

The Value of the Month is Honesty



Newberries Primary School



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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Mini Marathon in Schools - 2025

Congratulations! We have received our trophy for our 'Mini Marathon In schools'! It is so lovely to add this to our trophy cabinet!

A big thank you to all our teachers, who have encouraged the children to achieve this by ensuring that they record their daily mile in school. By doing this, it has led to each class collectively 'completing a marathon'!



Phonics Screening

Well done to our pupils in Year 1, who have completed their Phonics Screening assessments this week. They approached their task with great positivity and excitement sharing both their skills and love of phonics! If you would like to know more about our phonics teaching and / or support for developing early reading skills, this can be found on our website.

[Phonics and Early Reading](#)

Magic, Mojitos and a Father's Day Shop!

This has been a busy week for our 'Friends of Newberries' who have managed to organise two events whilst planning the upcoming School Disco (Friday 27th June) and the Summer Fair (Saturday 3rd July)!

A huge thank you to the FoNS for organising the Magic & Mojitos event at school last night! It was a brilliant night and the perfect evening for a BBQ and time to chat to others outside. We were all amazed by the magician!

As always we remain so grateful to the core group of parents who organise and drive these events, as well as all of you who support them! The funds from all the events organised help us to buy resources or arrange experiences for our children, which would not be sustainable from our school budget. Following on from the purchase of the amazing Dragon's Nest on the Key Stage Two playground, we continue to fundraise for Chromebooks!

Thank you all! We look forward to seeing you at the next event!

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

It's Summer...!

It seems like summer has finally made its official appearance, for now at least!

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.



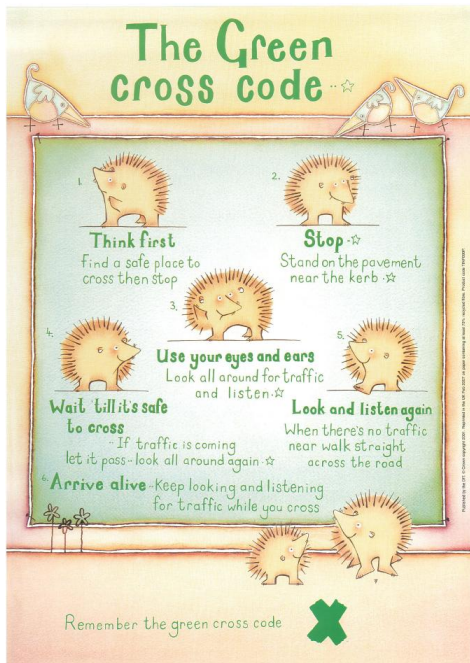
If you need a reminder about our summer uniform, please follow the link below!

[Newberries Primary School - Summer Uniform](#)

Road Safety

This week, we have had parents raise concerns about the road safety issues outside of the school. Please remember how important it is to develop sound road safety skills with your children, however small they are.

Road Safety is taught in school but it is essential that this is reinforced at home too. Please ensure all children (pupils and non-pupils) are taught skills such as:



Brake's top tips for keeping children safe near roads

- Children under 8 should always hold a grown up's hand when walking near roads
- Children under 8 should always cross roads with a grown up, at a safe crossing place
- Until they are 150cm tall, all children should sit in a correctly sized and fitted child seat when travelling by car
- Children under 10 should not cycle on roads, they should keep to cycle paths away from motorised traffic
- Children should always wear a helmet when cycling to protect their head if they fall off

For further information on how you could support your family, please take a look at this website, which gives simple advice on keeping children safe near roads, from birth to when they become independent road users.

[Brake.org - Road Safety Advice for Parents and Families](#)

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?](#)

Online Safety

With this edition of Newsberries, please take the time to read the HFL Online Safety Newsletter for parents.

It includes valuable information on:

- 'Teens, Social Media & You' – a TikTok-supported guide for safe use
- Recognising and responding to tech-facilitated abuse
- Online safety support for LGBTQ+ children
- What to know about Kick streaming
- Tips for safer online gaming
- Decoding teen slang and emoji use

A conscious effort to understand and monitor online activity is so important in keeping your children safe as they navigate the online world. For further information, there are resources available on the 'Keeping Safe' section of our school website.

[Keeping Safe @ Newberries Primary School](#)

Mrs Morris-Bowman (E-Safety Lead)

Smart Watches

Although, as a school, we encourage pupils to wear watches (especially analogue) to aid their understanding of telling time, we need to remind families that pupils should **not** be wearing **Smart Watches** in school.

With the increasing features that Smart Watches now incorporate, such as cameras and phoning / texting capabilities, these are not appropriate for school as this additional e-safety risk cannot be managed.

We encourage these devices to be used at home where parents can keep close attention on the way their child uses this device and support them in their understanding of appropriate use.



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 5 Class Blog

This Thursday, Year 5 were lucky enough to go to the Lee Valley Nature Reserve for their class trip! We started by discussing how to be mindful of other people and their feelings, but also of the world around us and the importance of being present in the moment. With this thought in mind, we began our journey into the natural world and all the wonders it has to offer!

We used natural materials to create portraits of butterflies, we toured the beautiful walled gardens and created our own flower displays. We had the opportunity to get very mucky by designing and forming mud emojis in the trees and we used stones to press the pigments out of petals and create some lovely prints.





We all had such a wonderful time in the summer sunshine and, to top it all off, we had a huge Year 5 picnic outside for lunch!

Year 5 Team

Communication Sent Home This Week

Online Safety Newsletter	Attached	All
Rugby - Extra Curricular	Email	Y3 -Y6
FSM Eligibility Check	Email	Y2
Guitar Lesson Availability	Email	Y3 -Y6
Summer HAPpy Camp	Email	PP
Queens School / Watford Grammar Open Day	Email	Y5 - Y6
Class Assembly Reminder	Email	Y3

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	Emira	Mikael
Year 1	Megan	Scarlett
Year 2	Leo	Maksy
Year 3	Ralph	Lexi
Year 4	Michal	Raya
Year 5	Leo	Lydia
Year 6	Adam S	Gautum

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](#)

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

Magic and Mojitos

What a fabulous evening! The weather couldn't have been better, the BBQ was delicious, and the entertainment was great! It was so lovely to see so many parents and teachers join us last night and we cannot wait to hold the next adult event!

Father's Day

We hope that all the men enjoy their special day this Friday and enjoy all the gifts that the children have chosen!

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's loads of prizes to be won!

Summer School Disco- 27th June

Buy your tickets now!

[Link to Summer Disco Tickets!](#)



Best Wishes

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

