

6th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you have had a wonderful week.

COVID

COVID has hit many staff and a few children over the last few weeks but we have soldiered on. I hope that you are managing to keep well.

OFSTED

As you are aware Ofsted visited us 12th and 13th of September. As soon as the report is published, I will make sure that I send it out to you all and share its contents. Unfortunately, I am not permitted to share anything until the report is published.

Fireworks

FoNS are an amazing group of parents who raise money for well-needed resources in our school. Items such as Ipads, IT equipment, Panto, books and artefacts have all been funded by your donations and as a result of the hard work and dedication of the FoNS team. One of our biggest fundraisers is the fireworks at The Neston Recreation Ground. Our Admin Team have sent out a sign up to all parents so that those who wish to, might come along and help. Please check your mail and sign up if you are able.

Parents' Evenings

Sign-up sheets for Parents' Evenings have also been sent out and give a variety of timings to communication options so that you can discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

With warmest wishes

Pam Evans
Head Teacher



Healthy Schools
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Neston Primary School is committed to safeguarding all children

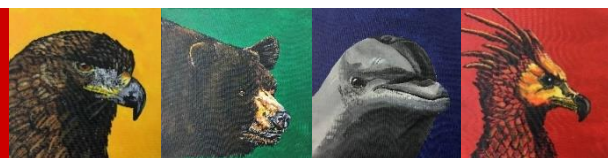
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REPORTING ABSENCE

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.

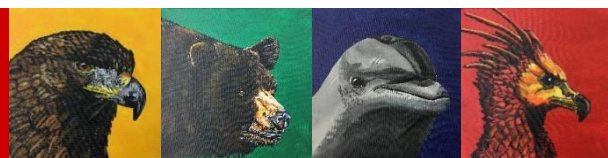
As part of our Safeguarding procedures, we will contact parents of those children who are not present for registration.

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.

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



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 received complaints from local residents in Pitts Croft of driveways being blocked.

We thank you for your continued support in this matter.



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					
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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:

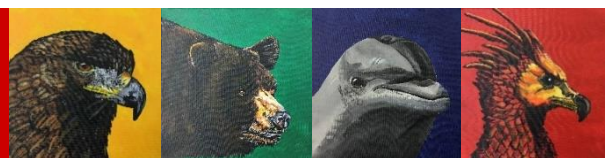
Term 1	34 days
Term 2	38 days
Term 3	27 days
Term 4	29 days
Term 5	29 days
Term 6	38 days
TOTAL	195 Days

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	TBC
Term	TBC



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2023-2024

October 2023

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 10 th	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 17 th	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 th	Maple – Macbeth Assembly – 9.10am
Thursday 19 th	Half Term
Monday 30 th	Term 2 Starts

November 2023

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 29 th	Oak / S Birch – Webinar – Meet the Author – Jim Dougherty

December 2023

DATE	EVENT
Monday 4 th	Yr R – 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations Further details to follow
Tuesday 12 th	Willow Nativity
Thursday 14 th	Christmas Dinner
Friday 15 th	KS2 Intra House Football Tournament
Tuesday 19 th	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 21 st	Christmas Break

January 2024

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 4 th	Term 3 Starts
Monday 15 th	Chestnut - Multiplication Table Check Briefing - 2.45pm
Monday 22 nd	Beech – SATs Briefing – 2.45pm

February 2024

DATE	EVENT
Monday 12 th	Half Term
Monday 19 th	Term 4 Starts

March 2024

DATE	EVENT
Friday 1 st	Cricket Taster Sessions
5 th – 8 th	Beech Residential
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Friday 22 nd	KS2 Intra House Rugby Tournament
Thursday 28 th	Reports
Friday 29 th	Easter Break

April 2024

DATE	EVENT
Monday 15 th	Term 5 Starts
W/B 15 th	Workshare Sessions
Thursday 25 th	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 30 th	Parents' Evening

May 2024

DATE	EVENT
Monday 13 th	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 24 th	School Games Day
Monday 27 th	Half Term

June 2024

DATE	EVENT
Monday 3 rd	Term 6 Starts
W/B 3 rd	Chestnut – Multiplication Tables Check
W/B 10 th	Oak – Phonics Screening Check
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 9 th	New Class Changeover
Tuesday 16 th	Beech Leavers Assembly (TBC)
Friday 19 th	KS2 Intra House Cricket Tournament
Thursday 25 th	Summer Holidays

New Dates Will Be Added In Red



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Enrich your child's education by supporting Neston Fireworks!

