

Newstead Academy 2024-2025 Monthly Newsletter 27.06.25

Farewell

We would like to let you know that our Lead Teacher, Simon Fox will be leaving us at the end of this term. We are incredibly grateful for all the hard work, dedication, and care he has shown during his time with us, particularly in helping to establish and shape our new provision. His contributions have made a lasting impact, and we wish him all the very best in his next chapter. I understand that you may have questions about future staffing, and I will be in touch soon with an update on the arrangements moving forward.

Beat the Street

Just a reminder that we are participating in Beat the Street.

Beat the Street is a free, fun initiative that will see Barnsley transformed into a giant game! See how far you can walk, cycle, run, scoot and wheel in just 6 weeks. There are great challenges to enjoy and prizes up for grabs.

The game started on Wednesday 11th June 2025 and will end on Wednesday 23rd July 2025.

<https://beatthestreet.me/barnsley/>

Transitional Items

We understand that travelling to and from school can be a big transition for some pupils, and to help make this easier, for those that need to, we are allowing children who use school transport to bring one small transitional item with them on their journey. This could be a comforting object such as a small soft toy. On arrival at school, the item will be handed to a member of staff for safekeeping and returned to the pupil at the end of the day for the journey home. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that these items are safe, appropriate, and not of high value (such as smart watches or IT devices). Thank you for your co-operation in helping us create a supportive and secure environment for all pupils.



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News from Our Hives

Simon's Hive

We've had a busy and exciting half term of learning so far.

In maths, the children have been exploring negative numbers and working with metric units of measurement. They've impressed us with their growing confidence and enthusiasm, especially when applying these skills in real-life contexts.

In writing, we've been travelling back in time to ancient Rome, creating descriptive pieces based on "A Day in Pompeii." The children used powerful vocabulary and vivid imagery to imagine what life was like just before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Our topic lessons have taken us deep beneath the waves into the Blue Abyss, learning all about the wonders of the ocean. We've explored marine creatures, underwater habitats, and the importance of looking after our seas. We have also looked at the zones of the ocean, from the Sunlight Layer at the top to the Mariana Trench at the bottom.

Lewis's Hive

This month, we have been busy with lots of hands-on learning!

In maths, we've been exploring measurement using practical activities with scales and concrete objects. We've measured using non-standard units and learned about volume by investigating water and sand—helping us understand the concepts of full, half full, and empty. We've also been learning how to use a ruler to measure objects accurately.

In our topic lessons, we've been discovering the Big Wide World! We've explored maps and globes, and learned about different climates around the world through fun, practical experiences. One of our favourite activities was creating our own map using cards to build roads and adding landmarks like our school and key places in Barnsley. It's been a fantastic half term so far full of curiosity, creativity, and discovery!

School Diary Dates

INSET Days

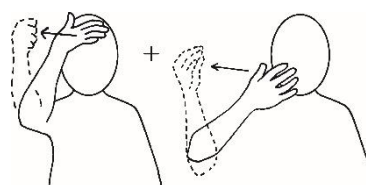
Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Summer Break

Last day of term 18th July 2025

Signs of the Month



Summer



Holiday

