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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Attendance Update

The overall attendance record of the vast majority of our pupils is good and we very much appreciate you supporting the school's policy on attendance. Last year's whole school attendance was **95.2** in July, compared to **94.7%** the previous year.

All guidance is reflected in our Attendance Policy, which can be found on our website: [Attendance Policy](#)

This guidance and policy make it clear that schools may now issue a fixed penalty notice of £160 to any family where a child has unauthorised attendance for ten sessions (ten half days) in a ten week period.

As part of updated guidance from Hertfordshire County Council, we now require parents to fill in a leave of absence form if they require absence during term time. These are available from the school office on request or on our website: [Attendance Leave of Absence Form](#)

You will no doubt understand that as Headteachers we have a duty, along with the Governors, to promote the highest attendance levels possible. The school is set very high attendance targets by the Government and our attendance data, including that for individual children, is scrutinised by the Local Authority.

We thank you in advance for your support with our work on this.

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Attendance Ladder

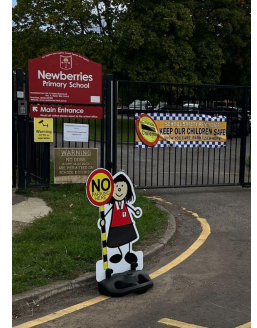


Travel News

As we have previously communicated, we are continuously working with Herts County Council, the local traffic wardens and the Police Community Support Team to enhance the safety of our children as they arrive and leave the school site.



Since the start of term you may have noticed some new additions during pick up and drop off times. Our 'Kiddie Road Safety Signs' will now be placed in the turning circle directly outside the school gates. This is to discourage parents from parking or turning in this area and, therefore, improve visibility and safety for pedestrians. A huge thank you to Hertsmere Borough Council who funded these kerbside signs as part of their Ward Improvement Initiative Scheme. We ask parents not to park in between these signs and also to refrain from parking across driveways. Please treat our 'Kiddie Road Safety Signs' kindly! 😊



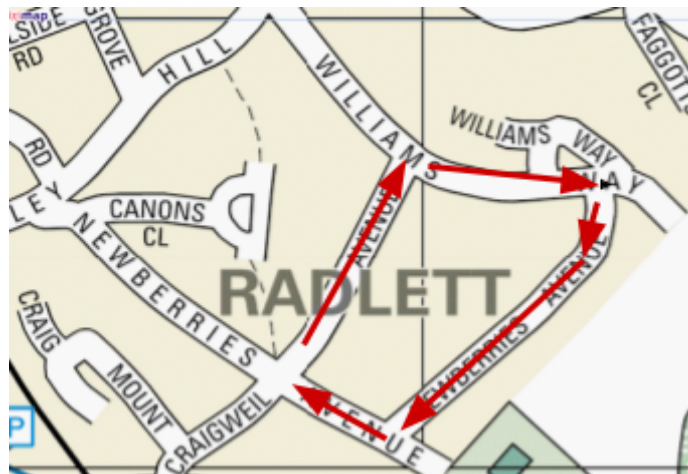
Travelling to School

One-Way System & Parking Guidelines

A number of years ago, the school introduced a one-way system following concerns about the problems caused by parking around the school. The following guidelines have been implemented to ensure the safety of the whole school community when they arrive and leave school.

To follow the one-way system, traffic should go up Craigweil Avenue, turn right onto Williams Way and then proceed down Newberries Avenue. Cars should park and drop off on the school side of Newberries Avenue.

Please note: there are parking restrictions in the vicinity of the school, including the turning circle – please allow sufficient time to park sensibly and walk the rest of the way.



**Pan Handle /
Turning Point**



Extra-Curricular Clubs					
	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 Starting 10/09/2025	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 Starting on: 08.09.25	KS1 Football Club 4-4-2 Sports YR - 2 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2 Sports Booking Site Starting on: 16.09.25	KS1/2 MultiSports 4-4-2 Sports YR - 6 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2 Sports Booking Site Starting on: 17.09.25	KS2 Football Club 4-4-2 Sports Y3 - 6 3:20 - 4:20 4-4-2 Sports Booking Site Starting on: 18.09.25	Art with Adam Year Groups Y2-6 3:20 - 4:20 Art with Adam Booking Site Starting Date: 19.09.25
After School Club	Drama Kids All Year Groups KS1 4:30 - 5:30 KS2 5:30 - 6:30 Drama Kids Booking Site Start Date: 08.09.25	Karate Club Y1 - 6 5.00 - 6.00 CALL: 07973 692664 Start Date: 09/09/2025			

Communication Sent Home This Week		
School Nursing Team Visit	Email	Y6
Lost Property Notice	Email	All
PMC - Primary Maths Challenge	Email	Y6
PE - Start Date	Email	YR
Flu Vaccination Form	Email	All
Newsberries Extra	Email	All
Guitar Lessons	Email	Y3-Y6
Applying to Secondary Schools (Moving On)	Email	Y6
Tapestry Information	Email	YR

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	Luke	Arya
Year 1	Oscar	Annie
Year 2	Jenson	Arzu
Year 3	Grace	Nylah
Year 4	Asterix	Sanna
Year 5	Jake	Ibrahim
Year 6	Dylan	Ellie K

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](#)

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

We're so thrilled to be starting this school year with you all!

FoNs have been busy planning fun, exciting, and memorable events that will bring our community together and raise vital funds for our school. Whether you're a new parent or a familiar face, we can't wait to see you at our events and make this term truly special!

Dates for your diary this term!

Friday 17th October – Spooky Disco

Friday 21st November – Non-school uniform day

Friday 28th November – Winter Fair

There are also lots of ways that everyone can help (even if you are unable to volunteer or come to all the events!)

Standing orders:

For those that weren't aware that you can make these contributions, it can be any amount you can afford but a great way to raise the extra funds. An £8 monthly donation will give the school £10 and only actually cost £6 a month with higher rate tax relief. If 30 families were able to do this it's £300 a month which is essentially an extra Chromebook each month for the school.

Please note that JustGiving automatically adds a platform fee but you can reduce this to £0! Please note that the school is now registered for Gift Aid so it is more tax efficient to cancel the standing order and use the below link instead.

The school will receive an extra 25% of your donation and you are able to claim tax relief on the donations so better all round!

<https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3164290>

Easyfundraising:

This is a contribution given from many online stores via the EasyFundraising website. You type the shop into the website and access via their link, which means the charity of your choice (FoNS) receives a donation. No extra cost to you! Sainsburys, Tesco, John Lewis, Tui, Lego, Disney, Boot, Amazon etc are all on there and many more! It's a great way to raise extra funds at no extra cost!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsnewberries/>

Best wishes

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

