

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



As part of our New Year's Resolutions, we have been encouraging children to focus on being ready for learning! This has included looking smart and tidy; having the correct items with them in school and being ready at the start of lessons. Thank you to the parents, who have supported this. We have noticed some big improvements in uniform this week and appreciate your continued support!

Arriving On Time For School

We know that there has been some very heavy traffic recently, in addition to some surprise roadworks! These conditions can catch us all out from time to time. However, we have had a very high number of pupils arriving late since the start of term.



Since returning from the Christmas Holidays, 110 children have been registered as late in the 9 days we have been back at school.

Learning starts when doors close at **9.00am**. Children who come in after this time, will miss the beginning of their learning. It can be emotionally challenging for children to walk into a classroom, when learning has already started.

Please be aware that if your child comes in later in the morning due to an appointment, this will not be classed as late in the register. However, this information needs to be shared, via email, to the School Office before the appointment is attended, so that this information can be reflected in the registers.

Please see the following 'Coming to School' information, taken from our school website.

Coming to School

The school gates open at 8:45am. Children may come into class during a 'soft start' spanning from 8:45am – 9:00am. This is planned to offer a gentle start to the school day. Any pupil arriving after 9:00am will need to enter school via the school office and will be marked as late.

Children from Reception to Year 4 must be dropped off at their classroom by an adult. We are happy for pupils in Year 5 and 6 to make their own way to their classroom once parents are sure they are safely on the school site.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend!
Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Topkidz - Breakfast Club

Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope your children enjoyed their time with us over the October half term holidays.

Please see below the booking link for **February 2026 half term Camp days** we are offering:

[Online Form: TOPKIDZ@Newberries: February Half-Term Holiday Club \(February 2026\)](mailto:TOPKIDZ@Newberries)

Attached is a poster of further information.

Thank you for your custom.

Regards,



Topkidz Group Limited

www.topkidzgroup.co.uk

Office: 0345 430 9331 (Mon-Thur 10.30 am-6 pm & Friday 10.30 am - 2pm)

Mobile: 0754 999 8435 (7 am-6 pm) - **TERM TIME**

Locations in: Aldbury, Borehamwood(2), Bushey(2), Kensworth & Radlett(2)

Family Lives Spring 2026 - Free Parenting Online Groups

Family Lives are delivering the below 4 online parenting groups, funded by Herts County Council, in the Spring term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire.

All their 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 their helpline, live chat and website.

Please see the attached poster for further information on the following Free Parenting Online Groups.



Less shouting More Co-operation

Tuesday 20 January to 3 March - 7pm to 9pm

AND

9 February to 23 March 2026 - 9.45am to 11.45am

Getting on with Your Pre-Teen/Teenager

Tuesday 3 February to 17 March 2026

7pm to 9pm

Dads Together

Wednesday 4 February to 18 March 2026

7pm to 9pm

Communication Sent Home This Week

Clubs Update	Email	Years 1 to 6
Message From Topkidz	Email	All
South West Herts Admissions Consortium	Email	Y5
Coding Club	Email	KS2
Tomorrow's Lesson	Email	Reception
Reminder - Themed Burger Day	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](#)

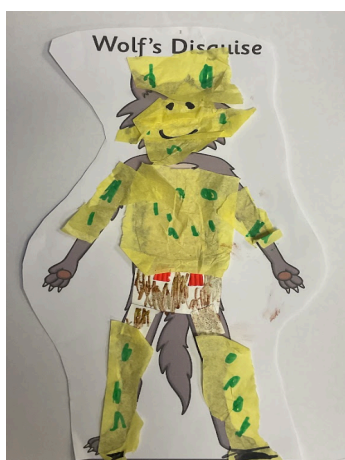
If you would like to know more about our curriculum throughout the year, please follow the link below to our website.

[Newberries Primary School - Curriculum Overviews](#)

Year R Class Blog

In Reception this week, the children have continued their learning about fairytales with a focus on 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children started the week by reading 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' and 'Who's Been Eating My Porridge?'. They then had fun recreating the story and making porridge!

We then read 'Little Red Riding Hood' and some children wrote wanted posters to help Little Red Riding Hood keep the fairytale land characters safe. Some children decided to help The Big Bad Wolf design some new disguises.



In Phonics this week we have been learning 'oo', 'oo', 'ar' and 'or' and, in Maths, we have been learning about the composition of 5.

Year R 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	Mila	Delilah
Year 1	Harvey	Mikael
Year 2	Theo	Harry
Year 3	Luca	Eva
Year 4	Alex	Millie
Year 5	Quinn	Zayden
Year 6	Daniel	Olivia M

School Dates - Term Dates 2025-26

The term dates for next academic year are now available. Please find a copy of them below. They can also be found on our website by following the link.

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](#)



Watch this space for news about our Amazon Wishlists!

Now that we're all back into the swing of things, the FoNS team would love to kick off 2026 by sharing some of the exciting things coming up.

Firstly, as mentioned before Christmas, we welcome Rebecca Campbell - who is stepping up fresh from maternity leave - to Chair the committee moving forward.

Shortly, you'll receive a link to our questionnaire. Please spare 5 mins to fill it out - we would really appreciate your feedback to help us moving forward.

You may have seen a mention of our 'Movie Night' in the Spring Term Diary Dates, shared in the previous Newsberries. It is a favourite with the kids and we are so excited to start the new year with a much-loved event. The School will be organising for the children to choose the movies and the booking form will be available next week.

We also have a 'Love Yourself' day coming up on 13th February, more on that closer to the time but do keep that in your diary!

Vacancy: We still have a vacancy within the FoNS team. As a registered charity, you would be part of a fundraising team and can take on a big or small role, depending on your commitment. Please reach out to Rebecca for more info.

Last thing to note, if you have any official school uniform - Hoodies, Sweatshirts, ties, etc that are in excellent condition that you no longer need, please hand these items to a member of FoNS for our uniform sale, which will be open again soon.

That's it from us this week 🧡

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

