

Newstead Academy 2025-2026 Monthly Newsletter 24.10.25



Clothing Reminders

As the colder weather sets in, we understand that children will be coming to school with hats, gloves, scarves, and other warm items. To help us make sure that everyone goes home with the right belongings, please ensure that all school clothing and accessories are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Birthday Treat Reminders

While there's no expectation to send treats for birthdays, we know some families like to share something special with classmates. To help us keep all pupils safe, we kindly ask that only shop-bought buns or cakes are sent into school, so we can be sure of the ingredients and manage any allergy risks appropriately.

If possible, please choose pre-cut slices or individually sized treats to make sharing easier.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



Oral Health

Winter is a season full of celebrations, and with it often comes an abundance of sweet treats for children. While enjoying these festive moments is important, it's equally vital to look after children's teeth during this time. Establishing good oral health habits from an early age is essential for their overall health and wellbeing.

Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to keep smiles healthy 😊

For more advice about looking after teeth and gums, including information about who is eligible for **FREE** treatment, visit:

The Healthier Together
webpage on oral health.
bit.ly/3BO2s8u



News from Our Hives

A message from Morgan



This month in Hive 1 the children have been amazing! We have continued with our topic *Once Upon a Time*, where we moved on to the story *The Three Little Pigs*. The children have taken part in some brilliant activities where they have used pictures and words to retell the story creating a giant class story map, they have explored sensory tuff trays with different materials, puppets and props to engage in pretend play. Hive 1 practised their fantastic cutting skills by making their own wolf masks and pretended to be the wolf by huffing and puffing to blow houses down.

In math, we have continued learning the cardinal value of numbers by representing numbers 1-5 in different ways using visual aids, concrete objects, musical instruments and more!

The children have had a wonderful time in their science lessons continuing to be *Weather Watchers*. They have explored the different types of weathers using their senses. In RE this week, we have been learning about Harvest. We have explored different fruits and vegetables by touch, smell, and taste. We even made our own fruit and vegetable printing with paint! In phonics the children are continuing learning their sounds, creating a love for reading, writing and mark making.

A message from Stacey

This term, our Hive 2 children have been embracing the magic of Autumn through a range of fun, sensory learning experiences. We've been busy making beautiful Autumn sun catchers, exploring colours and textures as the sunlight shines through our creations. The children also enjoyed painting Autumn trees, using finger printing to capture the changing leaves. As part of our Harvest learning, we talked about where our food comes from and shared in the joy of giving and gratitude. To finish the half term, we'll be diving into the story *Room on the Broom*, celebrating Halloween and pumpkins with themed crafts, storytelling, and a sprinkle of spooky fun!

October Break

Last day of term 24th October 2025

Return to school Monday 3rd November 2025

Christmas Break

Last Day of term 19th December

Return to school Monday 5th January 2026

Parents' Mince Pie Mix and Mingle

11th December at 2pm

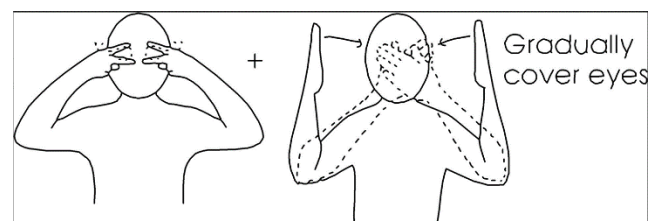
A message from Craig

In Hive 3 this month we have continued looking at the features needed to write a recount. We have looked at fronted adverbials, which are words like *first*, *then* and *next* which tell the reader what order things happened. We have also looked at identifying a fact and how we know something is a fact.

In math we used what we learned about counting in 10s to break down large numbers into their place values and used these to help us to add and subtract 2-digit numbers.

In our topic work we have looked at the earth's tectonic plates, how they move and what happens when they do. We watched a demonstration and then replicated this before writing a description of the boundaries between the plates. In science we have continued to look at the weather and will be installing our weather stations when we come back from half term to begin monitoring the weather.

Sign of the Month



Halloween

