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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

It has been an absolute pleasure welcoming our community back to school during our first two days of the new academic year! New classrooms, fresh uniforms, shiny school shoes and our pupil's smiles! There is nothing quite like the excitement of a September start to school!

We also welcome our new Reception pupils and their families to life at Newberries and hope that all within our school community find the information and reminders below useful.



A heartfelt thank you to the huge number of parents and guardians, who sent gifts and messages of appreciation and thanks to school staff at the end of last academic year. We were overwhelmed by your kind words and generosity. All staff at Newberries work exceptionally hard to ensure we provide the best we can for our pupils and we are so grateful for your appreciation of this. An extra thank you to Mrs Hughes who has worked very hard over the summer holidays painting, decorating and repairing. Miss Morris and Mr Hughes have also created a wonderful new outdoor area for our Year 1 class, so that they have more opportunities to extend their learning outdoors.

We are excited to welcome Miss Diaz to our team as our new Year 2 teacher. She worked in school on several occasions at the end of last term, so many of you will have met her then. It is exciting to welcome her as a permanent member of the Newberries' team! We are also pleased to share that Miss Watson, who has been working with us as a Teaching Assistant, will be spending some of her time in a new role as our Sports Coach!

We wish you a lovely weekend,

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Thank You!

A huge thank you to Mr Brough (Kai and Luca's dad) for giving up his time and expertise to refurbish the school's pond for us over the Summer Holidays. The pond was in need of some love and we are thrilled that this kind act of volunteering has given it the refresh needed. Thank you again and we look forward to classes having the opportunity to use this area once the pond has been refilled and reestablished!



September 2025 - PE Days

Newberries P.E Kit



School Logo
Polo shirt

Black Shorts



School Logo Hoodie
(Optional)



Black
Joggers



Black
Trainers



This year, children will continue to have two PE days a week. On these days, children will need to come into school wearing their school PE kit. See below which days your child has PE.

Monday	Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5
Tuesday	Reception, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday	Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday	Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6
Friday	Non - PE Day

Birthday and Celebration Sweets and Food Items

In line with advice from Hertfordshire County Council, School Leaders and Governors have agreed that from September we will no longer allow families to share 'birthday' or 'celebration sweets' or food items with pupils in their class.

Although we recognise that this is a lovely tradition, the risk of harm to children with allergies, is becoming a greater concern. With more children being diagnosed with severe allergic reactions to food items we must ensure our safeguarding practices remain stringent.

Following some very alarming and tragic events through the county, we are adopting Hertfordshire recommendation, which is also in line with advice from the organisation Anaphylaxis UK.

General Reminders

School Lunches

Please ensure any outstanding balances on Arbor are cleared in full and your account is in credit should you wish your child to have school dinners. Please note that school meals should always be paid for in advance of pupils receiving these. As the meals are provided by an external operator, we will be unable to provide a school meal for your child if a positive balance is not maintained.

Reading Books

Please ensure that all outstanding reading books and library books are returned to school this month. Our pupils will be visiting our school library on a weekly basis from next week and we hope that they enjoy reading a variety of books for pleasure.

Back to School!

Please ensure consents and information is up-to-date using Arbor. Examples: photo permissions, food allergies, correct phone numbers and parent contact information.

Going Home

Parents of pupils in Year 5 and 6 should also review 'walking home' arrangements. If you wish your child to be dismissed by the teachers so that they can walk home or be collected further away from their classroom door we need your consent. This only applies to pupils in Years 5 and 6. All other pupils must be collected from the classroom door by an adult.

Start and Finish Times

	All Pupils
Drop Off	GATES OPEN @ 8.45am Drop off times between 8.45am-9am

Registration closes at **9:00 am**. Any child arriving after this time will need to come into school via the office and will be registered as late.

	Reception (EYFS) Year 1 and Year 2 (KS1)	Years 3 - Year 6 (KS2)
Pick Up	3.15pm From their classrooms	3.20pm From their classrooms <i>*Option to walk home for Year 5 & 6 pupils only - more information about parental permission to follow in September.</i>

Equipment

Please ensure that your child has the following items to bring to school from September 2025.

All children:

- Named, refillable water bottle
- A packed lunch (if hot school meal is not required)

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

- Book Bag
- Wellington boots to stay in school

Year 3 to Year 6

- Rucksack
- **ONE small,** sensibly sized pencil case (advised dimensions 21x9x8cm) to include:
 - ☐ Writing Pencils
 - ☐ Ruler
 - ☐ Sharpener
 - ☐ Rubber
 - ☐ Blue handwriting or gel pen (KS2 children once a *pen licence* has been issued)

School Uniform Reminder (Updated)

We have been made aware by parents that there have been some delays in the processing of school uniform orders. Please do not worry if your child does not have everything they need whilst you wait for these orders to be fulfilled. An alternative until you receive your delivery is more than acceptable!



As a result of our uniform changes, Mapac have been working hard to get their website updated to reflect our new uniform. Their site is now available.

This year they will only be able to take online orders, their physical shop will reopen after the Summer Holidays. You will be able to have items delivered to your home or 'Click and Collect' for free. If you choose to 'Click and Collect', Mapac are happy for your child to try on your items in store.

Mapac are recommending that parents place their orders as soon as they are able to. Currently, delivery dates will be in time for the start of the new term, although a lead in time of twenty days is required at the moment, as most items will need to be made to order.



Please note: the new red, lightweight, polycotton PE T-Shirts will become available once stocks of our existing red PE Polo shirt have been sold. Unfortunately there is a larger number of these in stock than first realised. We are all keen for these items of clothing to be used rather than wasted, so will be delaying the launch of this new item. This decision is to limit the environmental impact.

A reminder to parents that we are expecting a gradual transition to our new items of uniform. This is to ensure parents are able to get the best out of any second hand uniform opportunities, avoiding wastage and extra costs!

[MAPAC - School Uniform Shop](#)

Extra-Curricular Clubs (Updated)

	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

Update Arbor Accounts	Email	All
Crucial Crew PSHE Enrichment Workshop	Email	Y6
Nursing Team Information	Email	Y6
Secondary School Application Information	Email	Y6

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](#)

