

Queen Mary Avenue Infant & Nursery School

Dream Big, Shine Bright



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2025

For the benefit of our new families and as a reminder to existing parents and pupils, please see information below –

- Classroom doors open at 8:35 and the school day starts at 8:45. If you arrive after this time, please report to the school office.
- Children should be picked up from their classroom at 3:15pm.
- In nursery, morning sessions operate from 8:45-11:45am and afternoon sessions are from 12:15-3:15pm. Children should be dropped off at the main nursery doors for afternoon sessions.
- If your child is absent from school, please call 01472 230230 or email admin@qma.nelcmail.co.uk by 9:00am to let us know.
- Please be polite when speaking to school staff and avoid using swear words, particularly if there are children present.
- In the interests of health and safety could we please ask that you **DON'T**:
 - allow children to use the trim-trail, climbing wall or playground equipment before or after school
 - ride bikes/scooters through the school playground
 - bring dogs into the school playground
 - smoke or vape on the school premises
 - use the staff car-park
 - block the driveways of local residents
 - park too closely to the crossing patrol officer



The children have returned to school looking very smart, with many of them wearing new uniforms. Please ensure all clothing contains your child's name so that we can try to ensure it is returned to the right pupil at the end of break-times, PE etc.

Please find details of our school uniform and PE kit below. We have noticed that some children are wearing clothing items that are not in line with our school uniform policy. Please follow the guidance below and ensure that all pieces of your child's uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Uniform

Grey or black trousers/shorts
Grey or black skirt, pinafore dress or blue checked Summer dress
White polo shirt or shirt
Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
Grey, black or white socks or tights
Full shoes/trainers – no open toes, platforms or heels.

P.E. Clothes

White or blue T-shirt
Dark plain shorts or PE skirt
Children may wear plain tracksuits for P.E. in the cold weather
Trainers for outdoor PE

Harvest

From **Monday 6th to Friday 17th October**, children are invited to bring in Harvest goods to add to our school food bank. The following items would be greatly received –

Tinned vegetables, meat and fish,
Rice, pasta, noodles and pasta sauce
Jam or marmalade
Cereal
Soup: tins or packets
Hot chocolate
Long life milk.
Tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard.



Rainbow Tots



Every Tuesday 9am - 10.30am in the school hall FREE, including refreshments.

23rd September – Humpty Dumpty
30th September – This Little Piggy
7th October – Jack and Jill
14th October – Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

Tuesday 21st and 28th October – Half Term

4th November – Incy Wincy Spider (spooktacular)!
11th November – Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
18th November – Row, Row, Row your Boat
25th November – Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
2nd December – Miss Polly had a Dolly
9th December – Christmas Party

16th December – **No Rainbow Tots** due to Christmas celebrations in school.

Family Events

Showcases & Stay and Play Sessions

At the end of this half-term, each class will hold a stay and play session/showcase so that adults can come and see what the children have been learning in school.

In Nursery we will hold a stay and play in the nursery building. Please sign up for one session with your child's key worker.

Monday 13th October –2-3pm Tuesday 14th October 10am-11am Thursday 16th October –2-3pm

In FS2, Grandparents are invited in at 8:45am on the following dates as part of the Home Sweet Home topic (one grandparent per child please).

Monday 13th October - Cedar Class 14th October – Rowan Class 15th October – Willow Class

Year Two Showcases will be on **Monday 13th October at 2:30pm** and Year One showcases will be on **Friday 17th October at 2:30pm**.

Open Afternoon

On Tuesday 11th November, we are holding an open afternoon so that you are able to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how they have settled in. The open afternoon will take place in the school hall for all children from FS2 to Year Two. Please sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher. Miss Snell, our SENDCo, will also be available to speak with parents.

Due to Mrs Ryan going on maternity leave at half-term, there will be an open afternoon for Larch class on Tuesday 14th October from 1:45pm-6pm. You will also be able to meet Mrs Ryan's replacement, Miss Blair, at the open afternoon.



Read, Write Inc

For the benefit of new parents, we use a programme called *Read Write Inc*. Phonics to teach children to read accurately and fluently with good understanding. The programme also teaches them to form each letter correctly, spell accurately, and write their ideas step-by-step. Each Read, Write Inc. Phonics lesson lasts between 20 minutes and one hour and involves a range of lively activities to help the children learn to read and write effectively.

This programme is introduced at the end of Nursery and follows through into FS2, Y1 and some Y2 lessons. The children move into different groups for their phonic sessions and this helps us to match the teaching to each child's needs. It also means that the children are taught in smaller groups which helps to ensure each child is given the support they need.

Children in FS2 (Cedar, Rowan and Willow class) and their parents are invited to have breakfast with Fred frog and find out more about phonics and reading on Monday 29th September at 8.45am.



Autumn Calendar

29th September	8.45am – FS2 breakfast with Fred Frog for children and parents. (Cedar, Rowan and Willow)
6 th – 17 th October	Children are invited to bring in Harvest goods to create a school food bank.
13 th October	Nursery Teddy's Birthday Party 2-3pm (please sign up for one of the three dates)
13 th October	Cedar Grandparent's Morning - 8:45am (one grandparent per pupil please)
13 th October	Year Two Showcase at 2:30pm – one grown up per child please
14 th October	Nursery Teddy's Birthday Party 10-11am (please sign up for one of the three dates)
14 th October	Rowan Grandparent's Morning - 8:45am (one grandparent per pupil please)
14 th October	Larch open afternoon 1:45-6pm (this is due to Mrs. Ryans maternity leave, you will also be able to meet the new class teacher Miss. Blair)
15 th October	Willow Grandparent's Morning - 8:45am (one grandparent per pupil please)
16 th October	Nursery Teddy's Birthday Party 2-3pm (please sign up for one of the three dates)
16 th October	Year One trip to Wilderspin
17 th October	Year One Showcase at 2:30pm - one grown up per child please
17 th October	Finish for half-term at 3:10pm
3 rd November	Pupils return to school at 8:35am
3 rd November	Autumn afternoon at Sydney Park FS2 (Cedar, Rowan and Willow)
6 th November	Year One Samba drumming day
10 th November	Wrates in school for Individual school photographs
11 th November	Open Afternoon 1:45pm – 6pm (not nursery or Larch class)
11-14 th November	Book fair in school
21 st November	Children in Need – details to follow
28 th November	Elf Workshop – children are invited to wear Christmas clothing and will take part in a range of Christmas crafts and activities
5 th December	Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper/Christmas clothing
12 th December	Official Christmas Jumper Day - please donate a silver or gold coin for Save the Children.
12 th December	Christmas Dinner day
15 th December	Christmas Crafternoon 2-3pm in the nursery building for parents (sign-up sheets nearer the time)
15 th December	Cedar Nativity 9:00am – school hall
16 th December	Rowan Nativity 9:00am – school hall
17 th December	Willow Nativity 9:00am – school hall
17 th December	Christmas Crafternoon 2-3pm in the nursery building for parents (sign-up sheets nearer the time)
18 th December	Christmas Crafternoon 10am-11am in the nursery building for parents (sign-up sheets nearer the time)
18 th December	Christmas parties – children are invited to come to school wearing Christmas/party clothes
19 th December	Finish for Christmas at 2pm
5 th January	Teacher Training Day
6 th January	Pupils return to school

Statutory Testing

Year 1 phonics screening - Monday 8th June to Friday 19th June 2026

Any unauthorised absences on these dates are highly likely to result in a penalty notice being issued. If your child is unwell during these times, please contact school immediately.

