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NEWSLETTER

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Message From the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Sarah Wilson - Principal

As the Spring term comes to an end, I would like to reflect back on another busy term and think about how much we all have to celebrate. Clubs, events and trips have been taking place, all of which are wonderful elements of school life which really do enhance not only the children's learning but also their social and emotional wellbeing. Thank you to everyone who has represented us so brilliantly.

I really need to mention the numerous fundraising events which we have held and the way in which the whole school community has come together to support every charity. Your generosity and eagerness to support everything that we do is just incredible. On behalf of myself and the charities, I would like to take this opportunity to say another great big THANK YOU.

This week is Mrs Lawrence's last week in school before commencing maternity leave. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs Lawrence and her family all the very best for the future. When we return to school after the Easter break Mrs Sarah Melia will be teaching in Archimedes class full time until the end of this academic year.

School and Eastern Multi Academy Trust (EMAT) Policies - All school policies are available to view online - <http://nelsonacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Policies+and+Documents&pid=18> and all EMAT policies are available to view online - <http://www.eastern-mat.co.uk/page?title=Policies&pid=18> . If you would like a paper copy of any policies these can be requested at the office.

Thank you to everyone who completed our online survey at our recent parent/carer meetings, your feedback is really appreciated. The main request is for more information about what the children are learning in class so that you can support and talk to your children at home. There is lots of information available on our website www.nelsonacademy.co.uk but in addition to this, after the Easter break class teacher will be sharing 'Knowledge Organisers' with you regularly via ClassDojo. More information to come about this via ClassDojo shortly.

We break up on Friday 27th March so I hope that you all have a great Easter break, enjoying time with family and friends, and maybe taste testing a little bit of chocolate! Hopefully there will be some sunny weather so that we can all get outside and enjoy that too. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 14th April. Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes – Mrs. Sarah Wilson (Principal)

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Pupil News.

To celebrate his recent birthday, Freddie in Year 6 was the mascot for Norwich City Football Club. What an incredible opportunity!

Dance Festival.

Well done to all the children of Dance Club who represented our School Community at the recent Dance Festival at the Corn Exchange in King's Lynn. You were all amazing and danced so well in front of a packed out crowd.



Dance Exams.

Well done to Jasmine in Year 6 and Callan in Year 4 for passing their Grade 1 Musical Theatre Exam with Distinction. And to Keira in Year 3 for passing her Pre-Primary Tap exam with Distinction too!



Swimming.

Well done to Ellie in Year 6 for smashing her first Gala of the year with 7 PB's, 4x 1st place finishes and 4x 3rd place finishes. Good luck for Counties!



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Our school has a TEACHER Ambassador



Red Nose Day Fun!

What fun we had on Comic Relief Day! There were some tremendous outfits, a captivating catwalk and some secret shenanigans too! Thank you to everyone who purchased a red nose and donated on the day. We raised **£604** for this amazing cause. Thank you 😊



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Week 1

FESTIVAL
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Spring/Summer 2026
14/09/24, 24/09/24, 24/09/24,
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14/09/24, 24/09/24, 24/09/24,
14/09/24

LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY WORLD

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Macaroni Cheese	Sticky Lemon Chicken Noodles	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Beef Bolognese and Pasta	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
MEAT-FREE MAGIC	Mixed Bean Fajitas with Wedges	Hoisin Sticky Vegetable Noodles	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Veg Bolognese and Pasta	BBQ Veggie Wrap with Chips
RAINBOW ALLEY	Vegetable Sticks	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPING	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
DESSERT TROLLEY	Orange Squash Cupcakes	Strawberry Jelly	Peach Upside Down Cake	Chocolate Cinnamon Cake	Shortbread

What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?

AVAILABLE DAILY
DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGURT, AND CUT FRUIT

PASTA TWISLER
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH HOME-MADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE

Aspens Hot Lunches.

There is a change to the menu as we move over to the Summer term. Please remember to ensure all meals are booked on Aspens for the return to school on 14th April.

All meals **must** be booked daily before 9am. Failure to do so means your child may not get the meal they prefer to eat. Meals can be booked daily, weekly or termly in advance.

