

3rd November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that the term has started well. Certainly, the children have come back to school with renewed energies and excitement.

MOSAIC

Thank you to those of you who have contributed to the consultation process regarding Neston joining the Mosaic Partnership. There will be more information to follow once the consultation period has ended.

Ms Shaw

Ms Shaw will be leaving us at the end of December to embark on pastures new. We wish her every success and thank her for 18 years of service at Neston. She has been a huge part of the team for so long and will be greatly missed. We are currently in the recruitment phase for a year 2 teacher and we will let parents know as soon as we have secured a suitable replacement.

Mrs Mason

Mrs Mason will be leaving us this week. She has provided much needed support for our children with more complex needs. We know that she will be doing some cover for us on a more flexible basis which suits her personal circumstances. We all thank her for her dedication and support.

FoNS Fireworks

A reminder that the FoNS fireworks display is on tomorrow night at the Neston Rec and we're keeping everything crossed for good weather!

With warmest wishes

Pam Evans
Head Teacher



Healthy Schools
WILTSHIRE

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)



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	
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
Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25		Th	2	9	16	23	30
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Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28		Su	5	12	19	26	

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
W		5	12	19	26	W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28
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:

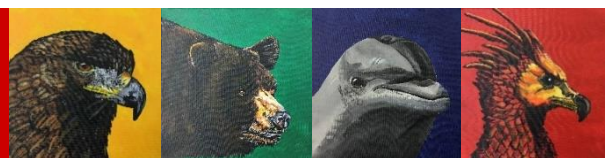
Term 1	34 days
Term 2	38 days
Term 3	27 days
Term 4	29 days
Term 5	29 days
Term 6	38 days
TOTAL	195 Days

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



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 1 st	Braeside Parent Briefing 2.45pm
Friday 17 th	Children in Need – Details to Follow
Thursday 23 rd	Beech - Sevington Victorian School
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
Friday 9 th	TD Day
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
Thursday 7 th	Books & Bacon – Details to Follow
Friday 15 th	Comic Relief / Red Nose day
Friday 22 nd	KS2 Intra House Rugby Tournament
Thursday 28 th	Reports
Friday 29 th	Easter Break

April 2024	
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	TD Day
Tuesday 4 th	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
Wednesday 24 th	TD Day
Thursday 25 th	Summer Holidays

New Dates Will Be Added In Red



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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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CALLING ALL YOUNG WRITERS IN CORSHAM!

FREE TO
ENTER!

Corsham Story Prize

Prizes

If you are aged between 8-14 and live in Corsham, or attend a Corsham-area school, this writing competition is for you!

Deadline:
31st January 2024.

Judge:
Local children's writer, Alex Cotter – you can read more here: www.alexcotter.co.uk.

8-11

1st £25
2nd £15
3rd £10

12-14

1st £25
2nd £15
3rd £10

Plus, x2 Runner-Up prizes per category: £5



Writing can take
you on the best
adventure!
-Anon-

To email your story or for more information, please email:

CorshamStoryPrize@gmail.com

What you need to know:

- Your story needs to be a maximum of 300 words, excluding the title.
- It can be hand-written or typed. You can email it or drop it off at the Town Hall.
- It must be linked to Corsham in some way.
- It must have a climate change and/or environment theme.



Corsham Story Prize 2023

Entry guidelines

- ☐ You must be aged between 8 and 14 years-old on 31 January 2024.
- ☐ Only one entry per person will be accepted.
- ☐ Stories needs to be a maximum of **300 words**, not including the title.
- ☐ Stories can be **hand-written** or **typed**.
- ☐ Stories need to have some link to **Corsham AND** also be linked to the **environment/climate change** in some way.
- ☐ Short stories must be emailed to CorshamStoryPrize@gmail.com **OR** handed into Corsham Town Hall by the deadline of **31 January 2024**.
- ☐ StoryTown is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, incomplete or illegible entries.
- ☐ Invented spelling is accepted, but your intended words should be clear.
- ☐ Short stories should include a title page that lists the **title of the story and your full name**.
- ☐ All fictional story characters should be **original**. Copyrighted names and images are not allowed. However, you can illustrate your entry if you wish.
- ☐ Short stories will not be returned so you should keep a copy of what you submit.

Key information:

- ☐ Local writer Alex Cotter (www.alexcotter.co.uk) will judge the stories anonymously.
- ☐ There will be a Q&A (Question and Answer) session on Zoom on **Wednesday 8 November at 6.00-6.30pm** where Alex will be on hand to give story-writing advice and answer any questions. Please book through CorshamStoryPrize@gmail.com.
- ☐ There will be a writing workshop on **Saturday 2 December at 10.00-11.30am** to be held in the Blue Room at the Three Brewers pub, Corsham. This is free to attend and refreshments will be provided. Please book through CorshamStoryPrize@gmail.com. Details are available on the Three Brewers' Facebook page about this workshop. It is perfect for those who want some inspiration or just to have some fun with words!
- ☐ Prize-winners will be announced in **March 2024** – date to be confirmed.
- ☐ There will be a celebratory event in **April 2024** – date to be confirmed.



