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Newhall Infant & Nursery School

KEY STAGE 1 BROCHURE

2026-27







WELCOME

Welcome to Newhall Infant and Nursery School!



We are delighted to welcome you and your child to our Sunnyside family!

We know that starting a new school can be both exciting and a little daunting for children and parents alike. Please remember that we are here to help every step of the way. If you have any questions, worries or simply need a chat, our door is always open.

This brochure will give you lots of useful information about our school and Key Stage 1, and we hope you'll keep it handy for future reference.



Here at Sunnyside, we are proud of our caring, friendly and dedicated team who work hard to create a happy, safe and inspiring environment where every child can shine. We believe that children learn best when they feel valued, confident and excited about coming to school each day, and we are committed to helping every child reach their full potential.

Over the coming years, your child will enjoy a wide range of experiences, make new friends, develop important life skills and create many happy memories. We can't wait to watch them grow, learn and flourish as part of our school community.

We are looking forward to getting to know you in September and beginning what we hope will be a happy and successful partnership.

Until then, have a fantastic summer filled with fun, laughter and special family memories.



Mrs S. White

Headteacher

OUR SCHOOL

Newhall Infant and Nursery School shares a campus with Newhall Junior School and The Mercia Academy, forming a lively and welcoming learning community. We are proud to have over 200 children in our school.

At the heart of our school are our simple but powerful promises:

Be Kind, Be Sensible and Work Hard

We are passionate about helping every child achieve their very best. Our dedicated staff work closely together to create a supportive, nurturing environment where each child can grow, learn and shine ★

Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of every individual, helping children build the skills and confidence to reach their full potential, guided by the National Curriculum and KS1 Foundation Stage.

We work with a range of specialist services to support our children, including Speech & Language, Autism Outreach and SEND support agencies, ensuring every child receives the help they need.

Our Governors play an active role in school life and meet regularly to support and guide our school's development.

You can find out more about us by:

- Reading our Ofsted report at: https://www.ofsted.gov.uk
- Visiting our website
- Following us on Facebook and Instagram
- Keeping up to date on Class Dojo







OUR YEAR 1 TEAM



Mrs Dicken
Hedgehogs Teacher
KS1 Lead







Mrs Gadsby
+ Mrs Russell
Teaching & Learning
Assistants



Mrs Adkins
Owls Teacher



OUR YEAR 2 TEAM



Miss Butler
Foxes Teacher







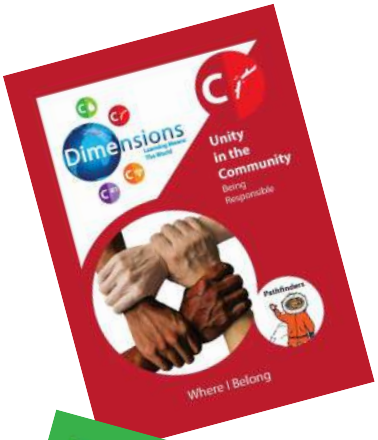
Mrs Inwood
Squirrels Teacher



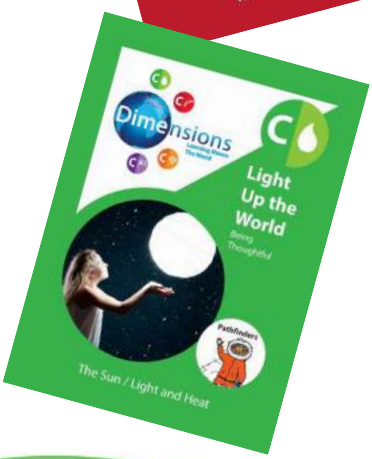
Mrs Skinner
Teaching & Learning
Assistant

KS1 TIMETABLE

8.45 am	-	Classroom doors open - Registration and reading catch up
9.10 am	-	Phonics
9.40 am	-	Maths
1.0.30 am	-	Playtime
10.45 am	-	English
11.45 am	-	Reading Practice
12.15 pm	-	Lunchtime
1.15 pm	-	Pathfinders
3.15 pm	-	Home time











OUR CURRICULUM

Our exciting Learning Means the World curriculum brings learning to life through engaging topics, hands-on experiences and inspiring challenges. From exploring new ideas to making exciting discoveries, children are encouraged to be curious, creative and confident learners from the moment they join us.

