

# Nursted Community Primary School



## Newsletter 3 Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

### Message from the Head/ Head's Update

The children continue to settle in well to their new year groups and new routines, despite being caught in some downpours at lunchtime this week! There is a real sense of purpose and calm throughout the school during lessons which is great to see. We had some visitors from the local authority this week and they commented on how positive the relationships were between children and staff.

In assembly this week, we celebrated Roald Dahl Day (Sep 13<sup>th</sup>) and some of his wonderful books – the children were able to name a lot of them! Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was recently voted number one in the top 100 fiction books all children should read before leaving primary school. Year 3 are also really enjoying reading The BFG as their class book.



We were also lucky enough to have special martial arts assembly which was very impressive! Letters were sent home should your child wish to trial this club.

### Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week, Mrs Duffy met Isabella B and Matthew S from KS1 and Arthur S, Erik C, Joshua B and Reuben H from KS2. We discussed play times at Nursted and how we could improve them – they came up with some great ideas but I'm afraid the budget will not stretch to swimming pools and ice rinks!



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**Hannah Duffy**  
**Headteacher**

### **Celebration Assembly**

This week, we celebrated Grace F, Lyra D-S, Isobel A and Scarlett R. Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend. Please note, at this point in the year, the Reception/ Pluto children do not join us for assembly and they are celebrated in their classroom by Miss Pottinger.

### **Year 1 and 2 Woodland Adventure:**

**Year 1:** We were invited for a Woodland Adventure by a Dauntsey's School - we just had to accept. Taking the children to a woodland in the autumn has to be magical. Mars class have been super excited since the letter went out. We took the opportunity to discuss the animals we saw on the minibus - the children could apply their science learning and explain which were mammals and why. We were greeted by the Dauntsey's team under their canopy and fire pit. The children immediately connected with nature by playing a treasure hunt game and then got creative using the natural materials to create pictures. They then played hide and seek and climbed trees together which allowed them to communicate and take thoughtful risks- I'm sure some would have liked to have climbed higher! Huge thanks to the staff who accompanied the trip, the Dauntsey's team and the wonderful children in Mars class - what an awesome afternoon!



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**Year 2:** The staff at Dauntsey's were so pleased to see Year 2 again and commented on how much they had grown! We enjoyed foraging for forest treasure: pine cones, conkers, acorns and sticks as long as your arm! After that, the children loved building structures with anything they could find...we had the Eiffel Tower, a castle and a spider house to name but a few. After this, the children had the opportunity to climb trees, to go through the log portal into another world or to just enjoy being in the woods. Finally, they made a secret potion from forest treasures and left them in the woods to enrich the forest for years to come. What a magical morning Neptune had, exploring the forest and also showing our school values by being kind, creative and working together.



### **Lions Club Assembly:**

We had a visit from the Devizes Lions Club for Years 4 to 6. They shared a special arts day they are running on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The activities sound amazing and include drama, circus skills, watercolour painting, musical theatre, dance and collage. Letters have been sent home – it would be lovely for our children to take part in this brilliant opportunity.

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## Drop-off and Collections:

If you park offsite, please ensure that you supervise your child to and from the school gates, especially those in Key Stage One.

## Parking

Please can parents be considerate of where they park during drop off and pick up times. Please avoid blocking the pavement, road access or the school gate. Thank you for your support.

## Photo Day

School photos of individual children and school aged siblings will be taken on Thursday, 25th September 2025. Please can all pupils wear school cardigans or jumpers.

If a siblings is not in school yet, you are invited to join us in the hall from 8.30am until 9.00am. **We will not be able to extend this session past 9.00am, please be on time!**

## Term1

25 September 2025

22 October 2025

Individual and sibling photos

TD day 2

## Important Information

1. You can contact Lisa Foster, our Parent Support Advisor, on [lisa.foster@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:lisa.foster@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk) or call her on 07803 406 827. She works on Mondays and Tuesdays and if you leave a message, she will get back to you as soon as she can.
2. You can book Before School Care (7.45am-8.45am) 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@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk) so we can consider your ideas.

## Attachments

1. Lavington Open Evening
2. Friday Club

## Information from Wiltshire Council

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

Have a lovely weekend.