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DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD

WIN THE CHANCE TO SWITCH ON CORSHAM'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Design the front of your card, on A4 paper, put your name, age, address and/or school on the back and get it to the Town Hall by Monday 13 November.

Winners will be chosen in three categories:

Age 6 and under, 7-10 and 11-14

and must be available to come along to the
Christmas Lights Switch On taking place on
Friday 1 December 2023.

The overall winner will switch on the lights - and
their card will be the Town Council's official Christmas
card for 2023.



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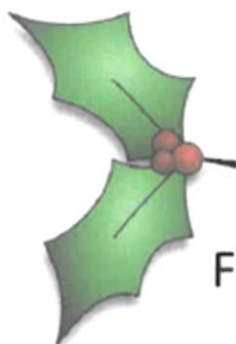
SATURDAY
11th NOVEMBER
10am – 4pm



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Town Hall, High Street, Corsham

*Lots of original and
affordable quality gifts for
Christmas*



Free Entry

Further Info: 07812 111991





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



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



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/



Feel confident to help your child **learn**



2023

Phonics Games

Explore ideas for games and activities to support children to practise and develop their phonics skills and become expert readers and writers.

Our courses are **free**, if you are 19+ years old, and a resident in the UK/EU for over three years (some immigration status exempt), and have a Wiltshire postcode and meet **any** of the following criteria:

- less than 5 GCSEs at grade C/4
- in receipt of benefits
- a military family
- have a child with SEND (no diagnosis necessary)
- unemployed and looking for work

To find out more email:
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk or call 01225 770478

Monday 13 November

12:30 - 14:30pm

Online course

Apply by Monday 6 November

Suitable for families with 3 to 6 year olds and older primary school age children who require extra support with phonics.



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2023

Helping My Child to Learn Phonics

Discover how phonics is taught in schools today. Help your children to develop phonic awareness. Explore games and activities to support phonics learning at home.

Our courses are free, if you are 19+ years old, and a resident in the UK/EU for over three years (some immigration status exempt), and have a Wiltshire postcode and meet any of the following criteria:

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- a military family
- have a child with SEND (no diagnosis necessary)
- unemployed and looking for work

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Online course

5x 2hr sessions 12:30 -2:30pm

Monday 20 November

Monday 27 November

Monday 4 December

Monday 11 December

Monday 18 December

Apply by Monday 13 November



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UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

Free online course for parents and carers



Two hour, online
course

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

Free for eligible
learners

Upcoming course dates

Thursday 16 November 2023 10am-12pm

Tuesday 23 January 2024 10am-12pm

Wednesday 6 March 2024 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 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 use when children are at crisis point.
- Knowledge of reasonable adjustments school can use to support good attendance.

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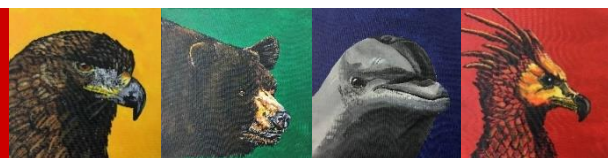
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For the attention of all parents

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

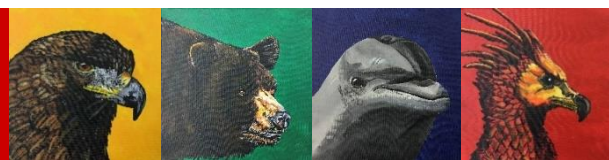
All forms must be returned to the school admissions
team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

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



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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

#MendItDontEndIt

Charity Number 1189015



MEND IT

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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.SHAREANDREPAIR.ORG.UK

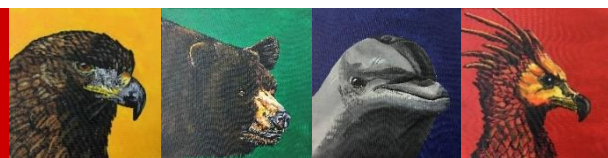
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Please visit our website to view all the before and after school clubs that are on offer

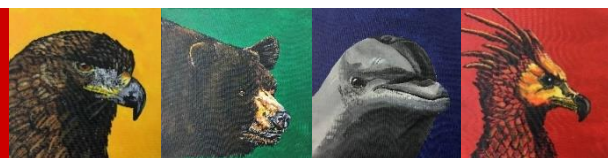
<http://nestonprimary.co.uk/school-clubs>

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



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



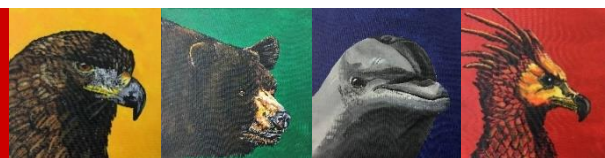
MUSIC LESSONS

Did you know we have some amazing music teachers who offer private music tuition in piano 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 have received complaints from local residents in Pitts Croft of driveways being blocked.

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