

Newstead Academy 2024-2025 Monthly Newsletter 18.07.25

Uniform

We kindly ask all parents and carers to take a moment to read the school uniform policy included with this newsletter. As a school, we want to do all we can to ensure that our pupils follow the policy consistently, as it helps to promote a sense of belonging and equality. We understand, however, that for some children with additional needs, adhering to the uniform policy can present unique challenges.

Please know that we are here to support you and your child, and we encourage open conversations if you have any concerns or need flexibility.

Communication

We know how busy our families are, so are always looking for ways to offer more communication methods with parents, to help keep everyone informed on what is happening in school. **From September 2025**, we will be making some changes to our social media, to improve accessibility for all parents, and as part of a trust-wide initiative. Our main method of communication will still be the MCAS app. These platforms do not replace that – they are simply an added extra for occasional updates, reminders & informal posts. We will be in touch after the summer break with further information about our Facebook and Instagram pages. **We will no longer be using Class Do Jo as a communication platform.**

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome our new Lead Teacher, **Jess Dent**, who will be joining us in September 2025. She will be teaching in Hive 1 from Monday to Wednesday, bringing a wealth of experience and a passion for inclusive education.

On Thursdays and Fridays, Hive 1 will also benefit from the expertise of Victoria Woodward, our Deputy Head of Specialist Provisions. Together, they will provide a consistent, nurturing, and inspiring learning environment for our pupils. We look forward to the positive impact both teachers will have on the Hive 1 class and the wider school.

Summer Support

If you require support during the holidays and want to find a relevant service, please visit the following website -

<https://barnsley.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/>



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● News from Our Hives

A message from Simon

As we reach the end of this busy and exciting term, I wanted to take a moment to share some highlights of our learning and to thank you all for your incredible support.

This term, we brought our storytelling to life with our volcano-themed writing project. The children planned, drafted, and edited their own adventure stories set around erupting volcanoes, using vivid description and powerful vocabulary. I've been so impressed by their creativity, imagination, and growing confidence in their writing.

In our geography and science work, we explored the world's oceans in greater depth. We learned about ocean zones, sea creatures, food chains, and the impact of pollution. The children were fascinated by the mysterious world of the deep sea. Our class discussions about protecting marine life showed real care and curiosity — a joy to witness. We completed underwater-themed art using oil pastels and watercolours, participated in group presentations on ocean animals and had lots of collaborative learning and some fantastic teamwork!

A Fond Farewell

As the term comes to a close, I also want to let you know that this will be my last term teaching your wonderful children. It has been a real privilege to be part of their journey this year. Watching them grow in confidence, resilience, and independence has been truly special. Thank you for the kind words, the support, and for trusting me with your children's learning. I will take with me many fond memories of this class and their boundless energy, humour, and kindness. Wishing you all a restful and happy summer.

A message from Lewis

This half term, my class have been exploring *Our Big Wide World*. We created maps of our classroom and were excited to discover a mysterious pirate map, which led us to hidden treasure filled with sensory toys and fun surprises to share.

In art, we've been inspired by the work of Wassily Kandinsky and Hokusai and have enjoyed recreating their stunning pieces in our own style.

We're now looking forward to ending this term with a celebration party to mark all the fantastic learning and achievements we've made throughout the year.

School Diary Dates

INSET Days

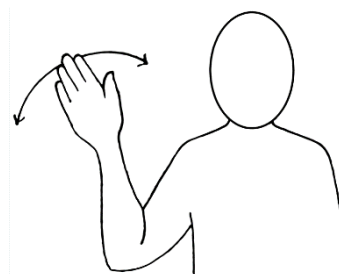
Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Summer Break

Last day of term 18th July 2025

Sign of the Month



Goodbye

