

Nettlestone Primary School



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News from Nettlestone Primary School

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VALUE OF THE WEEK: MUTUAL RESPECT

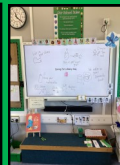
TEACHING FINANCIAL RESILIENCE AND CAPABILITY— FINANCIAL FRIDAY

Today marked the next of our Financial Fridays! Throughout the year, our staff have worked hard to develop a bespoke curriculum aimed at boosting the children's financial resilience and deepening their understanding of money.

Below are some of the engaging activities the children explored today. A huge thank you to the staff for making this all possible! We encourage you to continue talking to your children about their learning at home to help build their knowledge of basic financial concepts. We're so impressed by their curiosity about money matters and the progress they've made!



As part of EYFS and KS1 Financial Friday we discussed different jobs and learnt what a 'salary' was. Carrying on from this we thought about all the different things adults are required to spend their money on such as bills, petrol, food ,etc .which meant it can be hard to save money. We learnt what the quote 'Save for a Rainy Day' means and brainstormed lots of events that can unexpectedly happen such as getting holes in your shoes, a friend's birthday is coming up, losing your water bottle!



KS2 have investigated money around the world. We looked at the different currencies that are used and learnt about the exchange rate and how to work out the cost of items in British pounds in different countries.



INSET DAYS



Please be reminded that school will be closed to pupils on the following days:

- 2nd June 2025

- 20th June 2025

- 28th July 2025

- 29th July 2025

We can also confirm that school will reopen to pupils on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025** after the summer break as the 1st and 2nd September will be INSET Days for staff





KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE - PERSONAL SAFETY

As the warmer weather approaches and children begin to enjoy more time outdoors, we have been asked to remind all families of the importance of personal safety—especially when travelling to and from school.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary have alerted schools about a series of actions that community members can take if they see/hear something that worries them in their locality.

◆ What You Can Do:

- If you, your child, or anyone in the school community sees something suspicious or concerning—even if no crime has been committed—please report it to the police immediately.
- Encourage your child to walk with friends or trusted adults, especially in quieter or more remote areas.
- Remind children to stay alert and trust their instincts. If something doesn't feel right, they should seek help straight away.

The police team also encourage all parents to take a look at the StreetSafe resources, which allow you to anonymously report areas where you feel unsafe. This helps local authorities act and improve safety in our communities. You can visit the site by accessing the link: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/personal-safety-how-to-stay-safe/> Here you will find tips and advice on keeping yourself protected from crime: from pickpocketing and personal robbery to harassment and dealing with violent situations.

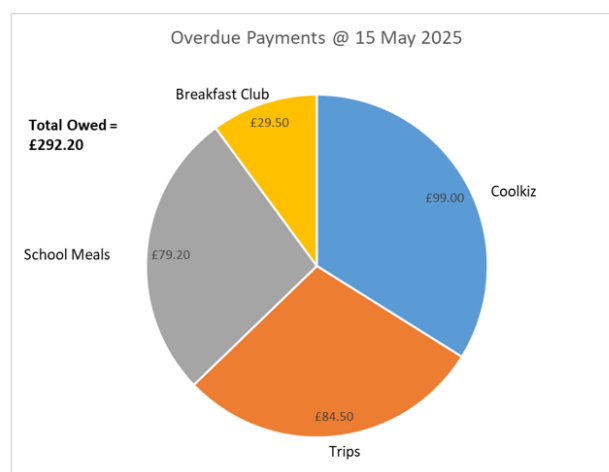
FINANCIAL FRIDAY—SCHOOL MONEY PLEASE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

At our recent half-termly meeting, the governing body reviewed outstanding debts and were pleased to see a significant reduction, thanks to personal directed communication regarding outstanding balances. We truly appreciate the efforts of everyone who has helped in this process.

