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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 enjoyed the sunny May half term break. A huge well done to all the children for a fantastic Summer 1 half term, it certainly was a busy couple of months with so much to celebrate!

Firstly, a huge well done to all the children in Year 6 for the way in which they have completed their SATs. The children have worked incredibly hard and they have taken this opportunity to share their knowledge and skills. I have to say that we have been really impressed with their enthusiasm too. Well done to you all for taking this chance to shine and show off everything you know, we are so proud of each and every one of you. 😊

I would also like to say how proud we are of the way in which all the children have represented themselves and the school when they have been on trips and representing the school at events. When people at venues and members of the general public comment on how wonderful and polite our children are, it feels amazing, and just reinforces everything we know....that we have incredible young people as part of our school community.

A special shout out to Mrs Cupit and Mr Mayes who lead all things sport and healthy living in school, and have helped us to secure the 'Gold School Games Mark' for the second year in a row....CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

There is plenty more to look forward to as we head into the final half term of the year i.e. MC Grammar coming into school, further trips, Sports Day, Theatre Club performances. We also begin to prepare for transition and the following school year too. Please remember to look at the dates included in this newsletter and also to regularly check ClassDojo so that you keep up to date with all the information as it becomes available. You can also subscribe to our calendar via our website - [www.nelsonacademy.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1](http://www.nelsonacademy.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1)


Thank you for your continued support.


Best Wishes


Mrs. Sarah Wilson (Principal)


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## Pupil News.

Penelope wanted to share her news that she got 1st place in Song and Dance category at the recent Newmarket dance competition. She is super proud to be the owner of a gold medal 🏆



## Cricket

Well done to everyone who represented the school in the recent cricket tournament at Hillcrest. The final is taking place this week at Stow Hall, Downham and Stow Cricket Club.



## School Games Award.

A special mention again to Mrs Cupit & Mr Mayes for doing all that they do in helping us achieve the Gold School Games Award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running!

Well done too, to all the children who get involved and represent us so well at events held outside the school.



## Teacher News.

Congratulations to Mrs Lawrence and her family on the safe arrival of baby Jude, weighing a healthy 10lb 2oz!



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## May Attendance

W/E 8<sup>th</sup> May – 99% Drake, 98% Cromwell, 97% Anning & Banks.

W/E 15<sup>th</sup> May – 97% Darwin & Wren, 96% Anning, 95% Drake.

W/E 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 97% Banks, 95% Wren, 94% Anning.



## Dates for your diary.

Classroom Showcases & Dates		Other Events & Dates	
Year 1	2/7/26 (2:30-3pm)	FON Disco	12/06/26
Year 3	07/07/26	Healthy Living Week	22/06/26
Year 4	08/07/26	KS2 Sports Day	25/06/26 (AM)
Year 6	18/06/25 (2-3pm)	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day	25/06/26 (PM)
		Nursery Sports Day	26/06/26 (AM)
		Yr 6 PGL	06/07/26 - 08/07/26
		Oliver! Performance	02/07/26 & 10/07/26

## Community News.

### Vote for Nelson Academy at Tesco.

A reminder that all customers can vote for Nelson Academy at the **Tesco on London Road** as part of the Tesco Community Grants scheme. We are hoping to secure a **£1,500 grant** to purchase an archery kit and additional sports equipment, benefiting pupils across the whole school.

Voting tokens are available in store when you shop, and voting is open until the **end of July**. Every vote makes a difference, so please support us by placing your token in the Nelson Academy box if you are shopping at Tesco.




## ARCHERY KITS AND MORE FOR SCHOOL

We're raising funds for archery kits and more to give all children the opportunity to experience different types of activities at school, whilst promoting healthy living.

Our goal is to reach the highest grant available of **£1500**.

**Vote in our local Tesco until July!**







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## FON News.

### Cake Raffle.

Well done to Lizzie in Donaldson class and Poppy in Wren class who were the 2 lucky students who won our most recent Summer themed cake raffle and hamper. As always, FON are so grateful for your contributions and support to our events.



### Disco – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Our next Disco is just around the corner! Permission and payment slips will be coming home in the next few days. This will be in keeping with our MC Grammer visit so dressing up as your best Rap Star is highly encouraged!

### Earth Day.



A huge thank you to everyone who supported us at Earth Day this year. We raised an amazing £387.80 in profit which is incredible. We truly appreciate the support you show us as a community!

### GEAR – 10k Fundraiser.

A huge thank you to **Darren and Michael** for taking on the challenge of GEAR. They raised an amazing £175! We are incredibly grateful for your commitment and efforts to raise these funds. Thank you!

### Your School Lottery.

We are relaunching our School Lottery. Currently we only have 14 supporters & 25 tickets sold each week and would love to see this number rise.

Each ticket costs £1 and each week there is a guaranteed winner. The more tickets sold, the greater the prize winnings will be.

40p per ticket sold goes directly back to the school so this is a great way to support fundraising efforts within our community whilst having the chance to pocket a little something for yourself too. More info can be found here on this leaflet & you will be able to sign up to support us via the QR Code.

**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY**

- £1 per week
- Weekly cash prizes
- £25,000 jackpot

**How it works...**

It's simple - just choose 6 numbers between 0-9, and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Nelson Academy.

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

**It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Nelson Academy**

**Splitting the £1.00**

- 40p to our school
- 25p guaranteed prize
- 35p other prizes & running costs

**The maths...**

100 weekly tickets means:  
A £25 guaranteed weekly prize  
£2,080 a year for your school

**Play Now**

Scan here to play....



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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. A letter sent out to all parents / carers from Paul Shanks, the Trust CEO can be found here. [https://easternmat-my.sharepoint.com/personal/samantha\\_hadley\\_nla\\_eastern-mat\\_co\\_uk/Documents/Desktop/Newsletters/EMAT%20Letter%20To%20Nelson%20Parents%20and%20Carers%20-%205.5.26.pdf](https://easternmat-my.sharepoint.com/personal/samantha_hadley_nla_eastern-mat_co_uk/Documents/Desktop/Newsletters/EMAT%20Letter%20To%20Nelson%20Parents%20and%20Carers%20-%205.5.26.pdf)

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. Last half term we had numerous reported occasions of children crossing the road without looking and reports of unsafe parking. Please can we encourage you to talk about road safety with your children and ensure best practice and courtesy is adhered to at all times.

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