

**New Mills Primary School**  
**Newsletter No. 8**  
**Friday 23 May 2025**



Dear Parents,

We have another busy half term with lots of things happening! Firstly, I would like to thank the staff & the Y6 pupils for all their hard work with the SATS. We have also just joined the OPAL scheme which is a mentor supported school improvement programme. This will address all 18 areas that a school must plan for if they want to sustainably improve the quality of play. We have lots of exciting ideas to transform our playgrounds and will be asking for yours, the pupils & local businesses support!! 😊

I think I can speak on behalf of all the staff when I say that I hope you have a wonderful May break and we look forward to having everyone back for a fresh new term on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025.

**Carol Taylor – Head teacher**

### **Library**

This is developing nicely. We are in the process of organising and ordering the new furniture. The PTA have been instrumental in getting this completed. If you're having a sort out over the holidays, please keep any relatively new books for us, they will be gratefully received on when we return to school 😊

**NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme** - I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. Please find attached a letter with more information.

### **What an afternoon we had at Cheerfest!**

Our year 5 and 6 team the 'New Mills Ghostly Spirits' danced and cheered their routine to Lady Gaga's 'Abracadabra' at New Mills Art Theatre. The girls have worked so hard on their routine devising choreography, stunts and our cheer. It was brilliant to see them do their best performance ever, when it really mattered. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with them on this - the girls have been collaborative and innovative, brave and supportive of each other. Well done! Thank you.  
Sue Fisher

### **Change of Staff**

Judith Bartley retired from the Wraparound Club today. We would like to thank her for all her hard work during her time here. She has been delightful to work with and we wish her well with her retirement. Michelle Mills & Tracy Bowden replace her and will start after the May holidays.



### **After School Clubs**

Monday –Being Outdoors Forest School & Art Club

Tuesday – **NO drama club this term**

Thursday – Sports Club (KS2) – multi-sports this term. This is a great opportunity for children to try new sports with their friends.

New club- on Mondays, Rachel Andrews is delivering an Art Club for children. Rachel is one of our parents, she already runs art clubs, after school clubs and holiday clubs in New Mills and beyond. Please book directly through Rachel, a letter has gone out today.

### **PTA Request - Calling all Parents!** 📣

Can you help us??

We're busy prepping for our Summer Fair and we're on the hunt for raffle prizes 🎁

We're kindly asking parents, if they can, to ask their places of work to provide a raffle prize. Or if any parents run their own businesses, would you consider donating a prize to our raffle? Ideally, raffle prizes would need to be in place by Friday 20th June.

You can contact us at [newmillspta@gmail.com](mailto:newmillspta@gmail.com).

Thank you so much for your support!

### **Carnival**

Hi everyone,

It's that time of year again.....carnival time!!

The theme for New Mills Carnival this year is 'Animal Kingdom'.

It is on Saturday the 7th of June.

We would love as many of you as possible to come join our school's walking float.

To link to the theme, we have decided to take New Mills Primary on Safari!

Please come and join us dressed as a safari animal or a safari participant!!



School can help with some masks if needed and will provide some props for the children/adults to carry.

Please let me know if you would like to join us by commenting below. I will send further details after half term.

Thank you.

Laura Shepley

### *Diary Dates 2025 so far.....*

<i>Monday 2 June</i>	- <i>INSET training day</i>
<i>Tuesday 3 June</i>	- <i>Term 6 start date</i>
<i>Thursday 5 June</i>	- <i>Reception trip to Chatsworth</i>
<i>Friday 6 June</i>	- <i>Y2 Whitehall day trip</i>
<i>Saturday 7 June</i>	- <i>NM Carnival</i>
<i>Monday 9 June</i>	- <i>NMHS work experience students in school</i>
	- <i>Y4 Swimming every Monday until further notice</i>
<i>Tuesday 10 June</i>	- <i>Sports Day</i>
	<i>KS2 AM parents arrive at 9 am</i>
	<i>KS1 PM parents arrive at 1pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 11 June</i>	- <i>New reception class visits start</i>
<i>Friday 13 June</i>	- <i>Y3 Whitehall day trip</i>
<i>Thursday 19 June</i>	- <i>Class photos in school</i>
<i>Friday 20 June</i>	- <i>Non-uniform day - please bring chocolate</i>
<i>Friday 20 June</i>	- <i>Y3 trip to DEVA Chester</i>
<i>Thursday 26 June</i>	- <i>New reception parents welcome evening</i>
<i>Friday 27 June</i>	- <i>Non-uniform day - please bring bottles</i>
	- <i>Summer Fair 3.15 pm at school</i>
	- <i>PCSO Buller to speak to Y6</i>
<i>Wednesday 2 July</i>	- <i>Mini first aid for Y5 &amp; Y1</i>
<i>Thursday 3 July</i>	- <i>Move up day for classes</i>
	- <i>Y6 transition day to NMHS</i>
<i>Friday 4 July</i>	- <i>Y6 transition day to NMHS day 2</i>
<i>Monday 7 July</i>	- <i>Summer Disco School discos -</i>
	<i>EYFS and KS1 15:30 to 16:30 and</i>
	<i>KS2 16:45 to 17:45</i>
<i>Monday 7 July</i>	- <i>Last swimming session</i>
<i>Monday 14 July</i>	- <i>Dress rehearsal in school for Y5 &amp; Y6 show</i>
	<i>Y5 &amp; Y6 show at 2pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 16 July</i>	- <i>Y5 &amp; Y6 show at 5pm</i>
	- <i>Swimming gala</i>
<i>Tuesday 22 July</i>	- <i>Leavers assembly 9.15 am</i>
<i>Wednesday 23 July</i>	- <i>Last day in school</i>