

New Mills Primary School
Newsletter No. 3
Friday 13th February 2026



Dear Parents,

This term started with a heavy snow warning and we were all prepared for a snow day that didn't happen! I know many children were disappointed about that!! Since then, we have been busy learning, the hectic Christmas term is behind us and we are all working diligently.

Carol Taylor – Head teacher

Parking on Meadow Street

Please ensure that, when you park, you consider the safety of the children. Although it may be legal to use a disabled pass on double yellow lines, that doesn't make it safe. Arrive early, park safely and, if you are late, we will hold on to your child/ren until you arrive.

Staff Changes

We have had a few staff changes – Louise Carberry will support us with SEND paperwork, as necessary, but won't be in every week like she used to be. Mrs Clarke is currently on Safari after retiring at Christmas. Joanne Wood and Carissa Warhurst are very welcome additions to our midday team and Christina Crossland also works 2 days a week at lunchtimes.

Toni Kania has worked in the office with for almost a year now. Toni has taken over the role of School Business Officer on a part-time basis. If you need to speak to her or book wraparound care, she can be contacted on Dojo or by email – enquiries@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Outdoor Play and Learning

We are continuing to develop what we offer to the children at break and lunch times. We have a natural spring entering the school from the top playground and we intend to create a natural stream so it can flow through the school's grounds. The children have been digging trenches to help the water flow away from the footpaths – it's making such a change.

We are doing all we can to keep the mud out of school. Children are encouraged to play in the water and mud if they have a change of clothes and footwear. They get changed in the polytunnel. Additional storage is being purchased so we have more space to store the resources. Our next small part of the project is to have painting outside. If you have an old shirt, please send it in so the children can cover their uniform before painting.

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 Next Term

Tuesday – ELS Theatre & Dance

Thursday – Paintbox Art Club

If you need emergency wraparound care, there message 07484940428 – this is the phone number the wraparound team use to keep track of late bookings or changes to bookings.

The Free Breakfast Club is working really well – it is very popular and the children get a 'soft' start to their school day. This will initially a year-long scheme led by the government. We are pleased to tell you that this will continue for at least another year as the government are continuing to fund it.

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.

Pupil Premium

If you are claiming Universal Credit or Income Support then you also qualify for Free School Meals. This also entitles the school to a Pupil Premium Grant of £1,515 per child, per annum. This funding lasts for 6 years after the family has finished receiving support. It makes a significant difference to what we can offer our children in terms of additional nurture, therapies and learning support. Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals, this shouldn't be confused with the Free School Meal Grant for families on lower income. Please approach the school if this applies to you, so that we can support you confidentially with an application.

From all the staff and governors

Dates:

Return to school on Monday 23rd February

Tuesday 24th February, hi Pete kids Council meeting

Thursday 26th of February, measuring children in Reception and year six.

Monday 2nd March, chicks arrive in school.

Monday 2nd March, Governors school development meeting 6pm

Wednesday 4th March, Governors resources meeting 6pm

Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th March, Parents Evenings

Wednesday 11th March, Full Governing Board meeting 6pm

Monday 16th March, Neurodiversity week

Tuesday 17th March, Fir safety talks - y2 and y6

Friday 20th March, Y5 trip to Joddrell Bank

Monday 23rd March, Easter Bake Off Day

Monday 23rd March, y3/4 dress rehearsal (for children in school)

Tuesday 24th March y3/4 performance for parents at 6pm

Wednesday 25th March, Y3/4 performance for parents at 2pm

Friday 27th March, Y6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters

Friday 27th March school closes for Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April, school reopens for summer term 1

Year 6 Maths Club

February 25th

March 11th

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