

The Value of the Month is Happiness



Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together



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Newsberries

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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

We are delighted that we have maintained our accreditation for our 'Good Travel Plan'. To receive this accreditation, we are required to submit a range of evidence regarding the work we carry out to promote safer travel in our school community. This includes regular travel surveys with the children, our communication with parents regarding travel, workshops we source to educate the children about safer travel and encouraging walking to school.



For further information about how you can help keep our children safe when arriving and leaving school please visit the ['Keeping Safe'](#) page on our school website. On this page, you can find advice on parking safely and a [Parent's Guide to Teaching Road Safety](#).



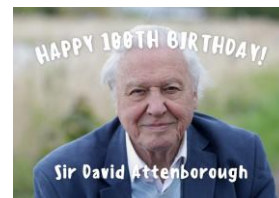
As part of this work, we will be marking 'Walk to School Week' on Monday 18th - Thursday 21st May. Please look out for further information about this in next week's Newsberries. Many thanks to so many of you that engage with the message we circulate and the initiatives we promote to help with congestion on the roads outside the school.

Next week is SATs week. This is a week of statutory formal tests for our Year 6 pupils. They have all been working incredibly hard towards these and have made such huge developments, especially with their exam technique. We could not be prouder of the commitment that Year 6 have shown. As important as tests are throughout our educational life, it is essential to remember that they are a measure of just part of what each and every one of our pupils brings to our school community! Thank you to Mrs Simpkin, who will be starting the school day a little earlier for our Year 6 pupils (Monday - Thursday) so that Year 6 can begin the day with breakfast together.

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Happy 100th Birthday Sir David!

Wishing Sir David Attenborough a very happy 100th birthday! We have spent time in assemblies this week looking at his lifetime achievements and appreciating his significant contributions to conservation. In our Key Stage Two corridors, he has been recognised as a 'Significant Individual' - someone to be inspired by. Thank you to Miss Diaz, our History Subject Lead, for helping teachers to highlight his work.



Summer Term Diary Dates

Please see below for our Summer Term Diary dates, which have some additional dates highlighted in green for your convenience.

Communication Sent Home This Week

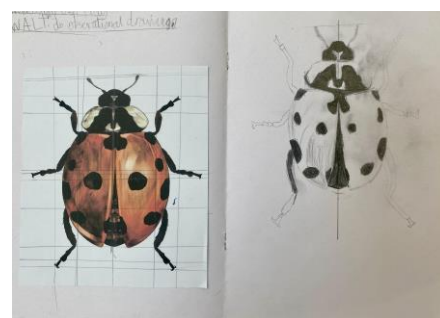
SATs Information	Email	Y6
Head Lice Information	Email	All
South West Consortium Test Dates	Email	Y5
Year 3 Local trip Information	Email	Y3

Year 6 Class Blog

In the lead up to our SATs, Year 6 have been using art as a form of mindfulness; although, Mrs Simpkin may have secretly used it as a relaxing way to revise parallel and perpendicular lines and symmetry too!

Using their mathematical knowledge, the children explored how maths can help artists observe and create accurate observational drawings. They learnt how intersecting lines can help artists understand the relationship between different insect body parts, allowing them to compare proportions carefully, position features accurately, and create detailed drawings of their own. The children were also able to make links back to their Science learning on Evolution and Inheritance, discussing how animals have adapted and evolved over time. The class asked thoughtful questions about maths in nature, and Mrs Simpkin was really impressed by their deeper thinking and careful observations.

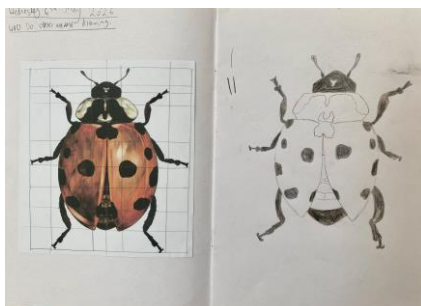
It was wonderful to see children who particularly enjoy maths using their mathematical understanding to develop their artistic skills and produce pieces they were truly proud of. It was equally exciting to see



the class making meaningful links between maths, science and art whilst growing in confidence as observational artists.

