

The Value of the Month is Respect



Newberries Primary School

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

This week has been especially exciting as our Reception class have been staying all day! They have made a wonderful start to their time at Newberries, settling beautifully into school life. We look forward to sharing the rest of their school journey with them!

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of class blogs, a place where all classes share a snapshot of their learning from the week. Please see below for this week's Class Blog Spotlight!

Thank you to Rabbi Nick who joined us to talk about Rosh Hashanah in assembly today. We are so grateful to members of our local faith communities visiting to enrich our school assemblies.

'Meet the Teacher' sessions have started this week, and will continue over the next two weeks. These happen just after drop off, in your child's classroom, and are intended to give parents an overview of the curriculum and expectations of the year. Working in partnership is important to us and we hope that parents will gain an insight into how they can further support their children through this academic year.

Thurs 25th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y4	Y4
Fri 26th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y5	Y5
Mon 29th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y6	Y6
Weds 1st Oct	Reception Meet The Teacher Phonics Workshop*	YR

Thank you to all those parents who have been able to attend so far this week. *Slides will be posted on Google Classroom (Tapestry for Reception), after the meetings have been held, so parents who are unable to attend can view the slides shared.*

Finally, please see the end of this newsletter to view the Autumn 2025 Diary Dates.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Homework

Homework will have started to be set from today. In response to staff and parent feedback, we have made some changes to our Homework Policy. Our updated Homework Policy is shared through our 'Meet The Teacher' Mornings and is available via our school website, however please take a moment to see the following section.

Throughout their time at Newberries Primary School, children will be provided with compulsory, weekly Homework tasks. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes (KS1), are set Homework through the use of a Homework Book. Years 3-6 (KS2) have their Homework set via Google Classroom.

What Homework will my child be set?

Reception

Reading books are sent home weekly.

Phonics worksheet sent home within Homework Book

"WOW moments"

Please share photos with your child's class teacher via Tapestry. "WOW moments" are to capture moments, as and when they happen, at home e.g. learning to ride a bike, art & craft activities, milestones, family trips or celebrations that relate to any learning at school.

Years 1 & 2

Reading (books sent home as per information in reading records)

Phonics worksheet & Spellings (sent home within Homework Book)

Practise of Maths fluency via Numbots (A minimum of 5 minutes 2x a week)

Years 3 - 6

Read 5x week (bring reading records into school each Friday)

Weekly Spellings (sent via google classroom)

Practise of Maths fluency via Numbots or Times Table Rockstars (A minimum of 10 minutes 2x a week)

Years 3 - 6 (Year 2 from the Summer Term)

Curriculum Based Activity

One additional activity, contributing to or consolidating classroom learning, will also be set each week. This will alternate between English, Maths and Topic.

Homework task are compulsory and completed Homework is responded to through obtaining Homework Stickers.

How will my child receive feedback?

For all pupils, Homework will be acknowledged through stickers and verbal feedback within the classrooms. For KS2 classes, the vast majority of Homework will be set and submitted via Google Classroom and therefore your child's class teacher will acknowledge receipt of submitted work through Google Classroom.

Should you need support in accessing Google Classroom, please view our support document here before contacting the school office for additional support.

[Google Classroom - Parent and Pupil Guide \(at the bottom of the page\)](#)

Extra-Curricular Clubs (Updated)

Most of our Extra-Curricular Clubs are well under way and we are so pleased that our pupils are enjoying and keen to access them. Please see the table below and note some changes highlighted, which include start dates and additional information.

	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 Y1 - 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	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 AzureDance Y1 - 6 3:20 - 4:20 Azure Booking Site	KS1 Football Club 4-4-2 Sports YR - 2 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2 Sports Booking Site	KS1/2 MultiSports 4-4-2 Sports YR - 6 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2 Sports Booking Site	KS2 Football Club 4-4-2 Sports Y3 - 6 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2 Sports Booking Site	Art with Adam Year Groups Y1-6 3:20 - 4:20 This club is now available for our Y1 pupils too! Art with Adam Booking Site Starting Date: 26.09.25
After School Club	Drama Kids All Year Groups KS1 4:30 - 5:30 KS2 5:30 - 6:30 Drama Kids Booking Site	Karate Club Y1 - 6 5.00 - 6.00 Pending - Apologies, we are unable to confirm the start date at present. If the club becomes available, we will reshare the contact information.			

Communication Sent Home This Week - 15.09.25

Crucial Crew Update	Y6	Email
Flu Immunisation Information	All	Email
Public Health Communication	All	Email
Year 6 Health Assessment	Y6	Email
Topkidz - October Half Term	All	Email
Art Club Information	Y1	Email
Class Activity	YR	Email

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	Ava	Riley
Year 1	Milo	Ralph
Year 2	Ava	Darcie
Year 3	Horatio	Tate
Year 4	Danielle	Stephanie
Year 5	Minnie	Ora
Year 6	Elias	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](#)

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 6 Class Blog

This week, our Year 6 students spent an inspiring morning at Crucial Crew, a safety event run by Child Safety Media. They took part in a range of interactive activities designed to help them make safe choices in everyday situations. They learnt first aid basics like CPR (to Baby Shark!); explored what to do to prevent fires at home, and discussed healthy relationships and staying safe online.



