

The Value of the Month is Kindness



Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together



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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

This week the festivities started in school with both our Reception Nativity and Year 1 and 2 'Jingle All the Way' performance. All classes did exceptionally well. Congratulations to Reception for their first performance at Newberries! Year 1 and 2 were full of energy and gave us all a heartfelt sing-a-long to start the festive season. We are all very proud of you!



On Monday, we look forward to taking the whole school to the Radlett Centre to enjoy the pantomime production of Cinderella; Key Stage Parties and Christmas Dinner / Jumper Day. Please see below for further details. We would like to thank our staff for organising and supporting so many events at this time of year. This takes extra commitment at a busy time, but is done to ensure our pupils make some wonderful memories! Thank you also to our families for financially supporting our trip to the Panto. Without this support an opportunity like this would not be able to continue at a whole school level.

If you have yet to pay for the upcoming pantomime trip, this can be done by opening up your Arbor account, where you will find the payment under 'Trips'. If you have any queries please contact the school office, who will gladly help.

Seasonal Events

Please see the timetable below for a reminder of our end of term events!

Monday 15th Dec	Tuesday 16th Dec	Wednesday 17th Dec	Thursday 18th Dec	Friday 19th Dec
School Panto Visit Cinderella The Radlett Centre Rec - Year 6 	Infant Parties!  Rec, Year 1 & Year 2	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumpers/Festive Wear (optional) 	Junior Parties!  Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	End of Term 1.30pm 

A reminder that school will end at 1:30pm on Friday the 19th of December. Please collect your child in the usual way at this time.

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

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.

Governor News

Firstly we would like to thank Lewis Myers, who has been on the Governing Body for eight years. Lewis has given a considerable amount of his time and energy supporting Newberries School and we would like to thank him for his commitment, as he stands down as a member of our Governing Body at the end of this term. We thank him also for his contributions as our Chair of Governors for the last two and a half years.

We welcome Josh Handel and Fran Pang, as existing Governors who are stepping into the role as our new Co-Chair of Governors. They will be sharing this role moving forward. We thank them in advance for volunteering to support our Governing Body in this way.

We also welcome Daniel Wigman and Cassie Harris to our Governing Body, who are both parents of children at the school. We currently have one remaining vacancy on our board for a Parent Governor.

Parent Governor Elections

Are you proud to be a member of the Newberries Community? Do you value the work of the school and would be keen to contribute to this further?

We are looking for a Parent Governor!

The Governing Board is looking for a new parent governor to join our board of governors. The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and ensuring robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational performance and financial monitoring.

The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. We are keen to promote diversity on our governing board to ensure we reflect and represent the pupils in our school.

If you have skills or are interested in well-being, grant applications and/or premises this would be of great benefit, however these are not necessarily prerequisites. We just ask for enthusiasm, positivity, commitment and engagement. This includes: attendance at meetings; maintaining confidentiality; committing to training and supporting the school!

Self nomination forms are available from the School Office. These need to be submitted to the school by Friday 19th December. The usual term of office for a school governor is four years.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role please contact our School Office, who can put you in touch with our Headteachers or one of our governors, who will be happy to discuss the role with you.

Wintery Weather

Please make sure your child is equipped with warm winter wear over the coming weeks. The weather has caught us all by surprise this morning with a very chilly start. We will always endeavour to get the children outside to play, unless the weather is exceptionally wet or cold!



Spring Term Extra-Curricular Clubs (Updated)

RECENT UPDATE: Chess Club is now open to Year 1

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 Kindslingo 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 Azure Booking Site Starting on: 12.01.26	Tag Rugby 4-4-2 Sports Years 1 - 6 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2 Sports Booking Site Starting on: 12.01.26	Football Club 4-4-2 Sports Years R - 2 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2 Sports Booking Site Starting on: 13.01.26	Coding Club Years 3 - 6 3.20 - 4.20 Jam Coding Booking Site KS2 Starting on: 13.01.26	MultiSports 4-4-2 Sports Years R - 6 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2 Sports Booking Site Starting on: 14.01.26	Chess Club Kings and Queens Chess Years 1 - 6 3.20 - 4.20 KingsandQueensChess Booking Site Starting on: 14.01.26	Football Club 4-4-2 Sports Years 3 - 6 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2 Sports Booking Site Starting on: 15.01.26	Coding Club Years 1 - 2 3.15 - 4.15 Jam Coding Booking Site KS1 Starting on: 15.01.26	Art Club Art with Adam Year 2 - 6 3:20 - 4:20 Art Club 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								

We are so pleased that so many of our pupils are accessing these clubs and want to say a big thank you to Ms Shekho, who works tirelessly to organise our extra-curricular activities.

Is my child too ill for school? (Updated)

Please remember that following any bouts of diarrhoea or vomiting, children should be kept at home for at least 48 hours following their last episode. This is to ensure they are fully recovered and to limit the possibility of spreading infection.

[NHS Guidance - Diarrhoea and Vomiting](#)

For advice on whether to keep your child away from school and for how long, please see the NHS guidelines

[NHS Live Well - Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Communication Sent Home This Week

Edenred School Vouchers	Email	To whom it concerns
Panto Volunteers Plea	Email	All
Panto Volunteer Information	Email	To whom it concerns
Reminder of Extra Art Club	Email	To whom it concerns
Extraberries New Bookings	Email	To whom it concerns
Sign up for Christmas Dinner (via Arbor)	Email	All
Final Panto Detail Information	Email	All

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	Alexander	Ronnie
Year 1	Floki	Lila
Year 2	Idil	Ollie
Year 3	Clara	Harun
Year 4	Freya T	Oleksandr
Year 5	Abigail	Benjie
Year 6	Alexander D	Kimia

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](#)

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

We are raising money for Chromebooks!

Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 17th December:

If you have any Christmas jumpers that your children have grown out of, please bring them into school on Monday and leave with the school office. We can then put them outside on both Monday and Tuesday afternoons to ensure that all children have a festive jumper to wear that day!

Clothes Bin:



Did you know that there is a recycling clothes bin inside the school car park! Please drop any of your old clothes in there (they need to be in small plastic bags) and raise money for the school whilst providing necessary clothing to those less fortunate than us - it's a win win!

New Year's resolutions made yet!? Why don't you put this on your list?

Join the FoNS Team

We're looking for passionate people to join FoNS and help bring our next event to life. If you're enthusiastic, creative, and want to make a real impact, we'd love to welcome you on board. Come be part of something meaningful and help us shape our upcoming plans!

Best wishes,

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

