

The Value of the Month is Resilience



Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together



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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

The start of our Spring Term has been busy. Pupils continue to be motivated to learn and happy to be here and everyone is working hard! We are all looking forward to our upcoming enrichment dates!

30th Jan	Year 2 Bake Sale	Y2/All
9th - 13th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week	All
6th Feb	Year 6 Class Assembly	Y6
6th Feb	Movie Night (FoNS)	All
10th Feb	Safer Internet Day	All
13th Feb	Year 5 Mini-Police Assembly	Y5
13th Feb	FoNS 'Love Yourself' Non-Uniform Day	All
16th - 20th Feb	Half Term	All

Dotty, our school dog, has also been busy working with pupils across the school. Pupils have been excited seeing Dotty's tail wagging as she checks in with individual pupils, see's pupil's work and has stories read to her!



If you would like to find out more about Dotty, please follow the links below.

[Dotty our School Dog](#)

[School Dog - FAQs](#)

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

School Circle

Pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 took part in their first School Circle meetings of this academic year last week.

School Circle meetings are run by our Year 6 pupils, supported by school staff, and gives pupils an opportunity to share their views about life in Newberries School; it also gives Year 6 pupils a chance to practise their leadership and organisational skills.

Children in Years 1 to 6 are split into 6 mixed age groups to form the School Circle groups. During School Circle sessions, the Year 6 group leaders share any news about the school, run warm-up games and then ask their group some questions. Each pupil is given an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas and the Year 6 group leaders take note of the pupil's responses so that they can feed them back to school staff.



Year 6 did a brilliant job leading the meetings last week and we look forward to getting feedback from our pupils in future meetings.

Parent Communication Methods

If we as a school need to make direct contact with parents, it is school procedure that we call the priority contact as displayed in Arbor. If unable to reach this person, we will call the next person. For this reason, we recommend that each pupil has a minimum of three points of contact within their information.

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that contact details are correct via Arbor. Once school has made contact, it is the parents' responsibility to then communicate effectively between them.

We promote all parents to have access to Arbor, our school communication system. Arbor enables parents to view their child's attendance; pay for school meals and trips; provide consents and book Extraberries. Any parent registered as a primary guardian will receive email communication sent by the school.



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

Class Assembly Letter	Email	Y6 & Y2
Mountfitchet Castle Trip	Email	Y4
PGL Third Payment Reminder	Email	Y6
School Pick Up Today	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 1 Class Blog

This week in Year 1 we have been looking at adding numbers by counting on. We used first and then stories to help us work out how many there were all together. We showed it on our tens frame!



In RE, we looked at a story from the Bible. We read 'The Calming of the Storm' and thought about what God's job was as a human.



Year 1 Team

School Dates - Term Dates 2025-26 (Updated)

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

Current Term Dates

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[Term Dates 2025-26](#)

School Calendar

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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	Harriet	Aren
Year 1	Milo	Jax
Year 2	Erin	Lottie
Year 3	Chloe	Luna
Year 4	Alex	Joshua
Year 5	Abigail	Leo
Year 6	Nina	Lydia

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We are raising money for...

Chromebooks

Audio Equipment

BAKE SALES

Playtime Equipment

THANK
YOU

Watch this space for news about our Amazon Wishlists!

Bake Sale 🍪

Today was the Year 2 Bake Sale — thank you so much to everyone who supported it. We hope you enjoyed some delicious treats!

Thanks to their bake sale funds, Year 5 have been able to purchase some fantastic new equipment for their classroom, including:

- New tennis rackets and balls
- A 3-in-1 mini football table / air hockey / table tennis set for indoor play
 - A giant chess set
- New books for their reading corner



A big thank you to Mr Costi for coordinating this.

It's lovely to see such a great outcome from a bake sale!

Movie Night 🎬

Our annual Movie Night is only a week away, so please make sure you secure your child's place as soon as possible.

[Book via this link](#)

Vacancy

Fancy joining our team and helping out with future projects and events? We're always happy to welcome new faces. Speak to one of the FoNS team for a chat!

That's it from us this week ❤️

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

