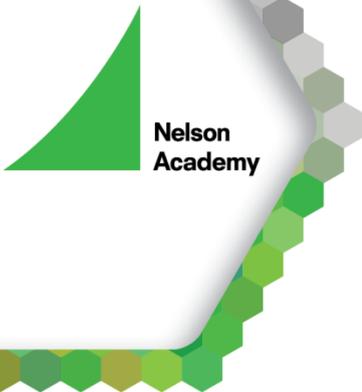


December 2025

# NEWSLETTER



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Sarah Wilson - Principal

## Message From the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As I write the final newsletter of this calendar year it is the perfect time to reflect upon all things 2025 and what a year it has been! I could not be prouder of the way that our whole school community has continued to pull together throughout the year. There will always be some challenges that come our way, but we face them together and I know that we will all continue to do so. Your support, encouragement and kind words always mean the world to us but actually the way in which we are able to communicate when there is a problem or potential issue is equally important. If we don't know that something is wrong, how can we ensure that it doesn't happen again? And if you feel that something can be improved upon, then we would really like to know.

We are privileged to be able to work with and support the most incredible group of young people every day. It is an honour to watch them grow and develop, learning knowledge and skills which will last a lifetime.

To the amazing Nelson staff team, who work tirelessly to ensure that everyone is safe and well, and that every child is provided with an excellent education, I cannot say thank you enough. They always do their absolute best, always putting our children at the heart of every decision which is made. I know I am bias, but the individuals who make up the Nelson staff team are all pretty awesome as far as I am concerned, and I couldn't do my job without each and every one of them. 😊

School closes for the Christmas holiday on Friday 19th December. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. I hope that you all have the chance to rest and relax, and to enjoy the Christmas break. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes - Mrs Sarah Wilson (Principal)

<b>Dates for your diary</b>	<b>Inset Day</b> 05/01/2026	<b>First Day of Term</b> 06/01/2026	<b>Storytelling Week</b> 26/01/2026
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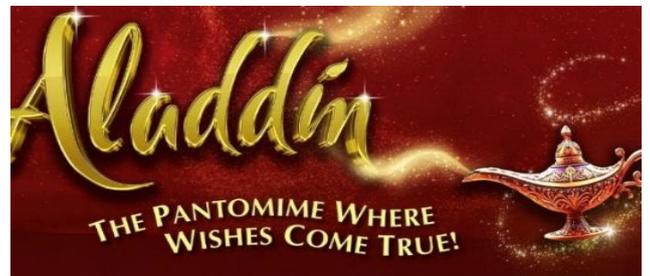


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## Christmas Panto/ Nursery Party Day

What a treat it was to be able to take the whole school to watch Aladdin on the penultimate day of term! The children were exceptionally well behaved, and it was a pleasure to see them all enjoy the experience.



Thank you to Mrs Limbert who created a lovely Christmas Party for all the nursery children whilst everyone was at the Pantomime. A great time was had by everyone!

We must also say a big thank you to FON who contributed towards the cost of the coaches and paid for the Nursery inflatables too. We are truly grateful to have such a great committee of volunteers.

## December Attendance

W/E 5<sup>th</sup> December – 93% Fleming and Archimedes.

W/E 12<sup>th</sup> December – 95% Banks, 93% Cleopatra & Darwin



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## Pupil News

Well done to the Nelson Singers at the Christmas Light Switch On on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November. They all sung fantastically and should be very proud of themselves!

Well done also to Oscar in Year 6 for recently passing his Piano exam. Congratulations!



## FON News.

Huge thanks to everyone who attended the FON Bingo evening. It was an excellent evening with lots of prizes won and it was so lovely to see so many people supporting the event. We raised £1014 which is just an incredible amount! Thank you.

## Christmas Links.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the school with Christmas Links and to the children who helped Mrs Wilson cut the winning links. We raised £142 and the lucky winners from each year were:

*Rec: Oliver, Yr1: Khanya, Yr2: Libby, Yr3: Angel, Yr4: Ryan, Yr5: Tim and Yr6: Lyra.*

The winner of the Santa's Beard hamper was also Tim in Year 5 so double congratulations to him!



## Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

A huge, huge thank you to FON for gifting our Year 6 children with their Leavers Hoodies. We know the children will enjoy wearing them throughout the year. They all look really smart!



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## Christmas Colouring Competition.

Well done to the following children who were chosen as winners for their year group in the colouring competition judged by Gail and her Kitchen team.

Reception: Ruby – Anning.  
Year 1: Pia – Banks.  
Year 2: Leo – Boudica.  
Year 3: Sophie – Archimedes.  
Year 4: Martyna – Wren .  
Year 5: Aya – Hepworth.  
Year 6: Harry – Darwin.

Some beautiful creations!



## Aspens School Dinners / Census Day.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January will be a change to our normal menu. The menu for dinner can be found here. This will be the only meal available on this day.

Please remember to ensure all meals are booked on Aspens for the start of term. All meals need to be booked daily before 9am and can be booked daily, weekly or termly. <https://select.aspens-services.com> Nelson Code is 236579



## Poppy Appeal Fundraiser.

A big thank you to everyone who purchased Poppy merchandise. Together we raised £287.70 for the charity. Well done.



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# Term Date Calendar

# 2025-2026



September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils  
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday  
 Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days (highlighted in blue) are 1st & 2nd September, 5th January, 13th April (EMAT Leadership Conference) and 20th July (may be disaggregated).