We would like to thank everyone who has made a concerted effort to pay any outstanding balance on their account—however, there remains an outstanding debt of **£292.20**, which includes:

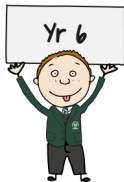


- **£79.20** in unpaid dinner money—**please ensure that you book and pay for your child's meal the night before they require one. If your child does not attend school this money will be reimbursed to your SchoolMoney account.**
- **£29.50** for Breakfast Club—it is essential that child are booked into club by 11pm the night before attending.
- **£99** for Coolkidz activities—**please book and pay the night before but if you require last minute childcare, please call the school office and have your card ready so that payment can be taken at the time of booking.**
- **£84.50** for school trips—**we require deadline payments to be met otherwise, as a school, we are unable to pay for different elements of trips when required by particular provider.**



As a school community, it's vital that we work together to ensure that essential services continue for all children. These funds directly impact the resources available to support every pupil's education and wellbeing, and maintaining financial sustainability is crucial.

We understand that financial challenges can arise unexpectedly, and we want to reassure families that the school is here to help. If you are experiencing difficulties, please don't hesitate to reach out to discuss your circumstances confidentially. With just **one week left of this half term**, we kindly ask all parents and carers to check and settle their **SchoolMoney** accounts this weekend. Your support makes a meaningful difference in ensuring that all children receive the best possible experience at school. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school community.



YEAR 6 DEMONSTRATE THEIR RESILIENCE!

A huge well done to our incredible Year 6 pupils for their outstanding effort and resilience during their Key Stage 2 assessments! After a week of dedication and hard work, they were rewarded with a daily breakfast spread to help them start their mornings on the right foot.



But the excitement doesn't stop there! As the year continues, there are plenty of adventures to look forward to, including our much-anticipated residential trip and other exciting activities.

We are so proud of the determination and positivity shown by our Year 6s this week—your hard work truly shines! Keep up the fantastic attitude, and enjoy all the wonderful experiences ahead!



YEAR 5 MAKE IT HAPPEN!



Staff are super proud of Year 5! On the second day of their residential last week they went to Buster Ancient Farm and took part in activities such as jewellery making and wattle fence making learning all about life in ancient times..



As the group were leaving staff took the time to mention to Miss Howarth that the children's behaviour was exemplary, that they had been an absolute pleasure to work with and had shown fantastic knowledge about the Anglo Saxon period, asking super sensible questions.

What fantastic ambassadors for our Federation!

Well done Year 5!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND JOIN THE NEWCHURCH NINE—THIS SUNDAY!

It is not too late to support the school's biggest community fundraiser for 2025!

We look forward to seeing as many friends and family associated with Nettlestone at the event on Sunday.

We have some great prizes on offer for those that have entered and want to say a massive thank you to all of the local businesses that have supported us with this event.

Whether your child would like to take part in the 900m run or you are feeling super keen and want to register for the 4.5km or the 9km, you can still sign up on the day. Just arrive a little earlier to register. The event is about having fun whilst getting fit!



Can we 'make it happen' and raise more than ever before for our federation?



Newchurch Nine
9km/4.5km/900m Fundraising Run
around Newchurch

Sunday 18th May @ 9:30am

Scan to enter:
Or enter at <https://www.eventrac.co.uk/e/the-newchurch-nine-2025-12826>

Entry fee supports new resources for our children.
£17.50 over 16s, £8 under 16s.
Raffle entry and medals for all entrants.

Supported by:




I CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES



MAKING THE HEALTHY CHOICE - GROWING AND CHANGING IN YEARS 5/6

We have all been happy to see more of the lovely sunshine this week and the temperatures would suggest that summer is well on the way!

With this in mind, please can parents of children in Upper Key Stage 2 be reminded that whilst we encourage personal hygiene, all products containing aerosols **are not permitted** in school.

However, roll on anti-perspirant and deodorant products are very much encouraged to keep children smelling sweet in the warmer weather! Please feel free to make the healthy choice to pop a 'named' roll on product into your child's bag.

Thank you for your support.



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN— KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK!

MONDAY

Farm
Choir Workshop

TUESDAY

Mini-Learners
Meeting 1.30pm—
please book by
calling the office.

WEDNESDAY

Year 5 Sailing

THURSDAY



FRIDAY

KS2 Celebration
Assembly
Sing-Up

YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—ENGAGE IN FREE LIBRARY SESSIONS

We know that our children at Nettlestone love to read and Ryde Library is FREE and really close for our community to access a whole new range of books and authors. Why not take a look at some of the other opportunities that our children can access at the library in the next few weeks...

