

Newstead Academy 2025-2026 Monthly Newsletter 24.10.25



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



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!





News from Our Hives

A Message from Hive 1

Over the last few weeks, we have been working hard to produce some amazing work!

In English, we wrote a set of instructions to try and turn Jess into a cat, you'll never believe it... our instructions worked! We've also been writing some super scary setting descriptions about a haunted house. We included lots of adjectives and prepositions to describe!

In the afternoon, we've still been focusing on the ancient Egyptians, we created our own ancient Egyptian sarcophagus. We decorated this and then made our own mummy to go inside. We also made some beautiful canopic jars out of clay.

We've had a wonderful half term of learning in Hive 1.

A Message from Hive 2

This half term in Math, we have been exploring number. The children have been developing their counting skills and strengthening their understanding of how numbers link to quantities. We've enjoyed lots of practical, hands-on math activities and have used Number blocks to support our learning in a fun and visual way. Some children have even been counting forwards and backwards to 100 and identifying which numbers come before and after a given number. In Phonics, we have been focusing on letter formation and blending sounds to read simple words. The children have worked hard to recognise their phonics sounds and use them to build confidence in early reading and writing.

During our Topic sessions, we have explored emotions through stories such as *The Colour Monster*, helping the children to identify and express feelings like happy, sad, and angry. To finish the half term, we celebrated Halloween with a sensory storytelling session and lots of exciting sensory exploration.

School Diary Dates

October Break

Last day of term: Friday 24th October 2025

Return to school: Monday 3rd November 2025

Christmas Break

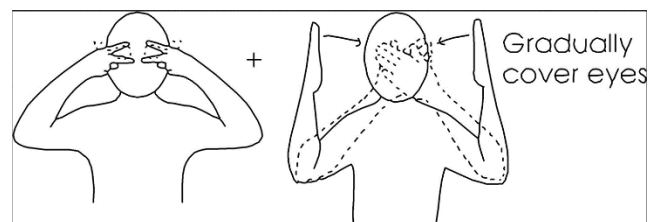
Last Day of term: Friday 19th December

Return to school: Monday 5th January 2026

Parents' Mince Pie Mix and Mingle

Thursday 11th December at 2pm

Sign of the Month



Halloween

