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NEWSLETTER

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Sarah Wilson - Principal

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 J Sykes (Year 3 class teacher) will be leaving the academy on Friday 13th February. Mrs Sykes has been a huge part of our school community for several years, and I cannot thank her enough for everything that she has done to support our whole school community; she will be greatly missed by everyone. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs Sykes all the very best for the future. When we return to school on 23rd February, Mrs Melia will be returning to teach in Archimedes class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we look forward to welcoming her back to the team. 😊 We have also welcomed Mrs S Kelly to the academy as our new SRB Lead Teacher.

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), Miss L Kenny (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator - SENDCo) or myself.

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)

Dates for your diary	Safer Internet Day 10/02/2026	FON Disco 27/02/2026	Parents Evening 03/03/2025 & 04/03/2026	World Book Day 05/03/2026
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Pupil News

A very big well done to Ellie in Year 6 for taking part in the Norfolk Cross Country Championships. In almost sub-zero temperatures and with snow on the ground Ellie finished in just under 10 minutes!



Millie-Rose in Year 6 generously donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust recently when having her hair cut. Such a kind act. Well done!

January Attendance

W/E 9th January – Archimedes 98%, Anning, Drake & Wren 97%

W/E 16th January – Cleopatra 98%, Anning 96%

W/E 23rd January – Banks 99%, Cleopatra 97%

W/E 30th January – Cromwell 97%, Boudica 96%, Wren 95%

GOOD ATTENDANCE

Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent Academy Committee member (Governor). If this is something which you might be interested in and would like to find out more, please do get in touch sarah.wilson@nla.eastern-mat.co.uk or catch Mrs Wilson for a chat in person.



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FON News.

The next FON event is the school disco on Friday 27th February. Tickets will be £3 per child. Consent slips will be coming home very soon.

- Rec, Yr1, Yr2 and Yr3 will be 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6 will be 6pm-7pm.

Snacks and refreshments will be available throughout the duration of the discos. Hot Dogs will also be available between 5:30pm and 6pm.

FON Volunteering

If you are interested in meeting new people, making new friends, getting involved in family-friendly events and fundraising for school, FON would love to hear from you. Various events are held throughout the year from Disco's to Bingo and Bake Sales to the Summer Fair. All money raised at these events goes directly back into items/events for the whole school to enjoy.

If you would like to join or would like more information, please reach out to

friendsofnelsonacademy23@gmail.com or
office@nla.eastern-mat.co.uk.



Aspens School Dinners / Theme Day.

To celebrate Lunar New Year Thursday 12th February will be a change to our normal menu. The menu for dinner can be found here. Jacket potatoes and pasta will still be available.

Please remember to ensure all meals are booked on Aspens for the start of the month. 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.



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Parking Reminder.

Traffic Regulation Order - Restricted Parking.

A reminder that a traffic regulation order is in place in Nursery Road and Wimbotsham Road. This is represented by the yellow lines which have been marked out on the road. The parking restrictions are in place in these areas from 0800 to 0930hrs and 1400 to 1600hrs Mon to Fri. Please do not park in these areas during these times as you are likely to be fined for doing so.

Please can all visitors to the school be mindful of where they park in the surrounding areas so that residents have easy access to their properties and are not impacted upon by noise from music, children's behaviour or lengthy parking outside their property. We would also ask all road users to be mindful of other road users and to always be polite and respectful.



Nursery Spaces.

We currently have spaces in our Nursery for children from the age of 3.

Please contact us for more details or to arrange a visit at office@nla.eastern-mat.co.uk.

Nelson Academy

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Call 01366 383824
or email
office@nla.eastern-mat.co.uk and ask
for
Mrs Limbert for all
enquiries.

15 and 30 hour
funding available.

Places available
for 2025 and
2026.

Our curriculum aims to provide all pupils with the opportunity to develop and nurture their knowledge, skills, language, passion for learning and resilience through life-long learning experiences; ensuring all children reach their full potential.



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