make purple
- what my favourite animal's home looks like

Create a picture that represents wonder, the world, your place in it. You can use:

Painting, Ceramics, Printmaking, Drawing, Textiles, Mixed Media, Mosaics, Sculpture and Digital Art/Photography.

The deadline is **Friday 26 May 2023.**

The competition is open to everyone 18 and under and will be judged, and the winners notified, by Friday 30 June 2023.

Winners will be chosen from the following age groups:

6 years and under, 7-10 years, 11-14 years and 15-18 years

The winning pictures will be exhibited at the Town Hall during the Peacock Arts Trail .

All participants are asked to post their artwork for judging, if it is flat, or email an image of it, if it is three-dimensional, to sleigh@corsham.gov.uk.



Any questions, contact Sarah Leigh on 01249 702138.

Corsham Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 0EZ



SAVE THE DATE

9th – 11th June 2023

Guided Walks

Children's Treasure Hunt

Mystery Walk

Booking from 3 April 2023 at

www.corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk



Photo courtesy of Julian Carosi

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FAMILY HELP SURVEY



- ?** Are you a parent or parent to be?
- ?** Are you a young person who needs help and advice?
- ?** Do you know how you can find out information on help available for you and your family?



We want to hear your views on family services and how you'd best like to access them. Please take this short survey and help us shape services for the future.

Web link:

survey.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=167422754798

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At Neston school we are committed to keeping our young people safe online. We teach online safety as part of our computing curriculum and support our children to learn how to stay safe from different risks online and where they can go to get help and advice.

We want all the children at Neston school to feel confident that they can stay safe online. If you need any further support with issues relating to online safety then please speak to a member of staff. You can also check out our online safety page on the school website <http://nestonprimary.co.uk/e-safety> which contains up to date information and links to further online safety resources.



MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

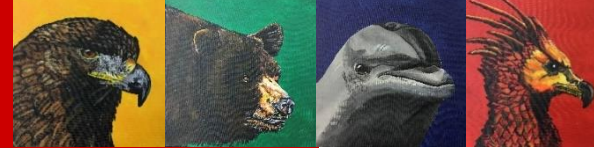
Please can we remind parents that if your child requires medication during school hours, that a form is completed and returned to the school office, along with any medicines that are clearly named.

Children should not have medicine in their school bags and self-administer. This can include creams, calpol, ibuprofen, hayfever tablets etc.

If you need to complete a form, these can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website via - <http://nestonprimary.co.uk/useful-links-forms>

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the school office on admin@neston.wilts.sch.uk

We thank you for your support in this matter.



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. To be a part of this great team please contact FoNS Chair, Harriet Thaneja harriet@friendsofnestonschool.org.uk

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.



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.



Please see details below of when each class has their PE days.

Children should come to school in their PE kit.

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



MUSIC LESSONS

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

Please visit our webpage for further details

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





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



Please can we ask that you 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 have had complaints by local residents of driveways being blocked.

We thank you for your continued support in this matter.