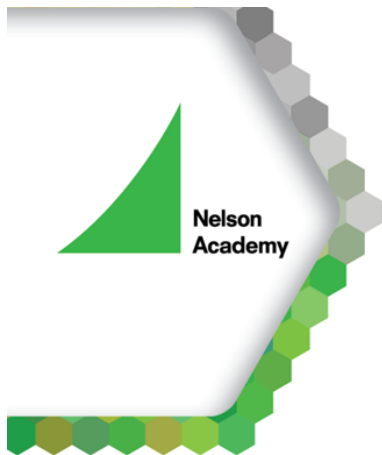


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# NEWSLETTER



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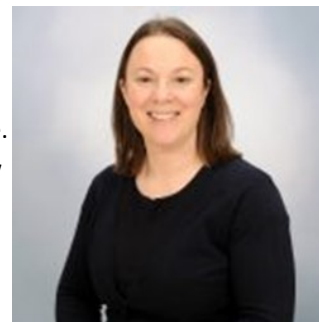
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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great Christmas break and are now back into the school routine. On behalf of the whole staff team I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very 'Happy New Year', and also say a huge 'thank you' for all the cards and gifts that we received. I would also like to welcome all the new children and their families to school, we hope that you are settling in well.

It is with sadness that I share with you that Mrs Johnson will be leaving the academy on Friday 14th February as she prepares to move abroad with her family. Mrs Johnson has been a huge part of our school community, not only in her class teacher role but as the person who totally transformed our Pupil Parliament, the Chairperson of the Friends of Nelson Academy and the creator of 'Nel', and also as a mum. I cannot thank Mrs Johnson enough for everything that she has done to support our whole school community; she is a force to be reckoned with and will be greatly missed by everyone. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs Johnson and her family all the very best as they set off on their new adventure together. When we return to school in February, Mrs J Sykes will continue to teach in Archimedes class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Miss D Von Helmholtz will teach in Archimedes class on a Thursday and Friday. Miss Von Helmholtz is well known to the academy, and we look forward to welcoming her back to team for the remainder of this academic year.



Sarah Wilson - Principal

Communication continues to be an area that we are all working hard on to improve so if you haven't already signed up to 'ClassDojo', the 'Pupil Asset' website and the 'Aspens Catering' website please speak to the office team for details. You can also follow us on Facebook 'Nelson Academy Primary School and Nelson Academy Nursery' and on 'X' (formerly Twitter) @NelsonAcademy1'. Remember, there is also our school website www.nelsonacademy.co.uk where you can find out all the information you need about the school too.

If you ever have any questions or queries, please can I urge you to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Following this, you can always speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team – Mrs G Sykes (Assistant Principal EYFS & Pastoral/Family Support), Mr G Rossiter (Assistant Principal KS1 & KS2) or myself. If your child has a special educational needs or your think they might have, please speak to Miss L Kenny (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator).

We are looking forward to sharing more news on lots of exciting learning opportunities and events being planned so please remember to check out all the dates and photographs in each newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support. Best wishes - Mrs Sarah Wilson (Principal)



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<b>Diary Dates for February</b>  <b>2025</b>	<b>Wednesday 5th</b>  <b>Reception</b>  <b>Star Gazing 5-6pm</b>	<b>Thursday 6th</b>  <b>Year 4</b>  <b>Curriculum Showcase</b>	<b>Thursday 13th</b>  <b>Year 3</b>  <b>Curriculum Showcase</b>	<b>Friday 14th</b>  <b>Last Day of Term</b>

## Year 4 Children Working Hard Learning Times Tables



Going green on times table rock stars means they have been working hard on fluency.  
Hepworth class are nearly ALL green so we are trying our best in year 4 to catch up!

## Wraparound Childcare Breakfast & Afterschool Club

A reminder to everyone that we run before and after school clubs. These should be booked on the Pupil Asset website [www.secure.pupilasset.com](http://www.secure.pupilasset.com)

**Breakfast Club** 7:45am to 8:30am - Cereal, toast or yoghurt and a drink = £4.00 per session. Bagel on departure.

**Afterschool Club booking deadline is 2:30pm**

**Afterschool Early** - Snack, drink and activities with pick up **promptly** by 4:30pm = £5.00 per session.

**Afterschool Late** - Snack, light hot snack and drink, and activities pick up **promptly** by 6:00pm = £10:00 per session.

We also take Computershare Voucher, Sodexo Work & National Savings Voucher. **Receipts** can be issued - please request by emailing the office - [office@nla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:office@nla.eastern-mat.co.uk)



## December Attendance

W/E 20th December 24

Attenborough 98%

W/E 10th January 2025

Hepworth 99%

W/E 17th January 2025

Boudica & Drake 98%

W/E 24th January

Cromwell 98%



**Well done to Nelson Academy Sporting Star...**



**A huge congratulation to Angel who took part in her first karate competition recently.  
Angel took the competition in her stride and came 2nd.**

## **Nelson Academy Aspens Food Festival**

We have a change to the menu from Aspens, please book on [select.aspens-services.com](http://select.aspens-services.com)

### **Thursday 13th February is Power Heroes Day**

**Rescue Mission Cheesy Bacon & Spring Onion Potato Cakes with Baked Beans**

**or**

**Stalks 'n' Cheese Cauliflower & Broccoli Medley**

**Hot Pasta & Tomato Sauce or Jacket Potato**

**Supercharged Banana Cake & Custard**

**Let's all be Power Heroes and save energy and our planet together!**

**Don't forget to turn off the lights when you leave a room!**

**It helps save energy and keeps our planet happy and healthy!**

### **Thursday 6th March is World Book Day**

**Jack's Beanstalk Burrito with Wedges & Garden Salad**

**or**

**Neverland Burger with Wedges & Magic BBQ Beans**

**Hot Pasta & Tomato Sauce or Jacket Potato**

**Paddington's Orange Marmalade Sponge**

**Discover a literary feast where stories leap off your plate!**

**Come and take a bite out of your favourite book!**

**Join us in exploring the World of books and food imagination!**

**Reception to Year 2 can enjoy a free hot meal every day.**

**KS2 children the daily cost is £2.50 unless pupils are Free School Meals.**

**If you need help logging into the system contact the school office.**

## **Dairy Dates 2025**

Including Curriculum Showcase Dates = CS

### **February**

**3rd to 7th**

Child Mental Health Week in School

**Wednesday 5th**

**Reception** Star Gazing Event 5:00-6:00pm CS

**Thursday 6th**

**Year 4** Wren/Cromwell 2:30pm CS

**Thursday 13th**

**Year 3** Boudica & Cleopatra 2:30pm CS

### **March**

**Tuesday 4th**

Parents Evening

**Wednesday 5th**

Parents Evening

**Thursday 6th**

World Book Day

**Thursday 6th**

**Year 1** Goodall/Banks 2:30pm CS

**Thursday 13th**

**Rosen** 2:30pm CS

**Friday 14th**

**Nursery** Donaldson Stay & Play 10:45am-11:45am & 2:00pm-3:00pm

**Monday 17th**

Class Photographs

**Friday 21st**

Comic Relief Day

**Monday 24th**

**Year 6** Darwin & Fleming 2:30pm CS



# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.