

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 1
Thursday 23 October 2025



Dear Parents,

Our new library is stunning!!! A large group of people have worked closely together to make this happen. Firstly, a generous donation from a parent got the ball rolling – thank you, you have made a significant change to the children in our school. Claire, Emma, Laura Emma F from the PTA have been by my side throughout the transformation and I couldn't have done it without them. Karl (one of our parents who works at Swizzels) supported massively with the modular furniture, he arranged for us to have it at a really good price, organised delivery and assembly and brought in a team to get all the furniture in the right place. Emma (one of our parents who works at Astra Zeneca) set aside free furniture for us and had it delivered. The PTA bought and installed all the soft furnishing and lights to give the space a truly magical woodland feel. Northe and Adam, from High Street Books, have been putting books on one side and collecting donated books so that we had more high-quality books. Additionally, Northe has filtered out the old-fashioned and inappropriate books and organised the library – her support has been invaluable. Moving forwards, we are hoping to train some of the year 5 children to be librarians and for them to train the year 4 children in the summer term so they can take the role on next year. Many other people, whom I haven't named have also supported in different ways – you know who you are and I want to say thank you for everything. So, you can see that it has been a real team effort to get the library to where it is today. If you haven't seen it yet, we've got the Christmas fair coming up so please pop upstairs and spend some time in our wonderful space.

Carol Taylor – Head teacher

NEW School Dinners Booking System

We will be changing the way dinners will be paid for starting 3 November 2025 in line with the new menu change.

Any outstanding payments need to be cleared before any dinners can be booked. In the July Newsletter, we gave the standard 6-weeks' notice that payments needed to be cleared and this letter gives 3-weeks' notice.

The way to book meals through Parent Pay has been emailed out and is on class dojo. EYFS and KS1 – we will automatically book a red dinner if no meal is booked and in KS2 we will assume your child is bringing sandwiches if a meal isn't booked. Meals will need to be booked 1 week in advance so you will be able to start booking meals from Wednesday 22nd October 2025. Payments will need to be made in advance as you book the dinners.

Once meals have been booked, they can be changed up to the night before. If you have paid for a meal and your child is absent, a credit will be issued.

If you have any queries, please contact a member of the school office either in person, by phone, email (enquiries@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk) or Class Dojo. If this change is going to be an issue, please email Mrs Taylor – ctaylor@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk

Staffing Changes

We are really pleased to announce that Miss Hulme and Mrs Blackmore have both secured full-time permanent positions with other schools. Whilst we are very sad to see them go and they will be sorely missed, they have both trained here and have now spread their wings. We wish them every success in their futures. Replacements have not yet been found for some of the roles they did. Anna Shaw, who does our breakfast club and is the site caretaker, is working with us at lunch times in place of Mrs Blackmore and Amanda Rose is to become part of our Breakfast Club team.

Positions in school that are currently available are:

Midday supervisor – 5 days a week, 1hr 25 mins per day (7hr 5mins per week)

Cleaner – before or after school – 5 days a week, 1 hour per day

If you know anyone who is interested in either or both of these roles, please ask them to call school on 01663 744453

Recycling in School

Just a reminder that we recycle used stamps, batteries & small printer cartridges. We also have a clothing recycling bin (all clothes must be bagged & shoes paired together.) No duvets or bedding. Thank you.

After School Clubs

Monday – Being Outdoors Forest School

Monday – Paintbox Art Club

Tuesday – ELS Drama Club

Thursday – Sports Club (KS2) – Netball this term

We also have the Wraparound before and after school club and the free breakfast club which runs from 8.20 am to 8.50 am. Please email for more information.

Sports Events

Amanda Rose has been taking the children to the sports events on Wednesday afternoons. Amanda is an avid sports person and she has been brilliant at supporting the children and communicating with parents before during and after the events. She has also been teaching different sports at lunch times. This term it was tennis and the children have really enjoyed having the option to do tennis each day. It's been wonderful to see the children picking up the rackets and attempting to get the ball over the nets.

This term, we have attended 4 football tournaments for KS2 boys and girls and a football festival for year 1. Amanda has sent updates for each of the events on Class Dojo. In brief, the children have shown excellent sportsmanship and they should be very proud of all they have achieved. – well done to everyone who took part!

Become a Governor

With the recent resignations from Emma Holland and Sam Hay, we have vacancies for new governors. Sam and Emma have been tremendously supportive governors and we thank them very much for their contributions over the years. More information about becoming a school governor will be sent out next term.

Volunteers

We are well past the days of COVID when pretty much everything changed in school. NMPS is a wonderful place to work and, if you're interested in spending some time with our wonderful staff and children, then please consider being a volunteer. Get in touch with me if you can spare us a few valuable hours each week – ctaylor@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk

Parking on Meadow Street

Please can I just remind you not to park on Meadow Street as we have lots of children & parents walking up to school at the busy drop off and collection times.

Diary Dates 2025 so far.....

<i>Thursday 23 October</i>	-	<i>Break the rules day</i>
<i>Friday 24 October</i>	-	<i>Inset day school is closed</i>
<i>Monday 3 November</i> <i>to Wednesday 5 November</i>	-	<i>Y5 Lea Green residential</i>
<i>Monday 3 November to</i> <i>Friday 7 November</i>	-	<i>Y6 selling poppies in school</i>
<i>Monday 10 November to</i> <i>Friday 14 November</i>	-	<i>Y6 Ghyll Head residential</i>
<i>Friday 14 November</i>	-	<i>Children in Need day (wear something spotty)</i>
<i>Monday 24 November</i>	-	<i>NHS Flu Vaccines in school</i>
<i>Thursday 27 November</i>	-	<i>Wreath Making Workshops 6-8 pm</i>
<i>Friday 28 November</i>	-	<i>Non Uni Day - please bring chocolate</i>
<i>Friday 5 December</i>	-	<i>Non Uni Day - please bring bottles</i>
<i>Friday 5 December</i>	-	<i>Xmas Fair 3.15 - 5 pm</i>
<i>Thursday 11 December</i>	-	<i>Xmas dinner day</i>
<i>Wednesday 17 December</i>	-	<i>Xmas parties in school</i>
<i>Thursday 18 December</i>	-	<i>Y4 Trip to the Lowry</i>
<i>Friday 19 December</i>	-	<i>Carol service Mellor Road Church</i>
<i>Friday 19 December</i>	-	<i>Finish for Xmas holidays</i>
<i>Monday 5 January</i>	-	<i>School reopens</i>

