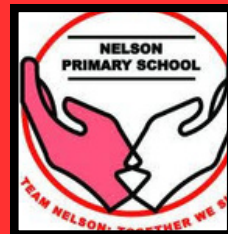




NEWSLETTER

NELSON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



A Year of Excellence, Community and Growth

Dear Nelson Families,

As we come to the end of another incredible school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that our pupils, staff, and community have achieved together. From glowing inspections and exciting trips to exceptional test results— this year has truly shown what it means to be Team Nelson.

Ofsted Visit – A School to Be Proud Of

In October, we were visited by Ofsted – and the outcome was a celebration of everything that makes Nelson special.

- “Pupils feel safe and happy at Nelson Primary School.”
- “Behaviour in lessons and around school is excellent.”
- “Leaders are passionate about providing an education that enables pupils to thrive.”

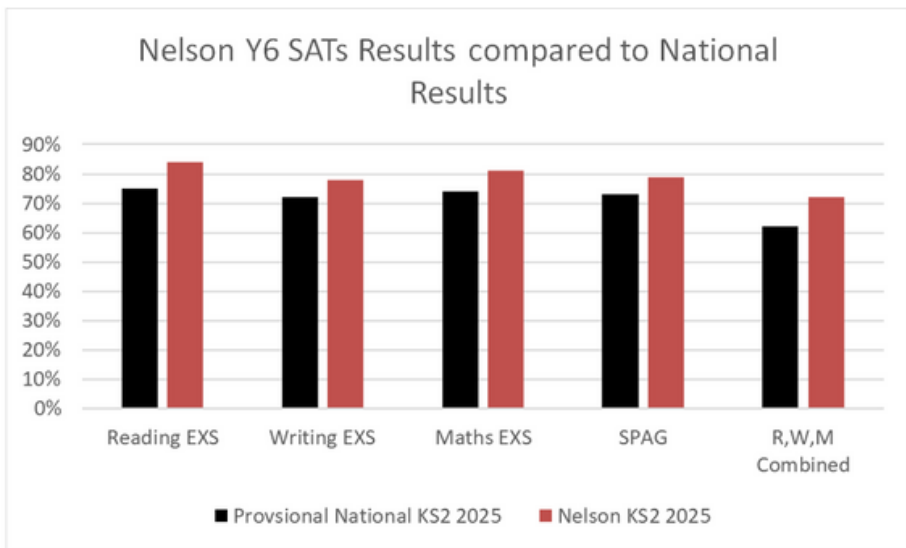
Inspectors recognised our strong, inclusive culture; our high expectations for learning; and the way our pupils embody our values of Compassion, Capability and Community. We couldn't be prouder of our staff, pupils and families who helped us shine during the visit.



Year 6 – What a Send-Off!

To our fantastic Year 6 pupils – you have been an inspiring cohort. Despite losing key early years of school during the COVID pandemic, you bounced back with confidence, strength and determination. You have shown us what resilience looks like in action.

Your SATs results were outstanding, and you have made your teachers and families incredibly proud – not just for what you achieved academically, but for the way you've grown as people: thoughtful, capable, respectful and reflective.



Over the past few weeks, many of you have told us how sad you are to leave your Nelson family. We understand that. We see it in your eyes and in your hugs, and we want you to know that we feel it too. It means so much to us to hear how you've valued your time here.

I know that you are leaving us with the Three Cs firmly embedded in you –and we hope you carry those values into every new challenge faced at secondary school ahead. Wherever your journey takes you, remember the roots you planted here, and know that you are always part of the Nelson Team.

The final farewell came with our Year 6 prom, organised by the Year 6 team. It was a time to glitz up, dance, take memorable pictures, and share smiles and laughter with friends. Most importantly, it gave our year 6 pupils the opportunity to formally say goodbye to their primary years with a celebration they deserved.

The Year 6 performance of 'Wicked' was also a great show! The effort that went into learning lines, perfecting comedic timing, creating all the costumes, and singing with heart was clear to everyone watching. A huge thank you to the Year 6 staff and Rob from the Birmingham Rep Theatre who supported the production so brilliantly. We hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did!

Mrs Dawes will be sending out a link to a google drive folder that will be shared with year 6 parents that contains videos and photos from both the prom and the performance. Check your marvellous me messages for this!

Year 5 – Ready to Rise

Now it's time for our brilliant Year 5 pupils to step up—and I know you're ready. I saw your strength and spirit when we climbed Mount Snowdon in June. It was more than a mountain – it was a test of all our will, teamwork and determination. You passed with flying colours.



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As you step into your final year with us, we have every confidence you will rise to the occasion. The younger pupils are looking up to you now. Be the role models we know you can be.

Celebrating Excellence Across the School

It hasn't just been Year 6 shining this year. Across the school, we've seen excellence, effort and pride:

- 🌟 Year 4 achieved brilliant results in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
- 🌟 Pupils from all year groups have impressed every visitor with their politeness, manners, and engagement
- 🌟 Reading has thrived through weekly library visits, story sack sessions, and book-themed workshops
- 🌟 Creativity and confidence have bloomed in drama club, music events, and class assemblies

Our pupils are growing into learners who think deeply, speak kindly, and try their best – every single day.

Learning That Sticks

Our curriculum is alive with meaningful, practical experiences – and this year has been full of them:

- 🐝 Welcoming our school bees, which became a real talking point across the school. Pupils have loved learning about bee behaviour, pollination, and the crucial role bees play in our ecosystem.
- 🐔 Looking after our school chickens, who have become a regular part of daily life for many pupils. From feeding and collecting eggs to cooking fresh organic omelettes in year 5 to learning how to care for animals with patience and kindness, the chickens have taught valuable lessons in routine, responsibility and empathy.

