



# NEWSLETTER

## NELSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

25/9/25



### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



**Dear Nelson Families,**

It has continued to be a busy term so far. Classrooms are full of energy, and I continue to be impressed by the way pupils are showing our values of Compassionate, Capable and Community every day. Thank you, as always, for your support in helping children arrive ready to learn and ready to shine.

#### Our New House System

Last week, Mrs Dawes and Miss Barnes introduced pupils to the relaunched House System. Each of our five Houses is named after a Birmingham hero who stood for values we want our children to live by.

Our pupils heard about all the house heroes we have adopted as a school to represent our values best. Some examples are:

- Jessie Eden – campaigner for equal rights for men and women.
- Joseph Chamberlain – brought green spaces, schools and parks to Birmingham.
- George Cadbury – remembered for chocolate, but also for his fairness, faith and commitment to healthy living and fair treatment of his factory workers.

Each House has its own colour and guiding principles. Future newsletters will feature a focus on one House hero at a time, so families can learn more.

Please ask your child which House they belong to – they are very proud of it!

#### School Council Elections

Our new School Councillors have been elected following a truly democratic process: pupils registered to vote, received voting cards, and listened to candidates' speeches before choosing their representatives.

I want to thank every child who stood for election – it takes bravery to speak in front of your peers. Congratulations to those elected: you now carry the important responsibility of representing your classmates and making Nelson even better. I always look forward to my meetings with the School Council – they are persuasive, thoughtful, and full of ideas.



1. Cadbury House –  
George Cadbury  
(1839–1922)



2. Boulton House -  
Matthew Boulton (1728  
1809)



3. Chamberlain House –  
Joseph Chamberlain



4. Brindley House - James Brindley  
(1716-1772):



5. Eden House -  
Jessie Eden  
(1807-1887)

## Clubs and Activities

Drama Club (Years 5 & 6) has begun. We had more interest than we could accommodate this term, but children did not offer a place will have further opportunities later in the year.

Sports Clubs are now running. Please ensure children are collected promptly at the end of sessions.



## Trips and Experiences

On 25th September, Year 5 pupils enjoyed an exciting visit to the local Jewellery Quarter secondary school, using their specialist facilities. It was a brilliant experience and gave pupils a taste of learning in a new environment.

Coming up:

Week beginning 29th September – Assessment Week across school.

Week beginning 6th October – Year 2 and Year 3 classes will be visiting the Peace Pagoda, and a group of year 4 & 5 pupils will take part in a basketball festival at Handsworth Wood Girls School.

Week beginning 6th October – a group of year 5 & 6 pupils will represent Nelson in a netball festival at St Paul's Girls School.

Friday 10th October – KS2 will take part in a Black History Month live assembly.

## Colder Weather Reminder

As autumn sets in, please make sure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school each day. Pupils spend time outside in most weather and being warm and dry makes a huge difference to their comfort and wellbeing.

## Collection at the Year 5 & 6 Door

For everyone's safety:

Do not cross the tyres – pupils are told never to stand on the slopes as it is unsafe.

Keep the top of the stairs clear – this is an important exit route.

Spread out along the tyres so children can spot you quickly.

Be patient with staff, especially new teachers who are still getting to know parents.

Dismissal can feel hectic, so your compassion and understanding mean a lot.

## Important Dates

**Friday 26th September – Teacher Training Day. School will be closed to pupils.**

**Warm regards,  
Miss Forrest**

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**Headteacher**

# TERM DATES 2024-2025

## AUTUMN TERM 2024

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Children break up for half term</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Children break up for Christmas</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>



## SPRING TERM 2025

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children break up for half term</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children break up for Easter</b>



## SUMMER TERM 2025

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closed for bank holiday</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Children break up for half term</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Children break up for summer</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>

