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NEWSLETTER

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Sarah Wilson - Principal

Message From the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back and a very warm welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us in September. I hope that you all had an amazing summer break spending lots of quality time with your families and friends.

I am really pleased to see how well the children have settled back into school life and into the routines of the new academic year. Positive relationships are being built with the adults in their new classes and also new friendships between children too. I have especially enjoyed talking to the children while I am on the gate in the morning and afternoon, and hearing all about the learning which has been taking place. The enthusiasm when the children talk and the knowledge which they have is what we are striving for and I have a really good feeling that this year is going to be another incredibly successful one. I cannot wait to see what we can all achieve together!

As we start the new school year I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone of the rules that we have in school - That everyone should; feel 'Safe' in school, be 'Respected' in school and have the 'Right' to learn/work in school. These rules are not just for the children but for all the adults too (staff, parents/carers and visitors) as we all need to role model these things to the children at all times. Your support with reinforcing these rules at all times would be greatly appreciated, and by school and home working together, we can make sure that every child who attends the school is 'Achieving Through Learning' and therefore achieving their very best.

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.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our recent Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, an incredible charity which is very close to the hearts of so many of us. There are lots of other events being planned for this term so please take the time to read the information in the newsletters and please also look out for information on ClassDojo too.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Sarah Wilson (Principal)



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Staff News.

In July we said a very sad farewell to Mrs. McDonald who worked at Nelson for 28 years. Mrs. McDonald has supported 1000's of children during her career and whilst we will all miss her we wish her the very best for her retirement adventures.

We also said goodbye to Mrs. Walther and Miss T. We wish them both lots of luck in their new roles and thank them for all they did last academic year.

Finally, a big thank you, goes to Chris Challender for his years of service on our local Academy Committee, with his role coming to an end in August 2026.

We have welcomed 2 new members of staff this month, Mrs. Pearson in Archimedes, Yr3 and Mrs. Sutherland-Bassett in Packham class. We have also welcomed back Mrs. Smith who returns from her maternity leave and joins Mrs. Pearson in Archimedes class.



Dates for your diary.

Events & Dates		Events & Dates	
Harvest Festival	02/10/26	Christmas Jumper Day	16/12/26
FON Disco	22/10/26	Whole School Panto Trip	17/12/26
Art Exhibition	30/10/26	Rocksteady Concert	18/12/26
Children in Need	13/11/26	Class Photos	05/03/27
Parents Evening	17/11/26 & 18/11/26	Parents Evening	09/03/27 & 10/03/27



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September Attendance.



W/E 11th September – 98% Cleopatra, 97% Anning, Rosen, Cromwell & Fleming.

W/E 18th September – 99% Wren, 98% Attenborough & Rosen.

W/E 25th September – 100% Rosen, 98% Anning, Boudica & Archimedes.

Community News.

Tesco Stronger Starts Grant.

A huge thank you to everyone who recently voted for us at Tesco!

Thanks to your amazing support, we have secured **£1,000** to purchase new **Archery PE equipment**, which will benefit children across the whole school.

We are so excited to give our children the opportunity to try something new and develop their skills while having lots of fun! We can't wait to share some of their archery adventures with you later in the academic year once the new equipment is in use.

Thank you once again for your fantastic support. We couldn't have done it without you!

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon.

A huge thanks to everyone who supported our recent MacMillan Coffee event. It was wonderful to see so many donations of cakes and baked goods as well as so many lovely raffle prizes. Your support really does make a difference and we are very grateful. We raised over £250 which is an incredible amount and really will help to make a difference in a charity that is very close to our hearts.

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FON News.

Disco

Our first disco of the year is being held on Thursday 22nd October!

Timings and pricing are as follows:

- Reception: 4:00-4:30pm £2 – This is a shorter introduction disco to welcome our new starters.
- Yr1/2/3: 5:00-6:00pm £3.50.
- Yr4/5/6: 6:30-7:30pm £3.50.

Refreshments & Glow Sticks will be available to buy on the night.

Consent slips will be coming home soon.



Parkrun Takeover!

A huge thanks to everyone who supported the Parkrun takeover on Saturday 26th at DMA! It was great to have received so many baked goods and to see so many people supporting us either through volunteering, selling cakes & refreshments or running and taking part.

We raised £200 - thank you!



- Join the lottery to support our school
- Win weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Tickets from just £1 a week
- Free entry into the bonus Super Draw!

BUY TICKETS:
Go to: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
And search for:
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Or scan the QR code!



Your School Lottery.

By joining our school lottery, you can help fundraise for the school as well as being in for a chance to win a weekly cash prize. Tickets are just £1 and 40 pence from every ticket sold goes directly back to us.

Signing up is easy and you can cancel at any time....there is no obligation to stay locked in to a subscription.

Joining is a simple and effective way to support us from the comfort of your own home!



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Free Breakfast Club.

Whether you need support with childcare, attendance or your children would just like to join us, all children in Reception through to Year 6 are welcome to start school at 8:15am and start their day in our free breakfast club.

Different activities are available to participate in each day and all children attending are entitled to food and refreshments whilst here. A sample menu can be found below.



Booking is preferred and can be made on Pupil Asset. This helps us to prepare staffing and resources. If your child already attends our paid provision from 7:45am, there is no need to book the free provision.

We've already seen a really positive intake into this club and would love to see this continue to grow. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office.



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Flu Vaccinations.

The NHS team will be here on 11th November to administer flu vaccines to all the children in school. They will be making direct contact with parents/carers to provide consent for this so please do look out for an email.



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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