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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Wednesday was a super exciting day for our Reception Class this week, when they went on their first big school trip! Take a look at our spotlight blog to find out more about their time at the zoo!

Today our Year 6 class were visited by members of our local Community Police Team who completed a 'Peace Day.' This enrichment session was tailored to support children's transition from Primary to Secondary School with the following three specific aims:

- To give students the tools to recognise good and bad friendships
- To highlight the importance of self-esteem and confidence
- To further develop their understanding of the law and consequences



Despite the heat, we have had a wonderful time this week taking many extra opportunities to learn outside. At some points in the day it has been cooler outside in the shade than it has been in our classrooms, so we have made good use of the great outdoors as part of our learning environment!

We are so grateful for the air conditioning unit donated by the parents of our Year 1 class today. This has made a big difference to this classroom. We are in the process of assessing which classrooms would benefit most from air conditioning, so that we can prioritise the hottest rooms and plan to purchase these over time.

Thank you to those parents for enabling our plan to move forward more quickly!



Finally, we would like to share an overview of our upcoming uniform changes. Please see below. Have a fantastic weekend!

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Uniform Update

Following discussions with staff, Governors, pupils and parents (both through our school questionnaire and in person), we have decided to make some changes to our uniform.

Although our current uniform has remained unchanged for sometime we are keen to ensure uniform remains affordable, smart and fit for purpose. Sometimes our current uniform poses some limitations for our pupils, which are very apparent in school.

Conversations over school uniform, often bring out a wide range of views! With this in mind we have made the following changes as we attempt to address the feedback we have gained from stakeholders.

Comfort and Quality

Many parents commented on the quality of some items of our uniform. New stocks of the school jumper and hoodie will be sourced from a different supplier, which we feel offers a better quality product. This includes a larger opening on the neck school PE Hoodie and a jumper from an alternative company.

PE T-Shirt

A new PE top is being introduced, which will be easier to wash (with no need to iron!) but offer a smoother, cooler and more comfortable fit.



School Cardigan

Requests have been made for this item to be included so that pupils have the option of a red logo-ed school jumper or cardigan. This will be available for September 2025.

Changes for Next Academic Year

On closer analysis, it appeared that many of our parents who were keen for changes, were parents of our younger children. This has supported our decision to change our uniform for Reception (and Key Stage 1 over the next two years). Some of these changes will address the sensory issues we see more and more pupils experiencing, as well as ensuring a uniform that fits well with the curriculum we have designed for our younger pupils.

Pupils who will be in **Year 1 and 2 next year (from September 2025)**, may choose to keep wearing the uniform they already have or adopt the uniform we are now introducing.

The uniform for **Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)** will remain as it is, keeping our ties!

The offer of a cardigan, instead of a jumper, will also be made available for **all pupils**. The new PE T-shirt will be available as families replace PE uniform.

Uniform Changes at a Glance!

	Reception 2025- continuing through Years 1 and 2*	Key Stage 1 2025 Current Years 1 and 2	Key Stage 2 2025 Years 3 - 6
Uniform - Winter	Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress	No change *New Reception Uniform is optional	No change
	White Polo Shirt (logo)		

	Red Jumper or cardigan (logo)	Cardigan now available (logo)	Cardigan now available (logo)
Uniform - Summer	No change White Polo shirts can be worn instead of the white or chequered short sleeved shirts	No change	No change
PE Kit	Plain black shorts or jogging bottoms.	No change	No change
	Red lightweight PE T-Shirt (new) Grey PE Hoodie (optional)	Red lightweight PE T-Shirt (new) will become available to all	Red lightweight PE T-Shirt (new) will become available to all

We would encourage the following logo-ed items

- Red jumper / cardigan
- White Polo Shirt
- Red PE Shirt

Optional Items

- The PE Hoodie remains optional

Most importantly, we are mindful that many of you will have uniform already, and possibly some in stock! This uniform change is anticipated to be adopted gradually. We are keen for parents to avoid incurring additional costs or upgrading uniforms before it is necessary.

These items will become available through MAPAC in due course

[MAPAC School Uniform Suppliers](#)

Events Coming Up...

The second half of the Summer Term is always a very busy one! Here is an overview of the key events over the remaining weeks of this term. In addition to this there may be some class specific information, which will be communicated to parents separately.