We organise learning around key stages rather than individual year groups. This reflects how the National Curriculum is structured and allows children to benefit from a richer, more connected learning experience through our carefully planned two-year curriculum cycle.

Early Years Explorers

Our Nursery and Reception children are known as our Early Years Explorers. Together, they will embark on exciting learning journeys, sharing topics, experiences and discoveries throughout the year.

Children will enjoy lots of opportunities to explore, investigate, create and play together through free-flow learning, both indoors and outdoors. Every day is an adventure as they learn through curiosity, imagination and hands-on experiences!

Pathfinder Adventures

Children in Years 1 and 2 are our Pathfinders - ready to follow new routes, solve challenges and make amazing discoveries!

All Pathfinder classes explore the same exciting topics together, with staff working closely as a team to plan engaging learning experiences. By working collaboratively across Key Stage 1, children benefit from shared opportunities, memorable experiences and a strong sense of belonging as they journey through their learning together.

We can't wait to see where our learning adventures take us next!

	Cycle A	Cycle B
Autumn 1	Fairytales	Mobile Mystery
Autumn 2	Come Fly with Me	One Day many Ways
Spring 3	Never Eat Shredded Wheat Record Breaker	Powhatan People Childrens Champion
Spring 4	Going Wild	Skip of the Dump
Summer 5	Land Ahoy	Unity and the Community
Summer 6	Jurassic Hunter	Paddington's Passport

LUNCH TIMES

Our Catering Supervisor and her team prepare a delicious and varied range of meals each day, following Derbyshire County Catering guidelines.

Children can choose from a freshly prepared hot meal each day, with alternative options such as tasty pasta pots, jacket potatoes, or a sandwich platter also available if they prefer. Fresh fruit is always available. We encourage our children to explore new foods, make healthy decisions, and build confidence when trying something different.

A fun part of lunchtime is that children can make simple choices about their meal - for example, whether they would like sauces, toppings, or sides - helping them feel independent and excited about their food.

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a free school meal every day, regardless of their circumstances.

Packed lunches from home

Children are welcome to bring a packed lunch if they prefer. To keep lunchtimes safe, healthy, and enjoyable for everyone, we ask that:

- Lunches are brought in a suitable, clearly named container
- Drinks are in a leak-proof bottle, ideally kept inside the lunchbox
- Sweets, chocolate, fizzy drinks, and any food containing nuts are not included

We encourage packed lunches to be colourful, balanced, and full of goodness - helping children stay energised and ready to learn!







SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children wear a school uniform, this helps to create a strong sense of belonging and pride in being part of our school community.

- Royal blue jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- Grey skirt/trousers/shorts/tights
- White shirt/blouse/polo shirt
- Royal blue and white dress (Summer)
- Black school shoes

<u>Please ensure all clothing is named</u>, including coats, hats, gloves, scarves etc.

All our uniform is available from the following suppliers:

- Pupil Schoolwear, Swadlincote. Tel: 01283 224512 www.pupilschoolwear.co.uk
- WB Schoolwear, Walton-on-Trent. Tel: 01283 716338 www.wbglobaltrading.co.uk
- Schoolwear UK www.schoolwearuk.co.uk



Children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

Monday	Year 2
Wednesday	Year 2

Tuesday	Year 1
Thursday	Year 1

PE kit includes:

- School jumper or cardigan
- White polo shirt or t-shirt
- Blue, black or grey shorts
- Blue, black or grey leggings or tracksuit bottoms (for colder days)
- Trainers (any colour)

COMMUNICATION

We love keeping you up to date with your child's progress and wellbeing during their Sunnyside journey.

Our friendly staff are always happy to have a quick catch-up at drop-off and pick-up times.

Keep an eye out for updates, reminders and celebrations of all the lovely things happening in school!

Follow our journey online!
We share amazing moments, achievements and activities every day - don't miss out!

Facebook: *Newhall Infant and Nursery School - Sunnyside*
Instagram: *@newhallinfantsandnursery*

ClassDojo - your child's learning at your fingertips!
You'll be invited to join ClassDojo, where you can:

- See photos and videos of your child's learning
- Celebrate their achievements
- Message Nursery staff quickly and easily

It's the best way to stay connected and be part of your child's learning adventure!