LEGO Club

LEGO Club takes place every Tuesday, for children aged 5 years and over. The club runs from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in the children's library. It's free of charge, and you don't need to book a place.

Rhymetime for under 5 year olds

An informal session of rhymes and songs for babies and toddlers using bells and rattles, and making lots of noise. The Rhymetime session takes place every Monday (except bank holidays) and runs from 10.30am to 11am.

Booking is essential

For more information <https://www.iow.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-heritage/libraries/isle-of-wight-council-libraries/ryde-library/>

Opening hours

- Monday: 9am to 5.30pm
- Tuesday: 9am to 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 10.30am to 7pm
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday: 9am to 5.30pm
- Saturday: 9am to 5pm



BROADBAND CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE— ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO HAVE LOW-COST ACCESS?



In today's world, having access to reliable home broadband is more important than ever—especially for supporting children's learning, homework, and staying in touch with school.

Did you know that families receiving certain benefits, such as Universal Credit, may be eligible for low-cost broadband through special "social tariffs"? These discounted packages are offered by many broadband providers and can help households stay connected at a much lower cost.

What Are Social Tariffs?

Social tariffs are cheaper broadband and phone deals available to people on low incomes. They work just like normal packages but at a reduced price—often starting from as little as £10 to £20 per month.

Who Can Apply?

You may qualify if you receive:

- Universal Credit
- Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance

There's no penalty for switching to a social tariff, and you can often leave without paying a fee if it's not right for you.

How to Find Out More

We encourage all families who think they might be eligible to explore these offers. You can find full details and a list of providers on Ofcom's website: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-and-broadband/saving-money/social-tariffs>

WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN - PERSONAL PRESENTATION



It has been lovely to see some better weather over recent weeks and the promise that summer is finally on the way!

With this in mind, please can we draw attention to our summer uniform requirements as we have noticed some rather strange variations in school including super short fashion shorts, shirts but no tie and flip flop style shoes, all of which are not appropriate for a busy day of learning at school. We try to keep our uniform nice and simple with the very large majority of items available to purchase wherever you choose to shop.

SCHOOL UNIFORM	PE KIT - WITH NETTLESTONE LOGO
Bottle green polo shirt with school logo Years 1/2 only Year R/1/2 - Bottle green polo shirt with school logo Years 3//4/5/6 - White shirt and school tie Year 5/6 - School blazer (optional)	Green PE shirt
Bottle green v necked jumper or cardigan with school logo	Black PE Shorts
Grey trousers	Black hoody and tracksuit bottoms
Grey knee length skirt	Trainers
Optional grey shorts	<p>All items are available from Pendle on http://nettlestone-primary-school.footballkit.co.uk</p> <p>The company will add initials which is advised to avoid lost property.</p> <p>Please see website for size guide and information on garmets.</p>
Optional green gingham dress	
Grey, black or white socks or grey tights	
Black sensible school shoes, not trainers or fashion style	
Simple hair ties - no fancy bows or head bands please and only school colours.	
A pair of welly boots (any colour) to keep in school (Reception only)	

All items with the school logo can be purchased from Kids and Co in Ryde all other items can be purchased from wherever you prefer to shop. School can provide 'new to you' items at reduced cost.

We do have a 'new to you' supply available from FONs with lots of lovely summer items in a variety of sizes. Please contact them should you require items such as shorts or summer dresses and the FONs Team will be happy to assist. We would much rather 'make a difference' and enable families to make use of our uniform supplies rather than have lots of items sit in storage! Equally if you have good condition uniform that your child has grown out of that you would like to donate we are happy to receive donations of clean, good condition items that may assist other families.

Thank you for your support.

Please remember PE kit should be worn on PE days only.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Reception	Year 2	Year 1	Year 4
Year 1	Year 5	Year 3	Year 2	Year 5
Year 6		Year 4	Year 3	
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SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?