Dates for your Diary		
Summer Term 2025		
23rd June	Y1 Trip - Roald Dahl Museum	Y1
24th June	Y3 & 5 Athletics Festival	Y3 & 5
24th June	Local Trip to Christchurch - Currently being rescheduled	Y2
27th June	FoNs Non-uniform Day (in exchange for a Tombola prize)	All

27th June	School Disco	All
2nd July	Sports Day (Weds Afternoon)	All
4th July	YR Class Assembly	YR
5th July	FoNS - Summer Fair	All
7th July	Sports Day * RESERVE (Mon Afternoon)	All
7th July*	Year 5 and Year 6 Play Dress Rehearsal (All Day)	All
8th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Play Afternoon Performance (1.30pm)	Y5/6
9th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Play Evening Performance (6pm)	Y5/6
10th July	Secondary Transition Day / New Class Transition Sessions	All
11th July	Y1 Class Assembly	Y1
11th July	End of Year Reports Home	All
16th July	Piano Recital	Piano students
16th July	Celebration Afternoon (3:15 - 4:30pm)	All
18th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (9:15am)	Y6
18th July (Fri)	End of Academic Year (1.30pm finish)	All

High Temperatures

Whilst we are enjoying these hotter days please remember to:

- Apply, or encourage your child to apply, sunscreen before school.
(Please do not bring sunscreen into school).
- Ensure your child has a hat and plenty of water with them.
- Ensure that your child is dressed appropriately to help them keep cool.



If you need a reminder about our summer uniform, please follow the link below!

[Newberries Primary School - Summer Uniform](#)

Next week we will return to our usual school uniform patterns. However, if we begin to experience more extreme temperatures, we will inform parents and revert once again to PE Kits.

Raring2Go

Please find a link to the Raring2go! Watford Summer magazine. It's packed full of information for the long break including festivals, fairs and shows, as well as the usual activities, clubs, camps and classes to keep the kids entertained throughout Summer.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/watford/summer2025/>



School Allotment



The children were so excited to see the first harvest from our school allotment last week. Small beginnings we know, but we are all very excited to see what comes next!



It has been wonderful to talk to those children who have had an opportunity to work in the allotment already.

We are looking forward to getting many more involved!
Miss Lythgoe & Mrs Jones

Reception Class Blog

The highlight of this week has been our visit to the Zoo! The children had a wonderful time and we were so proud of each and every one of them for being so attentive and interested in what we saw, and for their excellent behaviour. Well done Reception!

Here are some of their thoughts about our visit...

'We liked the coach ride!' Xander and Ari

'We liked the penguins and the fish,' Willow and Naiya

'We liked the wallabies,' Nina and Isla

'We liked the big dinosaur squirting water and getting us soaked!' Niko and Chase.



Reception 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

Year 1 School Trip	Email	Y1
Class Assembly	Email	Y4
PGL Trip Reminder	Email	Y5
Hot Weather Tomorrow	Email	All
Outstanding Balances	Email	Y6
Reception Trip	Email	YR
RE: Miss Patrick	Email	Y2
School Photographer	Email	All
Year 1 - Thank you!	Email	Y1
Year 2 - Trip Rescheduled	Email	Y2
Year 6 - WhatsApp	Email	Y6

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	Margaux	Miles
Year 1	Harry	Erin
Year 2	Hugo	Horatio
Year 3	Stanley	Nia
Year 4	Eden Z	Christian
Year 5	Elias	Perez
Year 6	Olivia	Anoushka

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 2024-25](#)

[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](#)

Well Enough for School?

A reminder that after an episode of diarrhoea and / or vomiting, guidance states that your child should stay away from school for at least two days (48 hours). This is to ensure that bugs are not passed onto others. Please make sure you are vigilant to this if your child is unwell in this way. Further information can be found by following the link below.

[NHS - Is my child too ill for school?](#)

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

Non-school Uniform Day

Date 27th June (next Friday)

In exchange for wearing non-school uniform, we ask you to donate chocolates and wine to the Summer Fair tombola. Please bring your 'prize' in on Friday morning and ensure that the products you donate are in date!

Summer School Disco - ONE WEEK TO GO!

Date - 27th June

Buy your tickets now!

[Click here for School Disco Tickets - 27th June](#)

Raffle Tickets for the Summer Fair:

Please remember to buy your raffle tickets.

Please put the money and tickets in the white letter box outside the office.

Any unsold tickets should be left in the office.

Extra tickets can be collected from the office and can be sold to friends and family.

There are loads of prizes to be won!

Summer Fair: Get Ready for Our Biggest Event of the Summer!

Date – 5th July 12-3pm

Please do help your class reps make their stall the best ever and come along to support FoNs and the school! It is always such a great event!

Best wishes

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

