

The Value of the Month is Compassion



Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together



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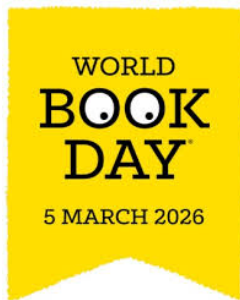
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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

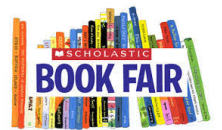
We hope that you have all had a lovely half term, despite all the rain. We are all looking forward to the second of our Spring Term, with the recent glimmers of sunshine brightening us all up!

World Book Day 2026



Next week, we celebrate **World Book Day**, which is a way for everyone to share their favourite books. As always, we are all excited to share our love of reading!

On **Thursday 5th March** we encourage pupils to attend school in either their pyjamas, with one of their preferred bedtime stories, or in a costume, which represents their favourite character from a book. It would be wonderful if children can bring the book, which has inspired their costume, to school to share with their class. (Please make sure that these books are named!)



As part of our celebrations we have been running a **Scholastic Book Fair** (after school), since yesterday. This will continue until **Wednesday 4th March**.

Please be advised that this is cashless. Payment arrangements are set up by Scholastic, so we are only able to accept payments using physical cards (no Apple Pay).

Parent Consultation Evenings

Wednesday 11th March	Thursday 12th March
3:40 - 8:00pm	3:40 - 6:00pm



Bookings will open for parents via Arbor at 4pm on the 2nd March and close on the 11th March at 11pm.

We recognise that it can be hard for parents to come to these meetings without their children. To allow open discussions with your child's class teacher, it is discouraged for children to be in the school hall. Therefore, if you are unable to arrange childcare, there will be a designated area for them to sit in our school dining room. We encourage you to bring something for your child to do. Children remain the responsibility of parents during these meetings as staff will be facilitating meetings. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Smart Watches

Procedure and Protocols Relating to Smart Watches



Although, as a school, we encourage pupils to wear watches (especially analogue) to aid their understanding of telling time, we need to remind families that pupils should **not** be wearing **Smart Watches** in school.

With the increasing features that Smart Watches now incorporate, such as cameras and phoning / texting capabilities, these are not appropriate for school as this additional e-safety risk cannot be managed.



We encourage these devices to be used at home where parents can keep close attention on the way their child uses this device and support them in their understanding of appropriate use.

Family Lives - Spring Term Parents Workshop

Family Lives are delivering the below 7 free online parenting workshops funded by Herts County Council in the Spring term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential as well as access to the wraparound support provided by our helpline, live chat and website.

To book a place please click here [Referral Form for Family Lives Herts Parenting Groups and Workshops](#) for our online referral form or scan the QR code on the attached flyer

Best wishes

Louise Voyce
Family Lives Admin Team Leader

Spring Term Workshops 2026 for parents in Hertfordshire



Reducing Conflict

Tuesday 3 March 7pm to 9pm or
Thursday 5 March 9.30am to 11.30am

Sibling Rivalry

Friday 13 March 9.30 to 11.30

Anxiety around ADHD

Wednesday 18 March 7pm to 9pm
Thursday 26 March 9.30am to 11.30am

Empowering Parenting

Friday 20 March 9.30am to 11.30am

It's a Dad's Life

Tuesday 24 March 7pm to 9pm

For more information, you can scan our QR code to make a referral or call Louise and Lesley on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email services@familylives.org.uk.



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Communication Sent Home This Week

Spring Happy Camp Booking	Email	Pupil Premium
Aldenham Singing Festival	Email	Y2
Travel Workshop	Email	Y4
Book Fair Information	Email	All
Book Fair Payments	Email	All

Class Blogs and Our School Curriculum

Each week your child's class teacher will upload a blog. This is intended to give a brief overview of the week or focus on one aspect of their learning. This can be used to encourage your child to talk about learning at home and also help you to understand more about our curriculum. Please follow the link below to see all of our current and archived class blogs and blogs from other year groups.

[Class Pages - Blogs](#)

If you would like to know more about our curriculum throughout the year, please follow the link below to our website.

[Newberries Primary School - Curriculum Overviews](#)

Year 5 Class Blog

The Year 5 children have now officially completed their Mini Police training! Throughout the sessions, the children have been mature, inquisitive and hardworking; their collaborative work on the assembly script and slides was wonderful and they presented it brilliantly to the school. Well done Year 5!



In the final session, the officers brought in some of their equipment to show us – it was fun, informative and again the children acted as role models for the school; they were polite, helpful and respectful with the equipment, but they also managed to have a wonderful time as well! With all these sessions about community and responsibility, we cannot wait to see how well Year 5 get on as Play Leaders for the younger children at break times!



Year 5 Team

Golden Certificates of the Week

"Always keep a positive mindset. It will improve your outlook on the world."
Roald Dahl

☀️ Congratulations to all of our children who have showcased our whole school 'Golden Rules' this week! ☀️

Reception	Frank	Rebecca
Year 1	Amelie	Naiya
Year 2	George	Lucie
Year 3	Horatio	Mia H
Year 4	Chloe	Freya T
Year 5	Asma	Minnie
Year 6	Lydia	Dylan

School Dates - Term Dates 2025-26

The term dates for next academic year will be available soon!

Current Term Dates

Please follow the link below to access the term dates for this and next academic year.

[Term Dates 2025-26](#)

School Calendar

Dates can be found on our school website. Please subscribe to the calendar to ensure that your personal digital calendar is updated as soon as new dates are added. You can do this by following this link.

[Click here to subscribe to our school calendar](#)

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School



Watch this space for news about our Amazon Wishlists!

We hope you all had a lovely half term break!

Mothers Day 🌸

Right Dad's (and Mum's!) it is time to get preparing for a day we all work hard for - Mothers Day! For those that are new to the school, we host a Mother's Day shop at school during the school day for your children to choose a present from a wide variety of gifts.

All you need to do is visit our online shop via the link below and choose a number of presents you would like to order.

On the day, **Friday 13th March**, your child will receive a token depending on the number of gifts chosen and will be able to exchange their token at our onsite gift shop for lovely presents... And the best part? They come wrapped and ready to give!

This is perfect for grandma's, childminders, and carers to receive as a lovely token of appreciation. The online gift shop will remain open until **12th March**, or when we sell out, whichever comes first so get ordering! *Our online shop is now OPEN!* [Mothers Day Online Gift Shop](#)

Other Bits and Bobs 🙄

If you are toying with the idea of joining the FoNS team, and being part of a successful and worthy cause, Rebecca, the Chair, is always open for a chat.

To discuss how your business can support FoNS, please drop us an email friendsofnewberries@gmail.com

That's it from us this week 🧡

From all at FoNS - Rebecca, Deborah, Lucy, Cheryl, Katie, Claire O, Danielle and Claire R

