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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

A huge thank you to all of you who joined us for Celebration Afternoon. We love being able to invite you in so that the children can show you all the things they have been learning. They are always so proud and the trail definitely kept everyone busy. We hope you enjoyed this opportunity to see your children's work



We started today with the most fabulous Leaver's Assembly for our Year 6 children. In their own words, they shared their memories of their time at Newberries in the most unique way. We wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best as they make that first excited step on their journey through secondary education. Good luck!



Finally a huge thank you to all the staff, parents, FoNs, Governors, volunteers and of course our wonderful pupils for making Newberries such a special place to be and work! We wish you all a wonderful summer break!

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Thursday 4th September.

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

September - Back To School Reminders

School Lunches

Any outstanding balances on Arbor should be cleared in full so that we are able to continue offering your child a school dinner when they return in September. Please remember that 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 in September.

Back to School!

The children will return on Thursday 4th September. Please refer to the additional information you have been sent if your child is new to Reception. Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform, we will inform you of their PE days in the first Newsberries of next academic year!

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)

Term Dates

Please click on the link below for next year's term dates.

[Term Dates 2025-26](#)

School Uniform Reminder

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](#)

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.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

At Newberries Primary School we continue to be passionate about extra-curricular activities that we offer. Please see a brief overview of what extra-curricular clubs will be provided by external club providers, during our Autumn Term 2025. Please note that parents should make direct contact with the club provider (attached) to register their child.

Clubs at Newberries - Summer 2025

	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 - Hert Music Service Y1 - 6 HMS Booking Site		Piano - Hert Music Service Y1 - 6 HMS Booking Site	Piano - Hert 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 Football Club 4-4-2 Sports YR - 2 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 4:30 - 7:30 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			

Governors Newsletter

As we reach the end of the current academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to write to you on behalf of the Governing Board to let you know what we do as governors, to celebrate the achievements of our pupils and to express a few thank yous.

As school governors we have three core functions - setting a strategic vision for the school, holding the headteachers accountable for educational performance and overseeing the school's financial management. In order to facilitate these functions we meet regularly throughout the academic year as a full governing board as well as through sub-committees for curriculum, personnel and resources. Each governor also takes on a 'link' role which focuses on key specific areas.

This year has been filled with reasons to celebrate. Our children have achieved wonderful results, made significant strides in their learning, and shown remarkable growth in confidence and curiosity. Whether it is through academic successes, creative projects, or their enthusiasm in extracurricular activities, our students are thriving in a nurturing environment that encourages them to reach their full potential.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to express our thanks to the exceptional teachers, staff, and leadership team. Their dedication to enriching the lives of our children is truly inspiring. Day in and day out, they bring passion, creativity, and care to the classroom, fostering an environment where every child is supported to learn, grow and flourish. From delivering engaging lessons to providing thoughtful pastoral care, their commitment ensures our students thrive academically and personally. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented team shaping our school community.

I also want to extend my thanks to our amazing FoNs and volunteers. Your time, energy, and generosity have made such a difference, raising vital funds and creating memorable experiences through events like fairs and fundraisers. Your efforts strengthen our school community and provide valuable resources that enhance our children’s education and wellbeing. Together, your contributions, alongside the hard work of our staff and students, make our school a vibrant and supportive place to learn and grow.

Finally, on behalf of the Governors, may I take the opportunity to wish you an enjoyable summer.

With warmest regards,

Lewis Myers
Chair of Governors

Communication Sent Home This Week

Rugby Update	Email	To whom it concerns
Netball club day change	Email	Y5/Y6 Netball Club
Y2 Staff update	Email	Y2
Celebration Afternoon reminder	Email	All
Year 6 Leavers Picnic	Email	Y6
Y6 Shirt Signing update	Email	Y6
Bag for Life	Email	All
Internet Difficulties	Email	All
Road Disruption	Email	All
Y4 Swimming Coach update	Email	Y4
1.30pm finish	Email	All

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

Big things are coming for FONS in 2025/26!

We’ve had an incredible year raising funds for our school — thank you! But from September, we’re turning the page and making some exciting changes.

We’re streamlining our events, and our new PTA website will make bookings and payments a breeze.

Our Fairs are getting a fresh new look, and it's the perfect time to jump in and join the FONS team behind the scenes.

Stay tuned — we can't wait to show you what's next!



Best wishes

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

