Newstead Wells Lane Newsletter October 2026

THE NEST NEWS

Curriculum Update:
What We've Been Learning

It has been a busy time in our Nests, with pupils exploring a wide range of learning through practical, engaging and creative activities. Here is a snapshot of what each Nest has been working on!

Nest 1

🔢 **Maths:** Exploring numbers to 5 in depth, developing understanding through practical number activities.

📚 **Reading & Writing:** An introduction to phonics, alongside activities to develop fine motor skills in preparation for writing.

🐾 **Science:** Learning about animals.

🛡️ **History:** Exploring the exciting world of the Vikings.

🤸 **PE:** Developing confidence and skills through movement activities.

🎨 **Art:** Getting creative and exploring clay.

🎵 **Music:** Investigating volume and experiencing different loud and quiet sounds.

Nest 2

🔢 **Maths:** Exploring rotation and trajectory through practical activities.

📚 **Reading & Writing:** An introduction to phonics, alongside developing fine motor skills.

🐾 **Science:** Learning about animals.

💛 **PSHE:** Exploring "All About Me", with a focus on pupils learning about themselves.

🤸 **PE:** Developing skills through movement activities.

🎨 **Art:** Exploring and creating with clay.

🎵 **Music:** Exploring volume through different musical and sensory experiences.

Snack Boxes:

Throughout the school day, children are offered a range of snacks which we purchase fresh each week. These currently include crackers, breadsticks, rice cakes, apples and oranges.

All children are given the opportunity to access snack and are enjoying a selection of the foods available.

If you would prefer your child to have a specific snack from home, you are very welcome to send this in. We kindly ask that you use the same snack box each day. This allows us to take a photograph of your child's snack box and add it to their communication board, helping them to recognise and communicate their snack choice independently.

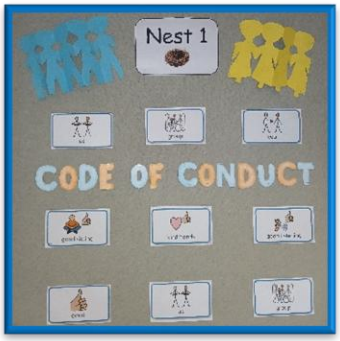
My Child at School:

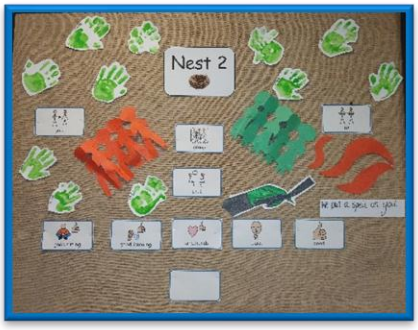
To help make school arrangements as simple as possible, please ensure you have downloaded the **MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)** app.

Parents and carers will need to use MCAS to **make school payments and order their child's school lunches**.

Having the app ready to use will help ensure that lunch choices can be made and payments managed when needed.

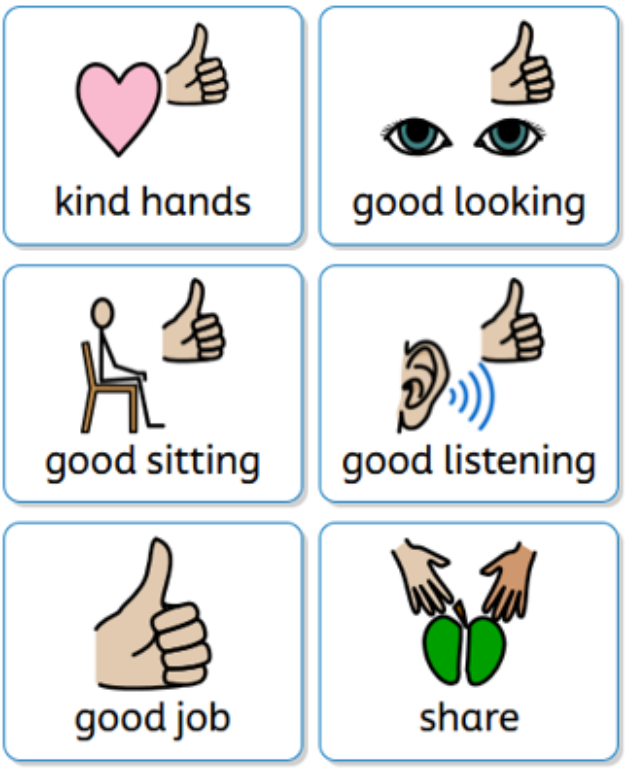
If you are having any difficulties accessing MCAS, please contact school and we will be happy to support you.





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 to the left 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.



We hope that all of our children and families have a lovely half-term holiday making memories and spending time with each other and are ready for another busy half term ahead.

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