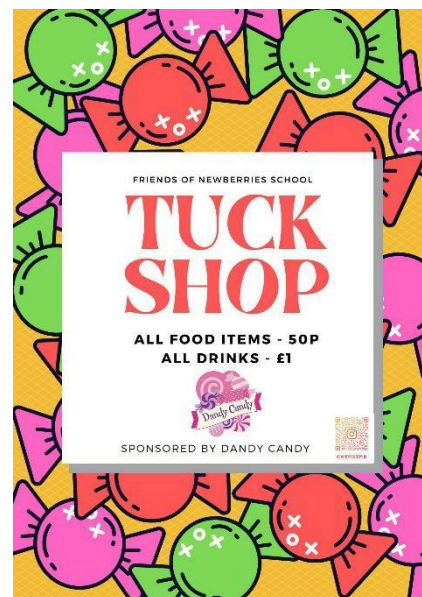
The workshops were practical, engaging, and full of real-life scenarios, all aimed at building confidence and awareness. Mrs Simpkin and Miss Watson were especially impressed with the mature questions that were asked by our children. We were also approached by four members of staff just to tell us how well-behaved our students were and how polite, respectful and considerate they were throughout the morning to every person they interacted with.

This made us unbelievably proud, especially as it was our first trip of the year and we were not the only school there! It was a really valuable experience for everyone and hopefully we all take the lessons we learnt and apply them in the future.

Year 6 Team

We are raising money for Chromebooks!

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School



Friday 17th October – Spooky Disco tickets are on sale!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofnewberriesschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=102939>

Tuck Shop is also back every Friday (along with individual year bake sales!)

Year 6: 26th September

Year 5: 7th November

Year 4: 5th December

Friday 21st November – Non-school uniform day

Friday 28th November – Winter Fair

Best wishes

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



Autumn Term 2025 Diary Dates

Below is an outline of our school events. These are also available on the calendar of our school website.

Whole School Value - Respect For All		
Weds 3rd Sept	INSET DAY (School closed)	All
Thurs 4th Sept	Group 1 Reception Start Date	Group 1 YR
Fri 5th Sept	Group 2 Reception Start Date	Group 2 YR
Mon 8th Sept	Group 3 Reception Start Date	Group 3 YR
Wed 10th Sept	SLT Drop-in @ 8.45-9:15am (School Hall)	All
Thurs 11th Sept	Reception staying for lunchtime	YR
Mon 15th Sept	Reception stay all day	YR
16th Sept	Crucial Crew Workshop	Y6
w/b 22nd	Winter/Christmas Card making (FoNs)	All
Wed 17th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y1 - 9.00-9.30am	Y1
Thurs 18th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y2 - 9.00-9.30am	Y2
Fri 19th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y3 - 9.00-9.30am	Y3
Mon 22nd Sept	Flu Vaccinations	All
Thurs 25th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y4 - 9.00 - 9.30am	Y4
Fri 26th Sept	National Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day	All
Fri 26th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y5 - 9.00-9.30am	Y5
Mon 29th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y6 - 9.00 - 9.30am	Y6
Fri 26th Sept	Y6 - Bake Sale	Y6 / All
Whole School Value - Equality		
Weds 1st Oct	Reception Meet The Teacher - 9:00 - 9:15am Phonics Workshops - 9:15 - 10:100	YR YR & Y1
Wed 1st Oct	SLT Drop-in @ 8.45-9:15am (School Hall)	All
Wed 1st Oct	Black History Month	All
Fri 10th Oct	#HelloYellow World Mental Health Day	All
Tues 21st Oct	Individual School Photo Day (am)	All
Wed 8th Oct	Open Morning	Rec 2026
Wed 15th Oct	Open Morning	Rec 2026
Fri 17th Oct	Spooky School Disco - FoNs event	All

Tues 21st Oct	Parent Consultations	All
Wed 22nd Oct	Open Morning	Rec 2026
Weds 22nd Oct	Parent Consultations	All
Thurs 23rd Oct	End of half term (normal finish time)	All
Fri 24th Oct	INSET Day (School Closed)	All
27th Oct - 31st Oct	October Half Term	All
Whole School Value - Perseverance		
Wed 5th Nov	SLT Drop-in @ 8.45-9:15am (School Hall)	All
Wed 5th Nov	Y6 Trip - RAF Hendon	Y6
Wed 5th Nov	Parent Meetings for pupils with Support Plans - 3.30-5pm	Families of children with SEND
Fri 7th Nov	Y5 Bake Sale	Y5/All
10th-21st Nov	Primary Maths Challenge	Y6
Wb 10th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	All
Fri 12th Nov	Nurse Flu programme visit (children who did not take part in Sept)	All
Weds 12th Nov	Road Safety Workshops	REC, Y1, Y3
Fri 21st Nov	FoNs non-uniform day Winter Tombola	All
Wed 26th Nov	Open Morning	Rec 2026
Friday 27th Nov	Winter Fayre - FoNs event (after school)	All
Whole School Value - Kindness		
Wed 3rd Dec	SLT Drop-in @ 8.45-9:15am (School Hall)	All
Wed 3rd Dec	Open Morning	Rec 2026
Fri 5th Dec	Y4 Bake Sale	Y4/All
Tues 9th Dec	Reception Nativity Performance - 2:45 - 3:15pm	YR
Thurs 11th Dec	Jingle All The Way Singing performance - 2:45 - 3:15pm	Y1 & Y2
Mon 15th Dec	The Radlett Theatre - Panto Trip - morning	REC - Y6
Tues 16th Dec	Class Parties	REC / KS1
Wed 17th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day	All
Thurs 18th Dec	Class Parties	KS2
Fri 19th Dec	End of Autumn Term (school finishes at 1.30pm)	All