WRAPAROUND CARE - KOALA CLUB

Our Wraparound Care is open to all children, offering a safe, happy and nurturing space before and after school.

Children can:

- Get creative with fun activities
- Play games with friends
- Or simply relax and unwind after a busy day



All our learners can enjoy a warm, welcoming start or finish to their day.

A perfect mix of fun, friendship and relaxation - all in a caring environment you can trust!

Morning Sessions

8.00 am - 8.45 am

(Mon-Fri - 5 days a week)

with a FREE breakfast (cereals, fruit, milk or water).

Afternoon Sessions

3.15 pm - 4.00 pm

(Mon-Thurs - 4 days a week)

Messy Mondays -	Arts and Crafts
Tasty Tuesdays -	Baking and Cooking
Wild Wednesdays -	Gardening/Outdoor
Tasty Thursdays -	Baking and Cooking

Cost - FREE Breakfast Club!!

£3.00 per session for Afternoon Sessions

Both MUST be booked using ParentPay

ParentPay

HEALTH & SAFETY

No Smoking or Vaping

Our school site is a no smoking or vaping zone to help keep everyone safe and healthy.

No Dogs on Site

Dogs are not allowed within the school grounds.

Parking & Road Safety

Please do not park outside the Bretby Road entrance or on the yellow zigzag lines at Sunnyside. These rules are in place to help keep all of our children and families safe.

Please also note that **parents and carers are not permitted to access the school grounds by car at any time**. This is strictly for the safety of our children, staff and visitors.

We actively teach children about road safety, supported by visits from the School Crossing Patrol, Police and Road Safety officers.

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn in school.

- Small stud earrings are allowed
- Earrings must be removed or covered for PE
- Long hair must be tied back for PE

Data Protection

We hold basic pupil information securely to support the smooth running of the school.

Please keep the office updated with any changes (e.g. phone numbers).

All information is confidential and only accessed by authorised staff.

ILLNESS & ABSENCE

If your child is unwell, please inform the school office on the first day of absence by calling 01283 216496 or emailing: enquiries@newhallinfants.co.uk

All absences are recorded in line with Government regulations.

Leave of Absence

Since September 2013, Headteachers can only approve term-time leave in exceptional circumstances, and parents must request this in advance using our online form before making any arrangements. Please be aware that:

- ! Term-time holidays will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances
- ! Family holidays are not considered exceptional
- ! Unauthorised absence may lead to further action, including penalty notices

Medical Needs

If your child requires medication during the school day, please complete a medical consent form.

The School Health Team visits regularly for checks such as sight, hearing and growth.

Leaving During the School Day

If your child needs to leave school early:

- Please arrange this with the school office
- Collect and return your child via the office
- Provide evidence for medical appointments where possible

Children must always be collected by a known adult - they will not be allowed to leave alone.

We kindly ask that appointments are made outside of school hours wherever possible.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Special Educational Needs

We aim to provide an environment where every child can achieve their full potential. Teachers regularly monitor progress and share any concerns with the SENDCo, Head Teacher and parents/carers. Where appropriate, advice may be sought from external professionals such as Educational Psychologists, Speech Therapists and health services.

We maintain a register of pupils with special educational needs. Staff work closely with parents to review progress against agreed targets, and children receive additional support tailored to their needs.

The Governing Body fulfils its statutory duties in line with the SEN Code of Practice. Our SEN policy is available on the school website.

Behaviour

We expect a high standard of behaviour from all children and promote respect and kindness.

Physical or verbal aggression is not tolerated, and play fighting is discouraged. If concerns arise, parents will be contacted to discuss them with the Class Teacher or Headteacher. Positive behaviour is consistently recognised and praised.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Safeguarding

The school is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. If there are any concerns that a child may be at risk of harm or neglect, the Headteacher is required to follow safeguarding procedures and inform Social Care.

Governing Body

The Governing Body is made up of community members who support the school and work with staff and parents to help children become caring, responsible members of society.

Complaints

Most concerns can be resolved by speaking with the Class Teacher or Headteacher. If further action is needed, parents may write to the Chair of Governors.

Our Complaints Policy is available on the school website.

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Special Note - 3rd June 2026

The information in this booklet is correct at the date shown above. However, it must not be assumed that changes will not occur after publication. Any major changes will be reported in Newsletters.