Well done Year 6 for your focus, creativity and attention to detail this week!

Year 6 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	Alora	Mila
Year 1	Kai	Nina
Year 2	Joy	Mia
Year 3	Hugo	Maksy
Year 4	Freya M	Noah

Year 5	Isabelle G	Isabelle M
Year 6	Harishh	Olivia M

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](#)

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

We are raising
money for...

Chromebooks

Aldio
Equipment

BAKE SALES

Playtime
Equipment

THANK
YOU

Watch this space for news about our Amazon Wishlists!

□ THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO RADLETT! □

Step right up... it's officially happening — and tickets are NOW ON SALE!

Get ready for the FoNS event of the year, packed with excitement, entertainment and fun for the whole community. Expect spectacular circus performances, a sizzling BBQ, fantastic stalls, an exciting raffle and an unforgettable atmosphere from start to finish.

✦ **EARLY BIRD OFFER** ✦

Grab your tickets before June 1st to receive 20% OFF, plus family tickets are available too!

- Two afternoon performances
- BBQ & refreshments
- Raffle & stalls

☂ Rain or shine — we're going to make this an AMAZING day!

This is more than just a school event — it's a community celebration, and everyone is welcome, so bring your friends, family, neighbours, and spread the word far and wide!

Scan the QR code for tickets and full event information before they disappear under the big top!



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



Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2026

Whole School Value - Tolerance

13th April	INSET Day - school closed to pupils	All
14th April	Start of Summer Term 1 (Tues)	All
April	Diversity Month	All

14th Apr	Year 2 Scootability Travel Workshop	Y2
17th Apr	Year 2 Trip - Windsor Castle Trip	Y2
20th April	Reception Screening	YR
20th April	Drama and Dance Clubs Starts	All booked on
23rd April	Year 3 Trip - Verulamium	Y3
24th April	Y6 SATs and Residential Parent Meeting	Y6
24th April	Art Club Starts	All booked on
Whole School Value - Happiness		
4th May	Bank Holiday - school closed	All
Wb 11th May	KS2 SATs testing period	Y6
12th May	Year 1 Local Trip - Library	Y3
18th - 25th May	Walk To School Week	All
18th May	Year 5 Trip - Lee Valley	Y5
19th May	Year 3 Local Trip - Scrubbits Wood	Y3
21st May	Themed Lunch Day	All
22nd May	INSET Day - school closed to pupils	All
25th - 29th	Half Term	All
Whole School Value - Honesty		
1st June	Start of Summer Term 2 (Monday)	All
1st-19th June	Multiplication Times Table Check	Y4
3rd-5th June	Y6 Residential Trip	Y6

8th-19th June	Phonics Screening	Y1
12th June	Year 3 Class Assembly	Y3
16th June	Class Photographs	All
17th June	National Thank A Teacher Day	All
17th June	Reception Trip - Hertfordshire Zoo	YR
17th June	Year 2 Local Trip - Synagogue	Y2
19th June	Y4 Class Assembly	Y4
19th June	FoNS Fathers Day shop	All
23rd June	Sports Day Afternoon (Tues)	All
24th June	Y1 Trip - Roald Dahl Museum	Y1
26th June	FoNs Non-uniform Day (Summer Tombola)	All
26th June	FoNs Summer Disco	All
29th June	Year 6 Bikeability	Y6
30th June	Sports Day Afternoon RESERVE (Tues)	All
Whole School Value - Self-belief		
1st July	New Intake Morning (siblings) New Reception Pupils - Sept 2026	Siblings
2nd July	New Intake Morning (non-siblings) New Reception Pupils - Sept 2026	Non-siblings
2nd July	Year 6 Bikeability	Y6
3rd July	Reception Class Assembly	YR
3rd July	Year 6 Bikeability	Y6
4th July	FoNS Summer Fair - School Circus	All

7th July	Final Football Club (KS1)	All booked on
7th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Play Evening Performance (6.30pm)	Y5/6
8th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Play Afternoon Performance (1.30pm)	Y5/6