Proceeds from Neston Fireworks enhances the experiences for children of Neston Primary and Pre-School, by funding many additional resources.

This community event is run completely by volunteers who make up 'Friends of Neston School'.

This is your chance to support fundraising and get involved!

We need volunteers to cover a range of tasks over the weekend from the afternoon of Friday 3rd until Sunday morning 5th November.

Simply view the list at the link or QR code where you can then enter your details to participate.

All help is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you!

Paul, Sharon, and the Fireworks team

View and sign-up at the link below

<https://volunteersignup.org/HYHMR>





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NESTON FIREWORKS AND BONFIRE

**SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
NESTON RECREATION GROUND**

TICKETS

Adult 'early-bird'	£8
Adult on the night	£10
Child (5-16) 'early bird'	£5
Child (5-16) on the night	£7

- Children age 4 & under go free.
- Family tickets available online.
- Early-bird tickets are available to buy until Friday 3rd November at 5pm.

**STRICTLY NO SPARKLERS
ON THE FIELD**



Friends of Neston School
Charity No. 1088052

**BAR, BBQ
AND STALLS!**



**GATES OPEN AT 4.30PM
BONFIRE AT 5:30PM
FIREWORKS AT 6:30PM**

**SCAN HERE
TO BUY
YOUR
TICKETS**



OR VISIT: <https://fixr.co/event/neston-fireworks-and-bonfire-tickets-547010708>

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FoNS Big Bike Ride 2023



The sun shone on Castle Combe race track as over 150 members of Neston school took to the track for our first fundraiser of the year, and what a brilliant evening we had! There were smiling faces everywhere, with some children learning to ride their bikes and scooters whilst others were seeing how many laps they could complete. Thank you all for attending, we raised an incredible **£600!**

Mrs Evans, Mrs Alway and a guest appearance from Mrs Pillinger greeted the children (and adults) with a cheer and a sticker as they crossed the finish line. Whilst Miss Moger, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Phillips were out on the track much to the delight of several year 1 children who were heard to shout "I beat Miss Moger!" Thank you to the staff who joined us for this event on a Friday night especially after the first week of term, we all loved seeing you joining in.



Several ex-Neston pupils also joined us; it was lovely to see some recent leavers such as Alfie and Scarlett as well as Eddie and Flo who ran the tuck shop and Henry, home from University, who apparently completed 17 laps of the track! At the other end of the spectrum several members of Willow class enjoyed their first FoNS event, and plenty of younger siblings were scooting around the learners track.



A huge thank you to Castle Combe for allowing us to hold this event, it really is one of the best events of the year. None of this could happen without all the wonderful FoNS team who work behind the scenes to put on these events. Promotion, risk assessments, selling tickets and marshalling on the night are just some of the jobs undertaken and we are always keen for more help whether with this event or maybe you have an idea for another fundraiser? Please get in touch! The final and most important THANK YOU goes to Tracey and family, without whom this event would not happen. Roll on The Big Neston Ride 2024!

for more information about FoNS please email lauraholdship@gmail.com

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FoNS dates 2023



Monday 16th October - all Christmas card artwork returned to school. Orders made online directly with Cauliflower cards

Saturday 4th November - Fireworks night. Help needed throughout the weeked. Save the date and tell your friends and family

Monday 11th December - all hamper donations by this date please. Raffle to be drawn on Monday December 18th. More information and raffle tickets to follow in term 2

Friday 15th December - Christmas disco in Neston Memorial Hall. Details to follow, save the date



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI SPORT CAMPS

FOR AGES 5 - 12 YEARS

EVERY WORKING DAY OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

£25

CAMPS HELD IN:

CORSHAM

MELKSHAM

SWINDON

BATH

CHIPPENHAM

MARLBOROUGH

TIME: FROM 9AM - 3PM

Need a 8am start or 4pm finish?
It's only £5 per additional hour!