<https://select.aspens-services.com>

Nelson Code is 236579.

We are also inviting Nursery Children to book hot lunches too. If you require support in setting up your account, please reach out to Mrs Hadley via Dojo or via the office email.

Please reach out to the office should you require a copy of the Allergen Menu.

Week 2

LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY WORLD

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges	Chicken and Veg Masala Curry with Rice	Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Chicken Fajitas with Paprika Rice	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
MEAT-FREE MAGIC	Cheddar & Tomato Puff Pastry Tart with Wedges	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Balti with Rice	Veggie Sausage Roll, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Veggie Quesadillas with Paprika Rice	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips
RAINBOW ALLEY	Vegetable Sticks	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Salad	Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPING	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
DESSERT TROLLEY	Lemon Shortbread Fingers	Orange Jelly	Apple Sponge	Oaty Peach Crumble Slice	Chocolate Bricks

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Week 3

LUNCHTIME

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MAIN EVENT	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Mash	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Jerk Chicken Wrap with Rice	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
MEAT-FREE MAGIC	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Sausages with Mash	Med Veg Wellington, Skin on Roasties with Gravy	Sweet Potato Coconut Bean Stew with Rice	Vegetable Fingers with Chips
RAINBOW ALLEY	Vegetable Sticks	Sweetcorn and Cabbage	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPING	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
DESSERT TROLLEY	Sweet Potato Chocolate Brownie	Raspberry Jelly	Treacle, Pear & Ginger Cake	Flapjack	Vanilla Cookies

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March Attendance



W/E 6th March – 99% Cromwell & 97% Drake.

W/E 13th March – 99% Banks, 98% Anning & Cleopatra, 97% Cromwell.

W/E 20th March – 98% Drake, 97% Attenborough & Cromwell.

Dates for your diary.

Classroom Showcases & Dates		Other Events & Dates	
Nursery	06/05/26	Earth Day	25/04/26
Reception & Rec/Yr1	16/04/26 (2-3pm)	Nursery Open Day	25/04/26
Year 1	2/7/26 (2:30-3pm)	KS2 SATs Week	11/04/26
Year 2	21/05/26 (9-9:30am)	Healthy Living Week	22/06/26
Year 3	7/7/26	KS2 Sports Day	25/06/26 (AM)
Year 4	8/7/26	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day	25/06/26 (PM)
Year 5	7/5/26 (2:30pm)	Nursery Sports Day	26/06/26 (AM)
Year 6	18/06/25 (2-3pm)	Oliver! Performance	TBC

Community News.

The Grange Care Home, on Clackclose Road is holding a special Easter Event on Good Friday, 3rd April. Everyone is welcome to attend for some Easter Fun.

In the meantime, these rocks (pictured) have been hidden around school. If you find one, return it to the home by 3rd April to win a Goodie Bag!



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FON News.

Huge thanks to everyone who attended the School Disco! You raised an incredible **£881** which is just *amazing!!* Well done. We're already planning our next Disco and once we have a date locked in, we'll let you know. Thanks also to everyone who attended our Bingo event. This raised **£417!** A special mention goes to Mrs Sek for being a fabulous Bingo Caller!

Cake Raffle.

Our next cake raffle is the week before Easter break, with tickets available to purchase from Monday 23rd March. Our wonderful volunteer Gail will be baking up a yummy Easter Treat so please bring in money for your tickets to be in for a chance to win. 50p per ticket or 5 for £2.

FON AGM.

Many thanks to those of you who attended the AGM on Friday, 13th March. A special "thank you" goes to Rachel Hunt and Faye Whiteley who have stepped down as Co-Chairs. They have helped to organize some fab events over the last couple of years. Kelly Clarke has now stepped into the role of Chair, so a big welcome and thank you to her too!

Being a part of FON is a great opportunity to volunteer alongside likeminded people and support us in raising funds that go directly towards and back to the children. We are always looking to recruit new members, so if you would like to know more, please reach out to friendsofnelsonacademy23@gmail.com.

Donations.

In order to support FON for future events, any raffle prize donations, unwanted or unused gifts/toys would be greatly appreciated. Please drop any donations to the office. Thank you.

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.



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