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NEWSLETTER

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Sarah Wilson - Principal

Message From the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

June has brought a number of trips and experiences for the children to take part in, building upon the knowledge and skills which they learn whilst in school and making their learning 'real life'. A highlight of the year for me has to be our visit from MC Grammar at the start of the month....WOWZA what a day! A huge thank you to Mrs Sek for organising the day and to the Friends Of Nelson Academy for donating some funds towards this unforgettable experience. If your child has not been on a trip or had an in school experience with their class yet, then their opportunity will not be far away, as everyone will be having an experience linked to their learning before the end of the Summer term.

The extreme heat last week brought a new set of challenges and we would like to thank everyone for their continued support and kind words during this time. The forecast is predicting more hot weather to come in July so let's watch this space to see if it actually arrives, and please regularly check ClassDojo for any updates.

A big thank you to Mrs Cupit for organising Health Living Week, despite the extremely warm weather, the children were able to take part in a range of experiences. The rescheduled Sports Days are yet to come and we hope that you can join us.

Thursday 2nd July - AM = KS2 (Year 3-Year 6) - Gates open @ 9.00am, starts @ 9.30am

12.00-1.00 - Picnic lunch for everyone

PM = Reception & KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) starts at 1.30pm

Friday 3rd July - AM = Nursery - Gates open at 11am, starts @ 11.15am

Followed by picnic for Nursery ONLY

PM - Rosen - Gates open @ 1.55pm, starts at 2.00pm

Plans are busy being finalised for the next academic school year. Please can I take this opportunity to remind everyone about our school uniform and PE kit expectations, ready for any upcoming purchases. I will be sharing a copy of our Uniform Policy on ClassDojo and it is also available to view on our website - [Nelson Academy - Policies and Documents](#) We really want to encourage everyone to take pride in the way they look and feel when they are at school, and how we dress is a big part of this. We are also mindful of the cost of school uniform and we want to do all we can to support families. With this in mind, we do have several items in lost property which need reuniting with their owners so please call into the office to have a look if you are missing anything. We also have many items of uniform readily available to be swapped or available to anyone who would like some support in this area. Please see the office team or speak to a member of staff if there is anything that we can do to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Sarah Wilson (Principal)

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Pupil News.

Ruby performed recently in the Ely Arts Festival. She performed with her Tap/Jazz group from Octagon Dance Studios in Ely and did absolutely brilliantly!

A huge well done also to Evie in Year 3 who competed for the county in May and medalled with gold in beam, floor and bars then silver in vault. This meant she qualified to compete for regionals East, where she won silver for bars and bronze on floor and vault!



Cricket

History was made recently by those children across Year 5 & 6 who represented the school at the Norfolk County Finals. Finishing 4th place in the County was a huge achievement. Well done to you all!



Dates for your diary.

Classroom Showcases & Dates		Other Events & Dates	
Year 1	13/7/26 (2:30-3pm)	KS2 Sports Day	02/07/26 (AM)
Year 3	07/07/26	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day	02/07/26 (PM)
Year 4	08/07/26	Nursery/Rosen Sports Day	03/07/26
		Yr 6 PGL	06/07/26 - 08/07/26
		Oliver! Performance	02/07/26 & 10/07/26



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June Attendance.

W/E 5th June – 98% Cromwell, 97% Archimedes, 96% Banks & Boudica.

W/E 12th June – 96% Banks, Drake & Darwin.

W/E 19th June – 97% Banks and Wren.

W/E 26th June – 91% Cromwell.



Community News.

Vote for Nelson Academy at Tesco.

One month to go to support us in winning the grant from Tesco. Please help us by collecting your blue tokens each time you shop and popping them into our sector.

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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!

Stronger Starts **TESCO** **GROUNDWORK**

CHANGING PLACES CHANGING LIVES

FREE CPR AND AED AWARENESS SESSIONS

Learn how to do CPR and use a defibrillator

VENUE
The Town Hall, Downham Market

DATE
Saturday 18th July 2026

SESSIONS
9am, 10am and 11am

To book a place email Natalie.Rudd@sja.org.uk or call/text 07771620634

Donations to St John Ambulance would be greatly appreciated.

St John Ambulance

BE PREPARED. SAVE A LIFE.

Free CPR & Defibrillator Training.

Sessions are being held on the 18th July at the Town Hall. These are free, but to book a place, please see the info attached.

Family Summer Holiday Events.

Please see here for a programme of events being held in the Summer Holidays across Norfolk. Scan the QR code to book your place.

Kids flourish **Norfolk County Council**

Norfolk Parent Carer Service
Run by Parent Carers for Parent Carers
Summer Holidays 2026

Redwings Horse Sanctuary
(Meet up) 30th July 11.30am - 2.30pm

Long Stratton Family Hub Family Craft Session
PomPom Monsters & Sensory Bottles
5th Aug 10.30am - 12.30pm

Hunstanton Beach Hut
(Meet Up) 6th Aug 11.30am - 2.30pm

North Walsham Family Hub Family Craft Session
PomPom Monsters & Sensory Bottles
7th Aug 10.30am - 12.30pm

Drayton Family Hub Family Craft Session
PomPom Monsters & Sensory Bottles
12th Aug 10.30am - 12.30pm

King's Lynn Family Hub Family Craft Session
PomPom Monsters & Sensory Bottles
17th Aug 10.30am - 12.30pm

Albion Games Cafe Norwich Family Session
17th Aug 11am - 12.30pm

Thetford Family Hub Family Craft Session
PomPom Monsters & Sensory Bottles
19th Aug 10.30am - 12.30pm

Email sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk for more info

Scan here to book



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Disco

Huge thanks to everyone who turned up to dance the evening away on the 12th June. It was a great evening as always and you raised an incredible £936! Just amazing! Next years dates are already being discussed and we'll communicate dates soon.



Parkrun Takeover!

On the 26th September, FON will be joining the Parkrun at DMA to support raising funds at the start of the new academic year. So whether you would like to join in and run, volunteer to marshal or help with the pop-up café, we would love to see you there!

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

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

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Splitting the £1.00

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

The maths...

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

Play Now

Gamble Aware

40p to our school
20p guaranteed prize
30p other prizes & running costs

Scan here to play....



Your School Lottery.

Since relaunching last month, we've seen a small increase to 28 tickets sold each week and would still 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.



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School Activities / Trips.

Reception – Little City.

In June Anning and Attenborough class had a visit from Little City. All week we had visits from some of our lovely parents who do amazing jobs that help people in our community. When Little city came in, we had the chance to role play some of the jobs we had found out about using all their amazing toys. Natalie from Little City was really impressed with how sensible and safe we were!



MC Grammar.

The BEST day was had by all pupils and staff on the 2nd June with the visit from MC Grammar! It was the most wonderful experience and it was incredible to see so many children engaging with such confidence. A huge well done has to go to Mrs Sek for securing such an amazing treat for our community.



Year 1 – Watatunga.

Year 1 had a fantastic trip out to Watatunga recently where they not only had an incredible tour around the park, but an interactive workshop too linking classroom theory to real-world examples. The children were able to watch herds of deer, antelope and birds moving freely, behaving naturally, and interacting with their environment as well as touch and hold some real life antlers too.



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Our school has a
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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.

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. 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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