Our Nelson Community – Stronger Than Ever

And then there was the Summer Fair. What can we say?

You showed up in full force, and what a beautiful afternoon it was too. Ex-pupils, parents, grandparents, neighbours, and community leaders – all coming together to celebrate. Many of you stopped to say thank you. Some offered help. Others simply shared how proud you were of the school.

Teaching isn't always easy. But it is always worth it. Seeing so many of our former pupils returning with stories of how far they've come is a reminder that what we do matters. They are building on the foundations we laid together.

Thank you to every parent who has stood beside us. You are a vital part of our journey. On a final note, the summer fair raised £2037.64, and this money will go towards buying things for school such as the inflatables and the lunch play time equipment for the children.

🏆 Sports Day Results 🏆

Our Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and house spirit! With pupils from across the school giving their all, the competition was fierce and the atmosphere electric. 🎉 Congratulations to Cadbury House for winning this year's Sports Day with a total of 2412 points!



House	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
🏆 Cadbury	678	946	788
🏆 Chamberlain	686	902	800
🏆 Bolton	712	956	706
Brindley	664	786	698
Eden	796	772	684



Goodbyes and New Beginnings

As we wave goodbye to this academic year, we also say farewell (for now) to some much-loved staff. Miss Davy is off to sunny Dubai for a new teaching adventure overseas, and Miss Ijaz is moving further north as she prepares to get married – we wish her every happiness for the future, Miss Robee, who has brought care, calm and commitment to our school, will be deeply missed, as will Miss Gayle, who has made a lasting impact through her work in our pastoral team.

At the same time, we are thrilled to say a huge welcome back to Miss Richards, returning from maternity leave. It will be wonderful to have her with us again in September.



Miss Gayle



Ms Robee (4RR)



Miss Ijaz (5AI)



Miss Davy (3DD)



Attendance Matters

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have prioritised school attendance this year – especially those who avoided taking holidays during term time or kept their children off only when genuinely unwell. Unfortunately, some families have still received fines for unauthorised absences. Please remember everyday counts.

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

If you're travelling over the summer, please ensure you are back in time to avoid a fine and to give your child the best possible start to the new academic year.

See You in September!

We're making a small but important change to our end-of-day routine from September:

- The staggered finish times at 3.05pm and 3.20pm will no longer apply.
- Years 1–6 will all finish at 3.15pm.
- Early Years finish time will be 3.05pm

We wish you a restful, joyful summer break. Whether you are moving on, moving up, or just getting started, thank you for being part of our Nelson family. This school is built on the values we live each day:

Compassionate. Capable. Community.

With heartfelt thanks,
Miss Forrest



SUMMER TERM AWARDS

DEMONSTRATING INDEPENDENCE, COMPASSION, KINDNESS AND CAPABILITY



Year 6



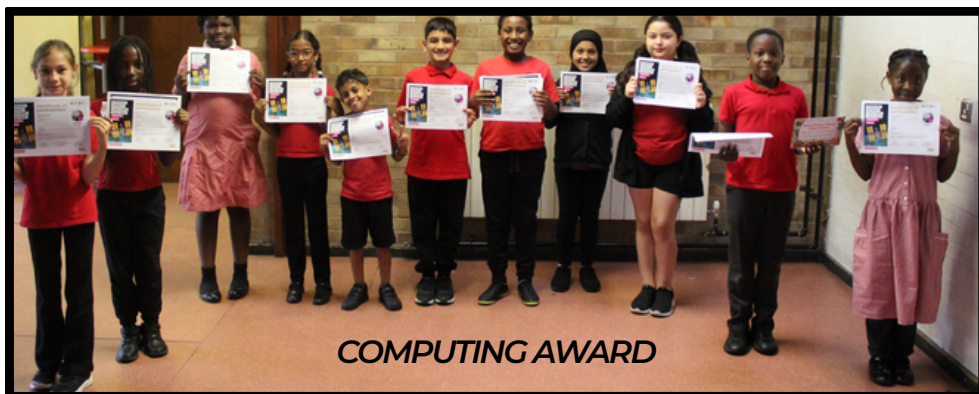
Year 5



Year 4



Year 3



COMPUTING AWARD





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Foundation



Year 1



Year 2



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM DATES 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1 st September	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 2 nd September	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 3 rd September	Children return to school
Friday 26 th September	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 23 rd October	Children break up for half term
Friday 24 th October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to school
Monday 17 th November	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 18 th December	Children break up for Christmas
Friday 19 th December	Teacher Training Day



SPRING Term 2026

Monday 5 th January	Children return to school
Friday 13 th February	Children break up for half term
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to school
Friday 27 th March	Children break up for Easter



SUMMER Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
Monday 4 th May	School closed for bank holiday
Friday 22 nd May	Children break up for half term
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Friday 17 th July	Children break up for summer
Monday 20 th July	Teacher Training Day

NOTICES

Parent Conduct and Home-School Agreement Update

There were two recent incidents where parental behaviour on school grounds did not reflect the respectful, calm environment we expect for our pupils. Please be reminded that swearing or inappropriate conduct in the presence of children is never acceptable and will not be tolerated.

In response, we will be issuing a revised Home-School Agreement in September. All parents and carers will be asked to read and sign this agreement to confirm their understanding of our expectations. Our school is a place of safety, learning, and mutual respect — and we thank the vast majority of families who support us in maintaining this.