

Nursteed Community Primary School



Newsletter 3 Friday 20th September 2024

Message From Mrs Vousden

I am frustrated to say that we are still experiencing technical issues with the loading of information onto our new website, so it is not yet up to date and I apologise for that. Our IT support company Oakford are working with the website provider Juniper to try to resolve the issues ASAP. Some things are ready, such as the class pages, but we still have gaps and at the time of writing we have not yet been able to load our newsletters, which we hope are a great source of information for you to refer back to. Despite this, I would recommend you have a quick look to see some of the new photos that have been added. More will come over due course, but we think these are delightful!

Kay Vousden
Headteacher

Open Days

We are open on Wednesday 2nd October and Tuesday 12th November for parents who are looking for a place in Reception September 2025 to visit the school ahead of their application which needs to be with the LA by **15th January 2025**. If you know of anyone in that position please let them know! People should email admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk to book an appointment.

Friends of Nursteed School - FONS Autumn Fete Saturday 28th September 2-4pm

It's going to be awesome - but only if we have enough people helping us to run the games!!

FONS has been working hard to make this a really fun family event. We have lots of brilliant games organised from Welly Wanging to Pick a Lollipop and Treasure Island to Splat the Rat. All games this year will be tokens only so there's no need to worry about handling money or giving change. If you would like to help out, then do please visit the link below to sign up. It would be great if you could give us an hour of your time and help make this the best event it can possibly be.

volunteersignup.org/EXHFM

Attendance Policy

Following the update in guidance and legislation from the government, we have updated our Attendance Policy (please see attached). We highly recommend that you read it carefully as the thresholds for penalty notices is reduced.

From now on, no holiday can be authorised, not even exceptional ones. We ask that you make medical appointments outside of school hours but if there is an emergency you will need to complete a form to request authorised absence. This will soon be on our website and can be requested from the school office.

Please do continue to inform us of any absence, even if you suspect it will not be authorised, as we have a duty to ensure we know where the children are during term time and will worry if they are not in school.

The LA and DFE are now collecting attendance data daily and any absence for illness that goes over 15 days in a year will be flagged with them. We do not at this point know what that will mean to parents, but we

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too will be monitoring absence regularly in school and will be in touch if it is a cause for concern and will be in touch to offer support.

Parents Class Visits

Parents are invited to visit their child's classroom to meet the teacher and to see your child's work at **2.40pm on the following days:**

Monday 23rd September - Y6
Tuesday 24th September - Y5
Monday 30th September - Y4
Thursday 3rd October - Y3
Monday 7th October - Y2
Tuesday 8th October - Y1
Monday 14th October - YR

A Message for Y6 Parents

Our Y6 children have begun their final primary school year with a great attitude both in class and around school. They are setting a fantastic example to the rest of the school and are helping out in lots of ways. As a reward, we have decided to allow them the privilege of playing on the field at lunch time even when it is wet and the rest of the children need to stay off. Many of them would like to do this, as it means they can play football even when it is not their turn on the court. To make this work, they will need to bring in a change of footwear that you are happy for them to get muddy. This could be wellies or old trainers, but not their PE trainers/shoes, these will need to be kept for indoor PE and the court.

As part of this play they will need to make sure they are behaving sensibly and are not getting muddy. This message will be sent out via Dojo and if you are happy for your child to go on the field when it is wet, please reply to Miss Webb to confirm.

W/C 16/09/24

Pluto: Liam, **Mars:** Reuben, **Neptune:** Chester, **Mercury:** Ahmed, **Venus:** Ethan, **Jupiter:** Lewis, **Saturn:** Charlie.

If children are achieving special things outside of school we love to hear about it. Please let us know so we can celebrate with them in school.

Important Information

1. You can contact Lisa Foster, our Parent Support Advisor, on lisa.foster@nursted.wilts.sch.uk or call her on 07803 406 827. She works on Mondays and Tuesdays and if you leave a message, will get back to you as soon as she can.
2. You can book Before School Care (7.45-8.45) by following this link [here](#).
3. If you think there is something that would help to improve our school we would love to hear from you. Feel free to email us on admin@nursted.wilts.sch.uk so we can consider your ideas.

Dates for Diary

Term 1

- Saturday 28th September Autumn Fete led by FONS
- Wednesday 2nd October School Open Day
- Thursday 10th October Harvest Festival – food donations for The Devizes Food Bank will be gratefully received on this day.

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- Monday 21st October Last Day of Term 1
- Tuesday 22nd October School closed for TDday 3
- Wednesday 23rd October School closed for TDday 4
- **Thursday 31st October** Deadline for applying for secondary school places.

Term 2

- Monday 4th November First day of Term 2
- Tuesday 17th December Panto Trip
- Friday 20th December Last day of Term 2

Term 3

- Monday 6th January 2025 School Closed for TDday 5
- Tuesday 7th January First day of Term 3

Attachments

Attendance policy

Panto Letter

Nominations for School Governor

FoNS Autumn Fair

Information from Wiltshire Council

Please see the following information from [Wiltshire News](#) which you may find useful.

Have a lovely weekend. From everyone at Nursteed.