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Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together



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Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Cinderella at The Radlett Centre

What a week this week has been! Monday morning brought great excitement as we all headed to The Radlett Centre for Cinderella. A wonderful time was had by all and the children were impeccably behaved. A huge thank you to the many parents who volunteered their time to help make this trip a great success.



Advent Assembly

On Tuesday, Reverend Ollie from Christchurch visited for an assembly about Advent and the things we do to get ready for the festive season. Our children listened brilliantly and gave such lovely and considered answers about what peace, joy, hope, love and purity mean to them. Year 2 showed an amazing recall of their RE lessons about advent.

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday, Mrs Skeggs and Mrs Shepherd served up our annual Christmas Dinner! The hall and dining room were full of children enjoying their lunch, whilst sporting an array of festive clothing. This is always a lovely touch of tradition which we know the children enjoy. Thank you once again to our wonderful kitchen staff - 580 potatoes were peeled this year!



Thank You!

We would all like to thank parents for the kind and generous gifts they have sent to all of our staff. Your kind words and thoughts are much appreciated in recognition of what we all do!



One final 'thank you' must go to our pupils for all their hard work this term. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 6th January**. School gates will open at 8:45am and close again at 9:00am.

Wishing you all a restful and peaceful break!
Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)



Poppy Appeal

Back in November, Year 6 spent the lead up to Remembrance Sunday selling poppies to raise money for The Royal British Legion. We are delighted that we raised an amazing £385.89, which will go towards supporting the UK's Armed Forces community (serving personnel, veterans, and their families) with welfare, housing, jobs, and remembrance activities.



Thank you to all members of our school community who generously contributed.

Primary Admissions

A reminder that the deadline to apply for a place at Primary School (Reception, Sept 2026) is 15th January 2026.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively, if you cannot access the internet, you can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.

Spring Term Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see the table below, which outlines the extra-curricular clubs on offer for our upcoming Spring Term. Within this, we are excited to announce the addition of Tag Rugby, Chess Club and Coding Club. We would like to remind parents that booking your child onto these clubs relies on parents contacting the providers directly. Please use the links in the table below to do so.

Clubs at Newberries - Spring 2026

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
Breakfast Club	Top Kidz Newberries Website Link to Topkidz Information		Top Kidz Newberries Website Link to Topkidz Information		Top Kidz Newberries Website Link to Topkidz Information		Top Kidz Newberries Website Link to Topkidz Information		Top Kidz Newberries Website Link to Topkidz Information
During the School Day	Guitar - Herts Music Service Y3 - 6 HMS Booking Site				Piano - Herts Music Service Y1 - 6 HMS Booking Site		Piano - Herts Music Service Y1 - 6 HMS Booking Site		
Lunchtime					Kidslingo - French Club Y3 - 6 12:30 - 1:00 Kidslingo Booking Site Starting 14.01.26		Choir Y5/6 Mrs Simpkins Please let Mrs Simpkins Know		
Extra Berries All Pupils	Extraberries Newberries Website Link to Extraberries Information		Extraberries Newberries Website Link to Extraberries Information		Extraberries Newberries Website Link to Extraberries Information		Extraberries Newberries Website Link to Extraberries Information		
Extra Curricular After School Clubs	Cheerleading Azure Dance Years 1 - 6 3:20 - 4:20	Tag Rugby 4-4-2 Sports Years 1 - 6 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2	Football Club 4-4-2 Sports Years R - 2 3:20 - 4:20	Coding Club Years 3- 6 3.20 - 4.20 Jam Coding	MultiSports 4-4-2 Sports Years R - 6 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2	Chess Club Kings and Queens Chess Years 1 - 6 3.20 - 4.20	Football Club 4-4-2 Sports Years 3 - 6 3:20 - 4:20	Coding Club Years 1- 2 3.15 - 4.15 Jam Coding	Art Club Art with Adam Year 2 - 6 3:20 - 4:20 Art Club

	Azure Booking Site Starting on: 12.01.26	Sports Booking Site Starting on: 12.01.26	4-4-2 Sports Booking Site Starting on: 13.01.26	Booking Site KS2 Starting on: 13.01.26	Sports Booking Site Starting on: 14.01.26	KingsandQueensChess Booking Site Starting on: 14.01.26	4-4-2 Sports Booking Site Starting on: 15.01.26	Booking Site KS1 Starting on: 15.01.26	Booking Site Starting Date: 16.01.26
After School Club	Drama Kids All Year Groups KS1 4:30 - 5:30 KS2 5:30 - 6:30 Drama Kids Booking Site Starting on: 12.01.26								

Communication Sent Home This Week

Art Club Open To Year 1	Email	Y1
Thank You To Our Volunteers	Email	To whom it concerns
Christmas Dinner / Jumper Day Reminder	Email	All
Spring Term Clubs Timetable	Email	All
Happy Camp	Email	All
No Sports Club Reminder	Email	To whom it concerns
PGL Trip Payment Reminder	Email	Y6
Seasons Greetings	Email	All
Attendance updates	Email	All

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](#)

We are raising money for Chromebooks!

As 2025 draws to a close, the FoNS team would like to share some heartfelt thank yous.

First up, our amazing **Class Reps** — thank you for always going the extra mile. Your support makes such a difference and never goes unnoticed.

Our FoNs Team! Many of whom take on responsibilities behind the scenes! Claire O - our treasurer! Cheryl - the much loved Christmas card and gift designs, Danielle - fab designs and comms, and endless sweet donations for our tuck shop and Lucy for her organising of the website for the selling and advertising of our events!

Last, but certainly not least, we say a huge thank you to **Deborah Cohen**, who after a 4 year tenure is stepping down as Chair of FoNS. During Deborah's time, she has been instrumental in shaping our brochures, fairs and countless initiatives, raising an incredible amount of money for the school along the way. With all three of her children having attended the school and her youngest now in Year 5, Deborah can enjoy her final year and a half as an honorary FoNS member and take a very well-earned rest. Deborah, your impact and legacy will forever be remembered, so **THANK YOU SO MUCH!** But we are glad you are still going to be part of FoNS.

Looking ahead, we're delighted to welcome our new Chair, **Rebecca Campbell**, who will be joining us in the new year, fresh from maternity leave and ready to get started.

Rebecca currently has children in Year 6, Year 4 and Reception, and has been an active member of FoNS since 2021... You can thank her for the reintroduction of our Frozen Fridays!

We hope you will join us in wishing Rebecca lots of success in the role of Chair!

If you'd like to join FoNS and support Rebecca and the team, we'd love to hear from you.

Finally, our biggest thank you goes to all of you parents and carers — for supporting our events and making everything we do possible. It truly is a team effort.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a very happy New Year. See you in 2026! 🎉

From all of us at FoNs

Best wishes,

(Deborah, Cheryl, Rebecca, Lucy S, Katie, Claire O, Danielle and Claire R)

