

The Value of the Month is Happiness



Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together



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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Attendance Ladder



Attendance Meetings

This week members of the Senior Leadership Team, along with Miss Corbett, met to discuss pupil attendance levels. These meetings are held monthly to monitor attendance of all pupils across the school. These meetings particularly focus on pupils who have an attendance level that has fallen below 95% and how the school can support the pupils and their families if necessary. Along with pupil well-being, we also explore whether attendance levels are affecting progress and attainment for these pupils.

The expected level of attendance for all pupils is 96%. You can check your child's attendance on the Arbor App. If you are concerned about your child's attendance and would like to discuss the support we may be able to offer please do get in touch by emailing admin@newberries.herts.sch.uk

Impact of Lateness

Being 15 minutes later each day is the same as missing 2 weeks of school



Lateness

One of the things that may affect attendance levels is arriving at school after the register has closed. We have noticed that, once again, the number of children who are late into class each morning has dramatically increased. Children start their learning from the moment they enter the classroom and being late is disruptive for them and for the rest of the class. We will be monitoring lateness very closely over the coming weeks.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Over the past few weeks the Senior Leadership Team, including Headteachers, Deputy Heads and SENCo, have met with all teachers to carry out Pupil Progress meetings. During these meetings we discuss each cohort and every individual pupil and the progress they are making in the curriculum. During these meetings we discuss:

- How each child is progressing in key areas like reading, writing, and maths
- Understand their strengths and what they might be finding challenging
- Learn about their behaviour, confidence, and social development as a class or individually
- Discuss anything that might affect learning

Goodbye Mrs Hanns

Thank you for the kind words and messages that were sent in for Mrs Hanns. We said goodbye to her yesterday, with all the children contributing to a card and Early Years and Key Stage 1 singing her a little 'goodbye' song. We ended the day with a tea party with the staff. We thank her again for both her commitment and long service as a Teaching Assistant. We know she had a very positive impact on many children.



**We hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend - fingers crossed for more sunshine.
We look forward to seeing the children return to school on Tuesday 5th May.**

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Diversity Month



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

Our Diversity Doors are ready and they are absolutely showing what is unique and individual about our classrooms. We are so proud of our school community, the diversity within it and love the celebration that this whole school project has inspired!

Mrs Morris-Bowman (Deputy Headteacher)

Communication Sent Home This Week

Medication Reminders	Email	To whom it concerns
Leave of Absence Updates	Email	To whom it concerns
Local Trip Details	Email	Y1
Piano Recital Invitation	Email	To whom it concerns
Summer Diary Dates	Email	All

Year 1 Class Blog

This week in Year 1 we have been learning about how to make groups by sharing. We went outside and collected some objects and shared them equally between two and three groups.



In English, we have been learning how to write letters. We wrote a letter to Year 6 and they replied to us! We met Year 6 so they could read their reply to us!



Year 1 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](#)

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	Alexander	Ronnie
Year 1	Luke	Oscar
Year 2	Elise	Olivia
Year 3	Chloe	Grace
Year 4	Emma	George
Year 5	Aiden	Eden
Year 6	Leo	Perez

School Dates - Term Dates

Current Term Dates

Please follow the link below to access the term dates for this academic year.

[Term Dates 2025-26](#)



Future Term Dates

Please follow the link below to access the term dates for next academic year.

[Term Dates 2026-27](#)

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

We are raising money for...

Chromebooks

Aldi equipment

BAKE SALES

Playtime Equipment

THANK YOU

Watch this space for news about our Amazon Wishlists!

🍰 Year 3 Bake Sale 🍰

Well done Year 3 on your bake sale last week. With your profits, we've been able to purchase goal posts for this football-loving class and other sports equipment. Thank you to everyone who came and bought and supported yet another successful bake sale.



🏡 We have loved the buzz from our Circus announcement last week. 🏡

We are getting a lot of questions about tickets etc, and the FoNS team are busy working on this in the background, so watch this space for more details.

In the meantime, if you are a business who would like to support our Circus, please email friendsofnewberries@gmail.com

🗣️ Additionally if you are interested in helping at this event, please grab a chat with a FoNS member.

💡 Lastly, now that the sunshine has graced us with some beautiful days, Frozen Friday is back from today, and every Friday until the end of term. ❤️

From your FoNS team - Rebecca, Lucy, Cheryl, Katie, Claire O, Danielle and Claire R

