

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

It was wonderful having our first class assembly today, led by our Year 6's. What fantastic learning they have done, and explained with such confidence! Thank you to all who came and thank you to Year 6!

Next week is Place2Be Children's Mental Health Week where the theme this year is
'This is My Place.'

For this, our whole school will be exploring the sense of belonging and recognising that belonging

- 1) is the feeling of being a valued part of the groups and places that are important to us
- 2) means feeling cared for and comfortable to be ourselves.

To further support this work, pupils will be completing tasks focussing on connection. Mrs Morris-Bowman is excited to share the artwork pupils will be expressing where they feel they belong.



Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Mobile Phones in School - The National Context: DfE Update 2026

The Department for Education has recently strengthened its guidance, stating that all schools in England should be 'mobile phone-free by default'.

Our mobile phone policy is for our Year 6 pupils and involves mobile phones being placed in a locked location for the duration of the school day. If you feel that it is essential for your child to have a mobile phone with them to support their independent journey from home to school, you are welcome to contact the school office to apply for a mobile phone contract. Any pupil who needs to use a smart device for a medical reason, would be an exception to this rule.

If you do choose to provide your child with a 'smartphone' the following tips may help you when managing your child's phone usage at home:

- Set 'Tech-Free' Zones: Designate areas like the dinner table or bedrooms as phone-free zones to encourage better sleep and conversation.
- Use Parental Controls: Utilise tools like Google Family Link or Apple Screen Time to set daily limits and filter inappropriate content.
- Open Dialogue: Regularly discuss the 'permanence' of the internet. Remind them that anything



sent or posted can be saved or shared by others.

- Ensure your child knows that they can always speak to someone at home, or a member of staff at school, if they experience anything upsetting online.

Our school website has a section of E-safety tips that can be found by clicking the following link: <https://www.newberries.herts.sch.uk/keeping-safe/>

You may also find the following website useful in supporting you:
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

Communication Sent Home This Week

School Office Closure	Email	All
Lost Property	Email	All
Art Club - Friday 6th February	Email	Art Club
Guidance on School Absence Due to Illness	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](#)

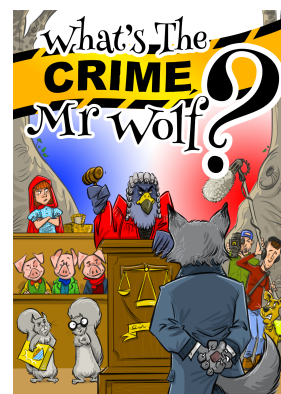
Year 4 Class Blog

This week has been filled with excitement and anticipation in Year 4 as a much awaited moment finally arrived. With auditions complete, roles for the Year 3 and 4 production have been announced, and there is a real buzz throughout the class. With songs to practice and lines to learn, the children are eagerly embracing the challenge ahead.

Alongside the excitement, Year 4 have continued to show their commitment in the classroom. In English, the pupils have begun drafting their own newspaper articles, investigating the mysterious phenomenon of Bigfoot, applying journalistic skills to report on this intriguing topic. Using headlines, factual language, and imaginative detail to capture the reader's attention. In maths, the focus has been on length and perimeter, with pupils measuring, calculating, and solving problems using a range of strategies.

It's been a week full of enthusiasm and creativity both on stage and in the classroom. Year 4 have done a great job of balancing their learning with the excitement of preparing for the production!

Year 4 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	Zain	Evie
Year 1	Niko	Lily
Year 2	Myla	Otto
Year 3	Maksy	Nylah
Year 4	Lexi	William
Year 5	Toby	Archie
Year 6	Harishh	Daniel

School Dates - Term Dates 2025-26 (Updated)

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 💕

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, we're celebrating the importance of self-love. On Friday 13th February 2026, pupils are invited to come to school in an outfit that reflects who they are and makes them feel happy. We kindly ask for a donation (minimum £2), payable via the link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewberriesschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=112725>

Please note this is a normal school day, so no fancy dress and appropriate clothing only.
A lovely way to round off the last day of half term! 💕



Movie night 🍿

We hope the children enjoyed our annual movie night, the kids looked like they had a great time! It's definitely a highlight for our FoNS calendar. We are proud to share that we made just over £700 towards our annual goal.

That's it from us this week 💛

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