EXTRAS: SPORT SPECIFIC CAMPS

In Gymnastics, Football, Street Dance, Yoga and Tag Rugby. All sessions are led by specialist coaches with years of experience. These run alongside our multi-sport camps!

Follow our facebook page for updates on sport specific venues and dates.

 in2sportcoaching  @IN_2SPORT



 07799 268115 (Tash)  07968 778732 (Vicky)  info@in2sportcoaching.co.uk

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Braeside Education Centre



October Half Term Activity Days!

£36

per day

Adventure - Challenge - Fun

For ages: 8 – 12 years

(Siblings up to 14 years)

Drop Off - 8:30am – 9:00am

Pick Up - 4:30pm – 5:00pm



Thursday 19th –
Climbing Day

Climbing Wall, Zip Wire
and Abseiling



Friday 20th –

Mixed Activity Day

Archery, Life Line,
Low Ropes, Bouldering



Monday 23rd –
High Ropes Day

Leap of Faith, Crate Stack,
High All Aboard, Parallel Poles



Tuesday 24th –
Canoeing

GPS,
Problem Solving Games



Please book online by visiting

www.braeside-education.co.uk/holiday-club



Braeside Education
Centre

Contact us for more details;
01380 722637

info@braeside-education.co.uk

Activities will run in groups, in rotation, throughout the day.



For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years
old before September 2024?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or
complete an application form, available at
all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 15 January 2024

All forms must be returned to the school admissions
team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide
to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.



For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring
to a secondary school in
September 2024?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or
complete an application form, available at
all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 31 October 2023

All forms must be returned to the school admissions
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Wiltshire Council

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GET ACTIVE!

Corsham
TOWN COUNCIL

FREE!

**FOR U18s,
PARENTS
& CARERS**

- **SPORT**
- **DANCE & THEATRE**
- **MARTIAL ARTS**
- **CADET FORCES**
- **...AND MORE**

PLUS Come and find out about the new Skatepark project!

www.corsham.gov.uk

Come and discover clubs, groups and organisations that run activities for young people in and around Corsham.

📍 **Springfield Community Campus**

📅 **Monday 25 September 2023**

🕒 **2 - 5pm**



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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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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.SHAREANDREPAIR.ORG.UK

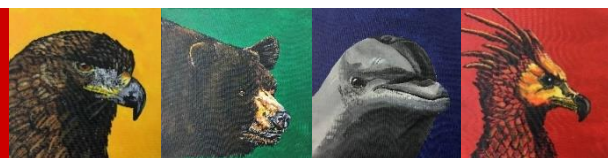
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Please visit our website to view all the before and after school clubs that are on offer

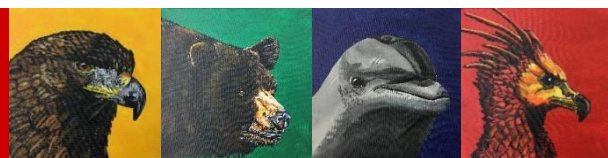
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Please note, in line with our [Safeguarding](#) and [Child Protection](#) policies, parents cannot remain on site during their child's club.



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

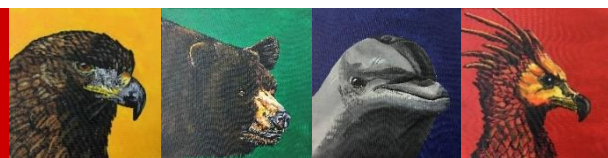
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Did you know that FoNS have their own Facebook page?

<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.



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



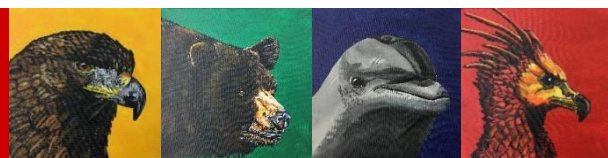
MUSIC LESSONS

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

Please visit our webpage for further details

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





FROM SEPTEMBER 2023 THESE WILL BE THE CLASS PE DAYS:-

Children should come to school in their PE kit.

Willow – Tuesday – TO START AFTER HALF TERM

Oak – Monday & Thursday

Silver Birch – Wednesday & Friday

Hazel – Monday & 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

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