



# New Pastures Primary School Newsletter

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## The Spring Term—part two! New Pastures is growing

February has been and gone and we have definitely started to see the signs of spring, after all those wet and rainy days. The weeks seem to have gone by so quickly just lately.

We are delighted to announce that our two new early years provision are ready for children and will be opening 20.4.26.

- 'The Nook' at New Pastures is a specialist setting for early years children and we have worked with a range of professionals to get the provision right. You might have heard in the press recently about the expectation for mainstream schools to provide specialist provision and New Pastures is privileged to be able to offer this for our youngest children. If you, or you know of, any families who have very young children with special educational needs then please do get in touch to see if we are the right place for you.
- 'The Nest' at New Pastures is a provision for children who are two. We already have a number of children ready for our doors to open and the academy trust have invested significantly in transforming the unit on the lower site playground into a two-year old nursery room. Again, if you have, or you know of anyone with very young children, and you would like more information then please get in touch.

This is such exciting news and we can't wait to open our doors!!

## Stars of the Week for February and March

Well done to the children who have won the Star of the Week. Assemblies.

Class	2.2.26	9.2.26	23.2..26	2.3.26
Mrs Rooney - FS2	Alex W	Hayley	Lucy	Rio O
Mrs Sherratt - Y1	Georgia	Lily	Charlie	Zara
Miss Hutt - Y2	Mia	Isaac	Loena	Noah
Miss Cooke - Y3/4	Marnie	Willow	Ava-Rose	Reggie
Mrs Moss - Y3/4	Maddie	Carter	Aleksander	Sonny
Mr Ridgill - Y3/4	Hansel	Sofia	Joel	Thomas
Mr Woodward - Y5	Eva-Joy	Billy	Bella	Tyler
Miss Jarvis - Y5/6	Ioannis	George	Stan	Neidas
Miss Spencer - Y6	Holly	Darcy	Josh	Addison

## KS2 SATs Tests

The SATs Tests for children in Year Six take part during the week beginning the 11th May. On Monday they children have a spelling, punctuation and grammar test, and on Tuesday they have a reading test. On Wednesday and Thursday the children have three maths tests. The tests are national tests and have to be taken on these days. **Please make sure you put these dates in your diary** if you have a child in Y6.



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## Attendance

Attendance continues to be a focus and we closely monitor any absences and reasons for these. Thank you for your support in working with us to improve attendance. We are in line with the national figure **but we want to be even better.**

Please remember, that it is vital that we have up-to-date contact information for you and your child. We would only ever contact you if it is really necessary but it might just be in need of an emergency so having your number is crucial. It is also helpful to have a number of other contacts for your child.

These are the most recent attendance figures:

- Red percentages are below 90%,
- Amber 90—96%
- Green 96%+



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

Class	2.2.26	9.2.26	23.2.26	2.3.26
Mrs Loosemore - FS1	95.94%	92.57%	91.18%	96.57%
Mrs Rooney - FS2	92.38%	90.48%	93.58%	99.09%
Mrs Sherratt - Y1	90%	96.76%	97.06%	97.65%
Miss Hutt - Y2	96.43%	96.07%	95%	98.93%
Miss Cooke - Y3/4	93%	96.5%	97%	96%
Mrs Moss - Y3/4	95.22%	98.26%	94.35%	94.78%
Mr Ridgill - Y3/4	97.86%	96.79%	97.5%	95%
Mr Woodward - Y5	92.08%	92.08%	100%	99.17%
Miss Jarvis - Y5/6	93.75%	91.25%	95.83%	97.5%
Miss Spencer - Y6	96.88%	96.25%	95.94%	94.06%

## Keep them safe online—check your child’s devices

Recently, we have had some children share inappropriate images on their phones. The children did this by saving the images as stickers in Snapchat. Snapchat is a platform for children age 13+ so there is not one child at New Pastures who should be using this app. [Parents - What is Snapchat?](#)

The images shared were referred to the police and PC Rocher and PC Eppy came to speak to our children at the upper site during assembly. **Please—keep checking your child’s devices and talking to them about their the apps and platforms they are using.**

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## World Book Day 2026



World Book Day was celebrated in style at New Pastures. Thank you for your support with the costumes and with the potatoes. They were all amazing!

## Times Tables Rockstars



We have mentioned before about the statutory assessment the children do at the end of Year Four. They have a timed, online test which involves 25 questions on multiplication tables.

We teach times tables to our children, with a significant focus when a child is in Y3 and Y4. We celebrate the children scoring 25/25 and we also celebrate those who make great progress.

Please encourage your child to practise these tables at home. Recalling the facts quickly will be a great help; not only for the tables test in June but also for many aspects of mathematics they will use in Y5, Y6 and beyond! [Home - Times](#)

[Tables Rock Stars](#). The children do all have their own logins.

## If you need a little help...

### [Parenting Programmes - City of Doncaster Council](#)

Being a parent is one of the most important jobs we do—and there are no instruction manuals for your child. Every child is different, every parent is different and we all ask ourselves the same questions ... 'am I doing this right?', 'what should I do when ...?'. 'how do I tell my child ...?' Please find a link above to some of the courses that Doncaster City Council provide to support us all as parents.

## Mothering Sunday

Have a glorious day on Sunday everyone. This isn't just a message for our mums, it's a message for everyone who is a special lady in our children's lives. We all think you are fabulous!

## Easter

We are having an Easter raffle, tickets go on sale today priced at £1 a strip. There will also be an egg decorating competition, children can bring their creations in to school on 25th March, there will be a prize for the best egg from each class.

## Thanks

Thank you to you all for your continued support; we can't do this without you.

***The New Pastures Team***