



19th June 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you have had a great week and have enjoyed the wonderful weather.

Braeside

Our year 4 children returned from Braeside having had a wonderful time enjoying all of the amazing activities on offer and definitely taking themselves out of their comfort zone and trying new things. For some children, it was the first time away from home and we were very impressed with their courage and resilience. A huge thank you to Mr Howe, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Booth, Mrs Slocombe and Mrs Gostelow for accompanying the children.

Mrs Pillinger

And now for some sad news for us but exciting news for her. Mrs Pillinger will be retiring at the end of the year. For those of you who have worked alongside Helen, whether it is as a parent, member of staff or governor, you will know that she is relentless in her quest to meet the needs of all children and the help and the advice she gives to staff and parents is second to none. She has been at Neston since 2004 and our SENCo since 2013. She epitomises our vision and values and has certainly shown, over her many years of service to education, that she "cares deeply and dares greatly". We wish her every happiness in her retirement where we know that she will take that time to embark on many new adventures.

Thank you, Helen!

In other exciting news, Miss Turner will be taking over the role as SENCo at Neston. This is a big role in our school and we know that Miss Turner will do a fantastic job. The handing over of information has already begun so that the process is as seamless as possible.

With warmest wishes

Mrs Pam Evans
Head Teacher



Neston Primary School is committed to safeguarding all children

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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.

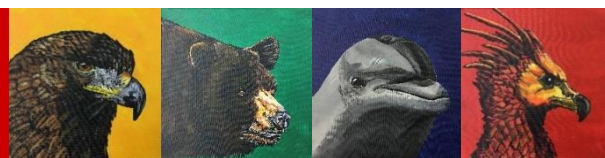
As part of our Safeguarding procedures, we will contact parents of those children who are not present for registration.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2022-2023

JUNE 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Thursday 22 nd	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 27 th	Parents' Evening

JULY 2023	
DATE	EVENT
Thursday 6 th	Bristol Aquarium – Oak Class
W/C 10 th TBC	Meet The Teacher Sessions
Tuesday 11 th	New Class Changeover
Thursday 13 th	Warleigh Lodge Farm – Willow Class
Thursday 13th	Yr 6 Performance
W/C 17 th TBC	Meet The Teacher Sessions
Tuesday 18 th	Beech Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 19th	Westonbirt Arboretum – Silver Birch
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



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Groundforce

Sunday 25th June

10-2

Come and help us tidy the
school grounds for the
children!



**Bring tools, children, grandparents, friends,
food and drink!**

Jobs include:

- **tidying the planters outside yrs 2/3/5**
- **reducing the undergrowth in the woods**
- **maintaining the pond area**
- **removal of some rotted planters**



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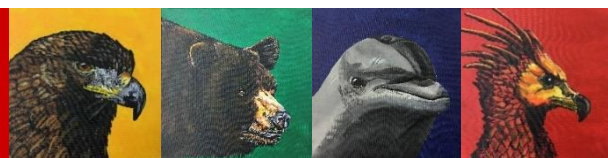
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W		7	14	21	28		W		5	12	19	26		W	2	9	16	23	30	
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Bank and Public Holidays 2022/2023

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



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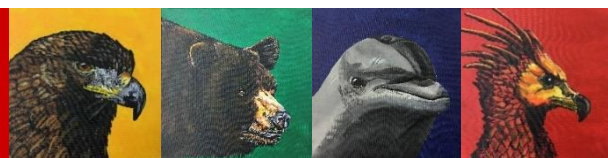
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Term	TBC
Term	TBC



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.

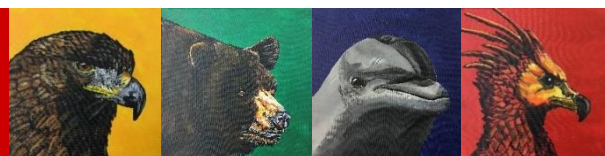
If you are unsure about eligibility, or if the person you are referring has any questions, please contact us for more information and support:

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

Venue	Date	Day	Time	Course	no' of sessions
Online	12-Jun-23	Monday	12:30-14:30	Phonics Games	1x2hr
Online	13-Jun-23	Tuesday	12:30-14:30	Discovering Confidence	1x2hr
F2F	13-Jun-23	Tuesday	13:00-15:00	Storybox at Woodlands School	1x2hr x 5 weeks
Online	15-Jun-23	Thursday	10:00-12:00	Saving Energy	1x2hr
F2F	15-Jun-23	Thursday	13:00-15:00	Storybox at River Mead School	1x2hr x 5 weeks
F2F	15-Jun-23	Thursday	14:00-16:00	Storybox - Studley Green School	1x2hr x 5 weeks
Online	19-Jun-23	Monday	12:30-14:30	Helping My Child to Learn Phonics	1x2hr x 5 weeks
F2F	20-Jun-23	Tuesday	09:30-11:30	Families Reading Every Day at Mere School	1x2hr x 5 weeks
Online	20-Jun-23	Tuesday	12:30-14:30	Develop Confidence and New Directions	1x2hr x 5 weeks
Online	22-Jun-23	Thursday	10:00-12:00	Balance Your Budget	1x2hr
Online	26-Jun-23	Wednesday	10:00-12:00	ESOL: Higher	1x2hr x 5 weeks
Online	30-Jun-23	Friday	10:00-12:00	Customer Services	Fri 30th June, Tues 4th July, Fri 7th July and Tues 11th July