Our little learners were very excited for our Tigers Tea Party this week. The children helped us get ready by washing up our best tea cups, saucers and tea pots. We set up a Jungle Gym so we could swing like a monkey, balance like a mountain goat, jump like a frog or leap like a leopard. It was fantastic to see our parents joining in with the children at the tea party to sing our animal rhymes. Preschool have shown they can make it happen this week and be resilient when showing us and their families their can do attitude.



This week we moved the 4 chrysalides into the butterfly net ready for when they emerge as butterflies. This week we have been reviewing our phonics and applying our knowledge of phonemes to practise spelling words. We have been writing and explaining what the sunflower seeds need to grow. We were very excited to see that some of our seeds have started to germinate and grow into little seedlings. In Maths we have been talking about numbers up to 20, and we have been learning about subtraction and taking amounts away. This week we have been talking about Mental Health Awareness week and discussing ways to keep our mind happy and healthy.

We talked about things that make us happy, as well as looking at the wellbeing wheel and talking about different things and strategies we can do to help our mind. In class this week, we have had moments of mindfulness colouring and yoga to show some of the ways we can help. Today we have been learning about sharing as part of our Financial Friday. We helped Milo, the dinosaur, sort different pictures of objects and activities into things you can share or not. We then had fun playing games and activities that focused on sharing and turn taking.

This week in Rosen class we started our new book 'The Storm Whale.' We predicted what we thought the book was going to be about as well as sharing what we already know about whales. We used pictures to sequence the story and discuss the emotions the characters felt. In Maths we have been learning about fractions. We made a 'halving' booklet where we drew images and cut them in half. We used card to create fraction flowers where each petal showed a quarter of a shape. In Computing we learnt how to add/change a sprite to our program. This week in Science we learnt what a carnivore, herbivore and omnivore is. We used Venn diagrams to classify animals into their food diet groups. In PSHE we focused on the importance of washing our hands to stop spreading germs. We carried out a germs investigation using pepper and water. It was interesting to see that when we washed our hands with soap the pepper 'germs' did not stick to our fingers when we put them in water!



In Year 2 this week we have been comparing volume and capacity. Measuring in millilitres and in litres. In English, we have been learning to create subordinate clauses. In PSHE, we have been discussing how we can keep our mind and body healthy. In Art, we have been learning what a portrait-landscape is and how Henry Rousseau paints animals in his landscapes. We designed our own animal mask and used different materials to make it. In Religious Education we have been discussing books that are special to us and why they are special.

We have enjoyed writing our own descriptions of an enchanted forest this week, employing all of our learning on how to make our descriptions really exciting for the reader. We have also been practising counting up to one hundred in different multiples including 5, 10, 20, and 25, as well as counting up to one thousand in steps of one hundred and steps of fifty. We have then used this skill to help us to read scales on measuring instruments. We are very good at looking at the number at the beginning and end of a scale and counting how many intervals there are in-between and then using this to work out which number each interval on the scale represents.



This week in Year 4 we had RE day. We learnt what devotion means and how Hindu's show devotion during their worship. We learnt how Hindu's worship at home and in the temple. We learnt how lighting candles, removing shoes, giving the Gods offerings, chanting, ringing bells and praying at a shrine are all ways that devotion is shown by Hindu's. We learnt about the Puja and what happens during Puja. We also learnt all about Gandhi and why he was an important figure. In Science this week we learnt about Asexual and Sexual reproduction of plants as well as how flowers are pollinated by insects and the wind.

Year 5 have shown great resilience this week whilst supporting Year 6 during their SATs assessments. In class, we have been focusing on spelling and grammar challenges and discussed a poetry comprehension task together. Our Maths learning has focused on interpreting line graphs, reading of timetables and learning to create our own line graphs using the correct scales. We have also been creating our entries for a Hover Travel competition to design a futuristic hovercraft as part of the 60 year celebration of Hover Travel.



This week Year 6 have exemplified ALL our school values as they completed their SATs. They made it happen by coming into school each day with a positive attitude. They were respectful towards the staff who worked with them, each other and their young buddies. They made a difference by preparing as well as possible before the SATs. They made healthy choices as they did their best and celebrated completing the tests rather than worrying about possible errors. Above all, Year 6 were resilient! It was a busy week with changes to the normal school day yet Year 6 approached these challenges with a 'can do' attitude. They should be incredibly proud of themselves.



