

The Value of the Month is Resilience



Newberries Primary School

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Happy New Year to you all!

We have had such a lovely start to our Spring Term, even a little flurry of snow to add to the excitement! All of our pupils have shown a great eagerness to be back at school and today, our celebration assembly was full of enthusiasm, already celebrating the hard work and motivation of pupils!

Safer Travel Newsletter

Following the continued concerns raised about the safety of pupils traveling to school, we have worked hard to communicate the many strategies we have in place to raise. Raising awareness of the issues causing concern on the roads outside school is important to us.

Please see our new termly 'Safer Travel Newsletter' summarising our work and reminding parents of these important messages. This is an essential read for anyone with responsibility for collecting and dropping pupils off at school.

Term Dates - Academic Year 2025-26

[Term Dates 2025-226](#)

Diary Dates - Spring Term

Spring Term Diary Dates are now available on our school calendar on our website. Please click here to view them and subscribe to our calendar.

[Click here to subscribe to our school calendar](#)

Wishing you a peaceful weekend!

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Pick Up Arrangements

Polite reminder, please email the school office if anyone, other than named contacts on Arbor, will be collecting from school.

School Closure Due to Severe Weather

Don't worry! We do not have any inside information, but following the brief appearance of snow this week, we just wanted to remind parents of our procedures regarding school closure due to severe weather.

When reaching a decision to close our school, due to weather conditions, we must consider the safety and welfare of the whole school community. Each individual school's position is unique and whilst we are aware that some schools are able to open, other local schools have to make the difficult decision to close.

When making this decision school's are required to consider:

- **The conditions on the school site and our ability to make it safe enough for pupils, parents and staff.**
- **The conditions local to where our staff are travelling from and whether it is safe for them to make their journey into school.**

If we start the day with snowfall, we will make the decision as early as possible once we have assessed the conditions. This decision will then be communicated to parents through an email and posted on the school's website.

If we are required to close during the school day, parents will be contacted by email to collect their children from school as soon as possible. Pupils will be kept safe until parents are able to make arrangements.

Although these occasions are rare, we feel it is always important that families understand our procedures and the rationale behind any potential closures.

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	Chase	Nina
Year 1	Kali	Myla
Year 2	Corelia	Harun
Year 3	Ariana	Ethan
Year 4	Benj	Minnie
Year 5	Dylan	Perez
Year 6	Gabriel	Oliver

Communication Sent Home This Week

Extraberries Information	Email	To whom it concerns
Azure Dance Information	Email	Y1-Y6
Residential Payment Reminders	Email	Y6
Change of Lunch Option - Thurs 16th Jan	Email	All
School Clubs and Booking Information	Email	All
Auditions - Tuesday 14th / 15th	Email	Y4
Young writers reminders	Email	To whom it may concerns

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

FoNS BRINGS you

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 24th Jan after school



Each child can choose the film they would like to watch

- Inside out 2
- Kung Fu Panda 4
- Wish
- Despicable Me 4
- Zombies

We are asking for a donation of £6 PER CHILD to help cover refreshment costs and raise money for FoNS. Larger donations welcome.

Every child will get snacks to enjoy during the movie

Movies will start at 3.30pm. If your child is staying for a movie, you don't need to attend usual pick up. Just come along at 5pm.
PICK UP FROM 5PM

Children can bring a teddy or pillow if they wish. These may be brought to school in a named bag at the start of the day.

DRINKS
In a bid to save on single use plastic, we are asking children to bring their own reusable water bottle (additional squash / water will be available during the films).

Book online: <https://forms.gle/Pr4I4GAMZ7tsRUcbA>

Best wishes

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

Communication Within Our School Community

In order to ensure that our school community remains harmonious, we would like to remind all parents and carers of our 'Home School Agreement' as well as our separate 'Parent Code of Conduct', which you can find copies of here.

[Home School Agreement](#)

[Parent and Carer Code of Conduct](#)

If parents have any concerns, please contact the school, rather than contacting other parents directly or using Whatsapp groups to communicate.

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 2025-226](#)

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.

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Is my child too ill for school?

For advice on whether to keep your child away from school and for how long, please see the NHS guidelines

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

Newberries Primary School - Spring Term Dates 2025

6th Jan	Start of the Spring Term - children back to school	All
21st Jan	Reception Screening - School Nurse	Rec
24th Jan	FoNS Movie Night (3.30 - 5.30pm)	All
3rd - 7th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week	All
4th Feb	Year 3 trip to Pizza Express	Y3
6th Feb	Year 5 Mini Police Assembly	Y5
14th Feb	Y2 Bake Sale	Y2/All
11th Feb	Safer Internet Day	All
14th Feb	Y6 Class Assembly	Y6
17th - 21st Feb	Half Term	All
24th Feb	Start of Spring Term 2	All
27th Feb - 5th Mar	Book Fair in the Dining Room	All
28th Mar	Y1 Bake Sale	Y1/All
6th March	World Book Day	All
12th Mar	Parent Consultations (3:40 - 8pm)	All
13th Mar	Parent Consultations (3.40 - 6pm)	All
19th Mar	Voice in a Million	Y5 & 6
20th March	Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle	Y2
21st March	Red Nose Day	All
24th March	Y6 SATs and Residential Meeting for Parents (time tbc)	Y6
25th March	Y3/4 Afternoon Performance - 2pm	Y3/Y4
26th March	Y3/4 Evening Performance - 7pm	Y3/Y4
26th March	Parent Meetings for pupils with Support Plans	by invite
27th March	Year 2 Scootability Workshop	Y2
28th March	Year 2 Class Assembly	Y2
28th Mar	FoNs Mothers Day Shop	All
3rd April	Year 3 Trip to Verulamium Museum	Y3
4th April	End of Spring Term @ 1.30pm	All
22nd April	Start of Summer Term	All

