

19TH DECEMBER 2024

NESTON PRIMARY NEWS



MESSAGE FROM MRS ELLIOTT

This newsletter is jam-packed full of all the exciting things that have been happening at Neston Primary in the last couple of weeks. I am so proud to be headteacher of such a vibrant and busy school that places great emphasis on enabling children to have the opportunity to perform and also think of others through donations of food, toys, shoes and money as well as giving time by visiting residents at Hallwood and also making decorations for the community centre Christmas dinner. I want to thank all of our parents for supporting the school in our endeavours and also thank all of the staff for the work they have done this term. Whilst organising all these events, the staff have also been planning exciting lessons to enable the children to progress academically.

Today we had our fabulous Christmas dinner - thank you to Mrs Furlong for co-ordinating and Mrs Harris for the delicious dinner.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2025. We will see you all on Tuesday 7th January.

ATTENDANCE

At the start of December, the attendance team met with the Education Welfare Officer to discuss all of our pupils with less than 90% attendance and also those children who are persistently late. It is vitally important for children to be at school every day and in on time. You will have seen our banners explaining the impact that days off or minutes late can have on a child's education. Being late means they miss the input of lessons or in some cases whole lessons on a regular basis. I really hope that in the new year, we can see improved attendance and punctuality.

Attendance so far this term:

Ash 75 %	Chestnut 92 %
Maple 92%	Willow 94%
Oak 92%	Sycamore 92%



NESTON PFA

A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents of the PFA who held the Christmas Crafternoon for the whole school last Friday. It was a magical afternoon and all the children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed it. If you would like to get involved in these events then please speak to Natasha Chapman or let Jemma in the office know.

If you have any ideas for events then please let us know, we are always looking for new ways to raise money for the school and provide fun experiences for the children.



PARISH CHURCH 150TH BIRTHDAY

To mark the 150th anniversary of the Parish Church, the children were asked to design a logo to be added to different merchandise to celebrate the occasion. Congratulations to Leo, Islay, Lydia-Eva and Lester. They each received a £15 book token as a prize. I can't wait to see their designs around Neston.

ELF RUN 2024

Huge thanks to Mrs Muskett and the Rotakids for organising this year's Elf run in aid of Cancer research. At the final count, £150 was raised so thank you to you all.



READING VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to our reading volunteers this term. Their support has been invaluable in supporting many children not only to make progress but develop a love of reading too. Thank you Mrs Tudor, Mrs Dowler, Mrs Powell, Mrs Challinor and Mrs Howcroft for all your support.

If you are interested in being a reading volunteer and can commit to regularly listening to children read, please leave your details at the office.

Miss Thompson

Dates	EVENTS - SPRING TERM 1
Tuesday 7th January	School Re-opens for the Spring term
9th January	Safety Seymour CO workshops for Oak and Chestnut Classes
10th + 15th January	Rehearsal for Y5 with the High School for the Legally Blonde Performance
13th January	3:20pm Conway Trip Parents Meeting
14th January	3:20pm Barnstondale Trip Parents Meeting
20th January	Nursery and Reception Stay and Play Session 2:30pm
Week Beginning 27th January	Book Week - lots of activities including an author visit - more details to follow
12-14th February	Y5 and Y6 Residential to Conway
13-14th February	Y3 and Y4 Residential to Barnstondale
14th February	School Closes for half term
24th February	School Re-opens for Spring 2
24-26th February	Y5 Bikeability sessions
25th + 27th February	Parents Evenings
27th February	Safety Seymour CO workshops for Willow and Sycamore Classes

CLASS EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you wish to get in touch with the class teacher, the best way to do this is to speak to them on the playground at the end of the day. You can also ring the school office on 0151 832 6251 to arrange for the teacher to contact you.

We also have class email addresses which have been updated with the new names:

ash@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk
pine@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk
maple@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk
oak@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk
chestnut@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk
willow@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk
sycamore@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk

The staff will answer at their earliest convenience but for a healthy work-life balance, during out of school hours, this will only be when they are completing school work.

A festive graphic with the words "Merry Christmas" in a red, cursive font. The text is surrounded by several white snowflakes and small yellow stars. A decorative red flourish is at the bottom of the word "Christmas".

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