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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. It is good to see children returning refreshed and ready for what is always a busy half term.

This week has started with lots of excitement. Year 6 have been getting ready for their upcoming table tennis tournament as well as heading out to RAF Hendon for the day on Tuesday. They had a fantastic time exploring the RAF Museum and taking part in a living history Wartime Classroom session. We are always proud of our children when we take them out on trips, although our Year 6 pupils excelled themselves this time with museum staff commending them on their behaviour and enthusiasm at being at the museum.



As you will already be aware, next week is Anti-Bullying Week and we are looking forward to seeing our pupils arriving in odd socks and PE kits ready to take part in the West End Workshops throughout the day on Monday 10th November. We look forward to sharing the outcome of these with you in next week's Newsberries, but want to take the opportunity now to thank FoNs for funding this enrichment experience.

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Parent/Carer Contact Information Updates

As we approach the end of our first half term, the seasonal bugs are starting to creep in. Please make sure that your contact details are up-to-date on Arbor. We hope that you feel reassured in knowing that if we are calling you to ask for your child to be collected from school, it is because we really feel that they are unwell.

Is my child too ill for school?

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?](#)

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 14th November. 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.

Class Blogs

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic day at the RAF Museum in Hendon this week, where they took part in the engaging Wartime Classroom experience. Under the watchful eye of a very strict World War II—era teacher, the children discovered what school life was like for evacuees over 80 years ago — a maths lesson all about pounds and shillings and an air raid included! The children even tried their hand at using real ink and quills, which proved to be a rather blotchy business for some...

Alongside the classroom fun, the pupils explored the museum's incredible aircraft and exhibits, gaining a real sense of scale and an understanding of what life was like for people during the war. It was a memorable and educational trip that brought their history lessons to life — ink stains and all!



Year Six Team

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](#)

Communication Sent Home This Week

Support plan meetings	Email	To whom it concerns
HCL photo update	Email	To whom it concerns
Year 6 Table Tennis Tournament	Email	To whom it concerns
HAPpy Camp Information	Email	To whom it concerns
Height and weight Information	Email	YR
References (For Secondary schools)	Email	Y6
Mop up Flu vaccine session	Email	All
School Photos cut off date reminder	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	Delilah	Zain
Year 1	Ari	Niko
Year 2	Luca	Maliya
Year 3	Maksy	Olivia
Year 4	Alex	Chloe
Year 5	Rafi	Christian
Year 6	Alyssa	Victory

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!

WINTER FAIR – 28th November - TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewberriesschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=107696#>

Year 5 Bake Sale – Thank you for supporting Year 5 this afternoon!

Winter Brochure Cover Competition - It's time to get creative!

Please include the following information: Newberries School Winter Fair 28th November 3.30pm – 5pm
All entries should be portrait on A4 paper. Please write the children's name and class on the back. Please hand all entries into the school office. **Deadline – Next Tuesday 12th November**

Last chance to advertise in our winter brochure:

Contact Deborah (07849030096) if you'd like to advertise your business. All money raised goes to the school. Full page is £100, half page £50, quarter page £30. **Deadline – Next Monday 10th November**

Future Dates for the diary:

Friday 21st November – Non-school uniform day (In exchange for chocolate for our tombola at the fair).

Wednesday 26th November - FoNS AGM - 2.30pm (in school - everyone welcome)

Friday 28th November – Winter Fair - 3.30pm-5pm (after school).

Christmas designs:

The Christmas Card/Class Fundraising store will reopen on 21st November for festive orders to be placed and will close at midday 1st December. We'll send a reminder nearer to this date, so you don't forget!

Best wishes,

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