Venue	Date	Day	Time	Course	no' of sessions
Online	06-Jul-23	Thursday	10:00-12:00	Shop for Less	1x2hr
Online	07-Jul-23	Friday	10:00-12:00	Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry	1x2hr
Online	10-Jul-23	Monday	12:30-14:30	Food Safety	Mondays and Fridays 10/07/2023, 14/07/2023, 17/07/2023, 21/07/2023
Online	13-Jul-23	Thursday	10:00-12:00	Saving Energy	1x2hr
Online	14-Jul-23	Friday	10:00-12:00	Helping My Child build Concentration and Resilience	1x2hr
Online	20-Jul-23	Thursday	10:00-12:00	Balance Your Budget	1x2hr
Online	21-Jul-23	Friday	10:00-12:00	Helping My Child to Prepare Positively for Change	1x2hr

We require 7 days' notice to be able to induct a new learner.



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Neston Fête

a traditional
village
fête!



Saturday 8 July 2023

12pm - 3pm

-  Bake Off
-  Raffle
-  Barbeque
-  Tea & Cakes
-  Local Trade Stalls
-  Face Painting
-  Produce Competition
-  Entertainment



Neston Memorial Hall
and Recreation Ground

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Neston Fête Produce Competition

new!

for kids:

Best Miniature Garden

Best Mini-beast *made from fruit
or vegetables*

Carrot *longest and most unusual looking*

Radish *heaviest and most glamorous*

**Tallest
Sunflower** *judged by photos sent to us
at grow@nestonmemorialhall.co.uk*

**Get
Growing!**

Saturday 8 July 2023

**follow us on Facebook
for news and updates!**



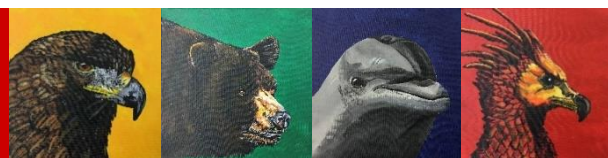
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Corsham
Climate Action
for a greener future



REPAIR CAFE

Arts
Pound

Dates for 2023

10.30AM - 12.30PM

Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill,
Corsham

27th May

24th June

22nd July

23rd Sept

28th Oct

25th Nov

Mechanical

Electronics

Electrical

Sewing

General



@ShareRepairBath

Email: hello@shareandrepair.org.uk

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Charity Number 1189015



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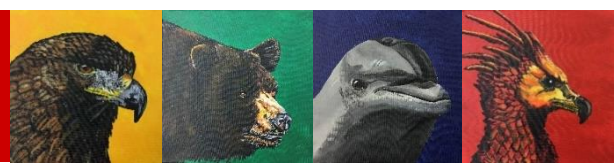
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Youth Art Competition

'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 21 July 2023.**

The competition is open to everyone 18 and under and will be judged, and the winners notified, by early in the new academic year.

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

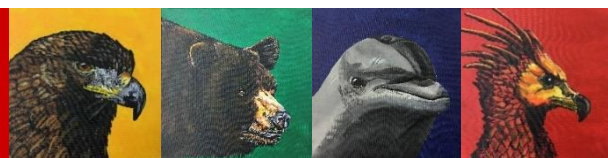
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Please visit our website to view all the before and after school clubs that are on offer

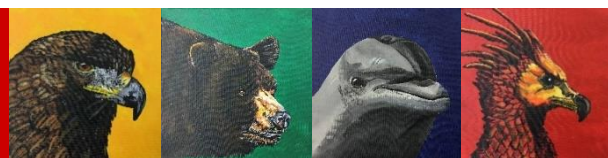
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Please note, in line with our *Safeguarding* and *Child Protection* policies, parents cannot remain on site during their child's club.



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.



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.



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.

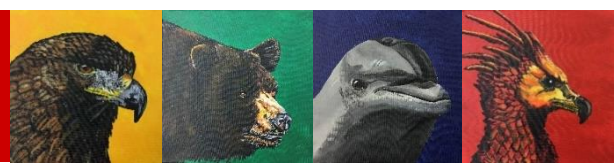
If you need to complete a form, these can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website via - <http://nestonprimary.co.uk/useful-links-forms>

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.



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



MUSIC LESSONS

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

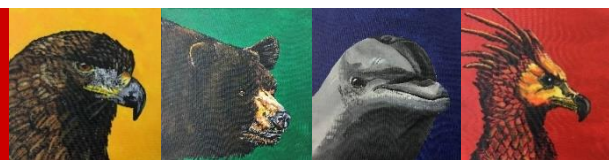
Please visit our webpage for further details

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



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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.

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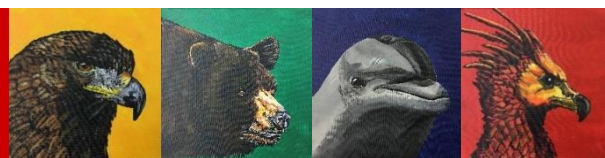
Please see details below of when each class has their PE days.

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



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Community, Creativity, Courage



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