CONVERSATION STARTERS!

Want to know what your children have been learning this week? Here are some conversation starters that may help you talk to them about what they have been up to in class!

PRE-SCHOOL

Talk to me about...how my body moves.

Words to use...balance, run, jump, leap, crawl,

Tips for the week...please don't forget your child's sun hat.

We have been reading...How to be a Lion by Ed Vere.

YEAR 1

Talk to me about...The Storm Whale.

Words to use... Noi, whale, lonely, beach, bath, help, friends.

Tips for the week...can you explain what happened during our germs investigation?

We have been reading... The Storm Whale by Benji Davies.

YEAR 3

Talk to me about...How to read measurements on scales.

Words to use... mass, measure, kilograms, grams, scale, interval.

Tips for the week...There are 1000g in a kilogram. The word 'kilo' means 'a thousand'.

We have been reading...The Tin Forest by Helen Ward.

YEAR 5

Talk to me about...how to locate correct spellings using a dictionary.

Words to use...alphabetical order, initial letter, order of letters.

Tips for the week...when interpreting information from a timetable, make sure you are reading the correct column by circling key information in the question.

We have been reading...'Wildwitch.'

YEAR R

Talk to me about... chrysalis and growing sunflowers.

Words to use... growing, germination.

Tips for the week... practise reading and the tricky words.

We have been reading... What the ladybird heard by Julia Donaldson and The Worrysaurus by Rachel Bright.

YEAR 2

Talk to me about.. animals in Henry Rousseau's paintings.

Words to use..... lion, buffalo, tiger, antelope, owl, panther, pounce.

Tips for the week Volume is the measure of how much 3D space is occupied by a liquid, solid or shape and capacity is the maximum volume a container can hold.

We have been reading...The Night Gardener by The Fan Brother and The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton.

YEAR 4

Talk to me about... currencies around the world, exchange rates, budgeting, how Hindu's show devotion, London Underground, landmarks, Asexual and Sexual reproduction of plants and pollination.

Words to use... Hindu, devotion, Puja, temple, offerings, budget, exchange rate, currencies, landmarks, London Underground, pollination, wind, insect, Sexual and Asexual plant reproduction.

Tips for the week... Continue to learn your times tables and common exception words.

We are reading The case of the vanishing granny by Alexander McCall Smith.

YEAR 6

Talk to me about...my plans for the weekend!

Words to use... rest, rest and relax!

Tips for the week... rest and enjoy the sunshine!

We have been reading... more than 150 questions in our SATs papers!

Celebration Assembly

Tilly, Frida, Mason, Charlie, Mani,
Dante, Bobby and Ruby W.



WE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH AND
EVERYONE OF YOU!

MAKING THE HEALTHY CHOICE TO HAVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please can we remind all families that **children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a yummy free meal every single day.** To date only around half of our community are taking up this **free offer** and it would be great to see more families doing so. We are really lucky to have a fabulous chef on site and the menu is always published for parent's information in the newsletter to help you decide whether you want a **free meal everyday** on just on selected days.



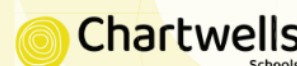
For children in Key Stage 2 and any parent that has a change in personal circumstances the eligibility criteria for free school meals can be found at apply for [free school meals](#).

We would encourage any parent who has faced a change in personal circumstances to consider the criteria and apply if they are eligible.

If the application is approved eligibility can open a gateway to a host of additional benefits for your child including supporting the purchase of school uniform, funding for school trips and additional in-class support. It really is worth applying.

Lunchtime Menu — from Chartwells

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Pizza & Wedges	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognese with Pasta	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian	Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza & Wedges	Sweet Potato, Chickpea & Herb Roast	Vegetable Fajita Wrap	Quorn Dippers & Chips
Dessert	Apple & Golden Syrup Cake	Strawberry Jelly	Flapjack & Fruit	Chocolate Ice Cream	Lemon Cake



Please don't forget to order your meals on School Money before you come to school on Monday!