Newstead Wells Lane Newsletter November 2026

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Curriculum Update:

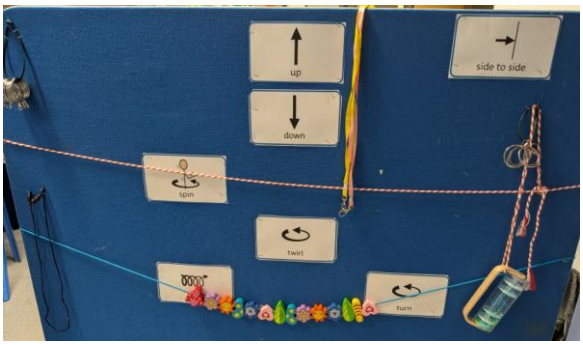
Nest 1

Nest 1 have had a fantastic half term and the children have continued to make excellent progress across all areas of learning. In phonics, we have been revisiting and consolidating initial sounds, helping children to become more confident in recognising, recalling and using them independently. In Maths, the children have been exploring numbers to 10 through a range of practical and engaging activities, including identifying missing numbers, ordering numbers and developing their understanding of number sequences. During Drawing Club, we have shared a variety of exciting stories and used our imaginations to create our own characters and adventures. These activities have supported the development of communication, creativity and early writing skills while encouraging children to express their ideas with confidence.



Nest 2

Nest 2 has enjoyed a busy half term filled with hands-on learning, early literacy activities, shared reading and counting. The children have explored stories such as *The Gruffalo*, created sculptures using playdough and natural materials, and developed their counting skills by matching numbers to quantities using counting teddies. Communication has also been a key focus, with the children using Makaton signs throughout daily routines and learning signs linked to feelings and family, including *happy*, *sad*, *mum*, *dad*, *brother* and *sister*. Looking ahead, we will continue exploring letters and sounds in phonics, taking part in seasonal creative activities and learning about the upcoming celebration of Christmas.



Upcoming dates:

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day – children can come to school in their Christmas Jumper. This is optional.

Monday 14th December and Thursday 17th December – Christmas Winter Wonderland Family event. More information is to follow.

Friday 18th December – school closes at 3:30pm until Monday 4th January.

Winter related absences:

As we move into the winter months, we would like to remind families that seasonal illnesses such as coughs, colds, sickness bugs and flu can spread quickly. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return and follow any recommended exclusion periods for infectious illnesses.

To help us keep our registers accurate and ensure your child's safety, please notify the school office as soon as possible on each day of absence by calling:

📞 **School Office: 01924 967610**

When reporting an absence, please provide:

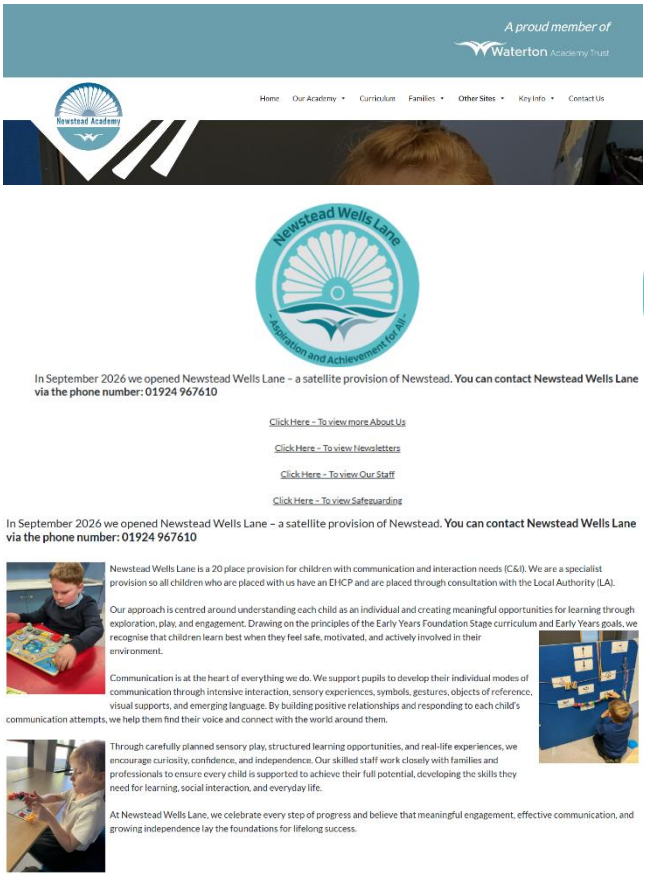
- Your child's name
- The reason for their absence
- Any information about when they may be able to return to school

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a healthy school environment and ensuring we can appropriately safeguard all of our pupils. We hope everyone stays safe and well this winter.

If you are not to sure if to send your child into school, please check using the NHS website:
Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

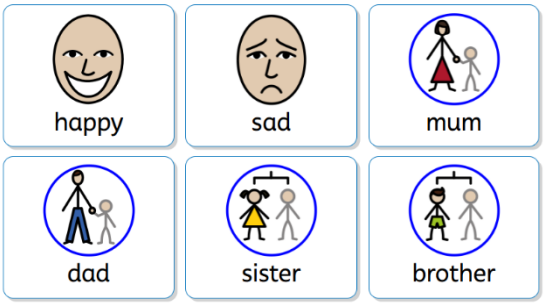
Newstead Wells Lane Website:

We are really pleased to announce that Newstead Wells Lane have a school website. The website can be accessed via the Newstead Academy school website, under the heading Other Sites. All of the school newsletters will be uploaded to this section of the website along with other information for parents and carers.
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Symbols:

We are continuing to develop consistent routines and communication throughout the school day. As part of this, we regularly introduce and use symbols to help children understand what is happening, make choices and communicate with the adults around them. The symbols shown below are some that we have been using more recently in school. It would be fantastic if you could use these at home too, as using the same symbols across home and school can provide children with greater consistency and familiarity.



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