

The Value of the Month is Compassion



Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together



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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

We have had a wonderful end to our half term this week. Our pupils have:

Explored our own wellbeing and mental health (please see below)
Reminded ourselves on the importance of e-safety and how to use technology safely
Recognised behaviours which make our local community happier, safer and kinder
Celebrated 'Love Yourself' non-uniform day! 🥰

Mini Police Project

Year 5 showed themselves as exceptional role models on how to be a prosocial member of our local community today, as they shared their class assembly with our whole school and their family members. The Mini Police Project has become an annual enrichment opportunity where each year our Year 5 pupils show themselves to be incredibly mature and thoughtful learners and this year was no exception! We are so proud of the messages that Year 5 were able to share with our community. Well done Year 5!

Parent Consultations Date

A reminder that our Spring Term Parent Consultation Evenings will be taking place in March. The days and times are slightly different to originally published, although will still take place during the originally planned week.

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

Information on booking your slot with your child's class teacher will be sent home after half term.

We wish you all a restful break!

Mrs Traxon and Ms Peters (Headteachers)

Communication Within Our School Community

In order to ensure that our school community remains harmonious, we would like to remind all parents and carers of our 'Home School Agreement' as well as our separate 'Parent Code of Conduct', which you can find copies of here.

[Home School Agreement](#)

[Parent and Carer Code of Conduct](#)

If parents have any concerns, please contact the school, rather than contacting other parents directly or using Whatsapp groups to communicate.

Place2Be Mental Health Week

This week our whole school community has come together to explore the feeling of 'belonging' and the connections they have within the community and friendships. We explored this by recognising that *'belonging is the feeling of being a valued part of the groups and places that are important to us. It means feeling cared for and comfortable to be ourselves.'*

It has been so wonderful to see our pupils embrace creativity as they created an island to caption 'This Is My Place' and then describe where they feel that they belong. A collection of this art work will be displayed in our school but some examples are below. Mental Health remains an important message for all of our school community. We pride ourselves in incorporating emotional literacy and mindful practices to teach emotional wellbeing and self-regulation within our classroom timetables.



Mrs Morris-Bowman (Deputy Headteacher)

Attendance Letters

You will no doubt understand that as Headteachers we have a duty, along with the Governors, to promote the highest attendance levels possible. The school is set very high attendance targets by the Government and our attendance data, including that for individual children, is scrutinised by the Local Authority.

If your child's attendance falls below 95%, we will be writing to you to make you aware of this. Please remember that a day's absence from school counts as two sessions (morning and afternoon). Obviously, we understand there are reasons for individual children to be absent and at this point in the year, this could be influenced by seasonal illness and/or religious observance. In order to maintain and improve upon our good attendance, we are keen to keep parents informed.

We also feel it is important to congratulate those pupils who have an attendance figure of 95% or above. Therefore, those pupils who have good attendance will be receiving a letter of thanks.

You can view your child's 'live' attendance by logging onto the Arbor account set up for your child. We thank all parents for your on-going support with improving attendance.



Updating Arbor - Change of Details

If any information relating to your child has changed, please can you take the time, over half term, to update this via Arbor.

This might include changes of:

- Contact details
- Home address
- Medical conditions



If you are currently unable to access Arbor, please contact the school office via admin@newberries.herts.sch.uk who will be more than happy to help.

Communication Sent Home This Week

Mini Police Assembly	Email	Y5
Spring 2 Information	Email	Extraberries
Aldenham Singing Festival	Email	Y2
10 Parent, Carer and Family Newsletter	Attached	All
Spring 2020 Parents/Carers Online Safety Newsletter	Attached	All
Swim School Offer	Attached	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](#)

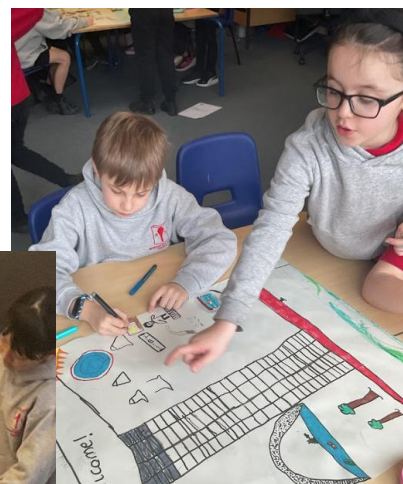
Year 3 Class Blog

This week in PSHE, we have finished off our garden designing project. The garden is being designed to support people with difficult challenges such as having difficulty seeing, walking, elderly people etc.

We designed our gardens to have lights, flat walking paths, raised flowers, wind chimes and more.

Another part of the task was to budget everything we were designing and plan an opening event for the garden. We worked in groups and each person was in charge of one aspect. Finally, we presented our work to the class.

Year 3 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	Celine	Nicole
Year 1	Willow	Asher
Year 2	Maliya	Harry
Year 3	Hugo	Trent
Year 4	Oleks	Freya M

Year 5	Eden Z	Russell
Year 6	Alexander	Nina

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!

Love Yourself ♥

We hope your children enjoyed our mufti day in association with Valentines Day. If you haven't made your donation yet, please do so via this link: [Love Yourself - Pay here](#)

Recap ✨

It's been a steady but fun start to 2026, we've had delicious bake sales where we have been able to purchase items immediately for the classes, which immediately benefits the School. We've had our annual movie night, which is always a crowd pleaser! Plus we have had our new addition of Love Yourself Day, it's so nice seeing the children 'being comfortable in who they are'.

Thank you for all the support you have continued to show us - It's definitely a team effort!

If you are toying with the idea of joining the FoNS team, and being part of a successful charity, 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

