

## The Value of the Month is Honesty



# 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

Well done to Year 3 on a lovely class assembly. It was wonderful to see the many topics that you have been learning! This afternoon Year 5 have also been to Aldenham School to complete their D&T project. What a lovely way to end our week!

This week, we have welcomed our School Effectiveness Advisor into our school. These regular visits provide a valuable opportunity for us to work in partnership with our external advisor to reflect on the work we do in school. We are pleased to report that our pupils, as always, were eager to showcase their learning and our visitor loved seeing how happy and motivated pupils are in school. Learning environments were industrious and calm. Pupil voice is always a focus within this visit and it was especially pleasing to know how keen the children were to show off their hard work and talk about everything they had been learning.

Our summer term is always a busy and exciting term for learning and enrichment so please make sure you check our new 'Event's Coming Up' section below for next week's diary dates to make a note of. We wish you a wonderful weekend.

**Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon** (Headteachers)

## National Thank A Teacher Day - Wednesday 17th June

With National 'Thank a Teacher Day' approaching on **Wednesday 17th June**, we would love to invite you to share your appreciation for any member of our team. Whether they have inspired your child academically, supported them practically or helped with their wellbeing, we want to ensure their hard work is acknowledged.

Please do not feel that you can only thank teachers on this day - despite its name, the day is designed to allow parents and carers to show their appreciation for all of the committed staff working in education. This includes class teachers, teaching assistants, senior leaders as well as office, site and kitchen staff all of whom work so hard for the Newberries Primary School Community.

You can share your messages of thanks by completing our online form and we will make sure that every message is passed on to the relevant person, so we can celebrate their dedication together.



[Click here to complete a 'Thank a Teacher' Google Form](#)

## Pupil Premium Grant - Extended Provision

**\*\* Changes to Free School Meals from September 2026 - Please Apply Now \*\***

**From September 2026, there will be an important change to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility for families receiving Universal Credit.**

The Government has announced that from September 2026, all children whose families receive Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of household earnings. This change is expected to help many more families access valuable support and ensure that children receive a healthy meal during the school day.

While this is welcome news, it is important that families apply for Free School Meals as soon as they become eligible, rather than waiting until September 2026.

### **Who should apply?**

Applications can now be made, and we encourage all parents and carers who receive Universal Credit or other qualifying benefits to check their eligibility and apply, even if they have applied before and been refused. **We recommend you do this before the end of term in July to ensure you can access this at the start of the new academic year.**

Children who already receive Free School Meals do not need to reapply unless contacted by the school or local authority.

### **How do I apply?**

To apply please visit: [Free School Meals and Other Benefits](#)

If you are unsure whether you are eligible, we strongly encourage you to apply. The process takes no more than 5 minutes, is confidential and could unlock valuable support for your child and the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Together, we can ensure that every child has access to the opportunities and resources they need to thrive.

**If you require any further information or assistance to make your applications, please contact the School Office.**

## Events Coming Up!

As there is always so much happening at this time of the year, we have added a new section to highlight the events coming up! This will be updated each Friday for the following week.

### Whole School Value - Honesty

|                  |                                    |     |
|------------------|------------------------------------|-----|
| 15th - 21st June | Learning Disability Week           | All |
| 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 |

## Communication Sent Home This Week

|                      |       |                     |
|----------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Sports Day Colours   | Email | All                 |
| Reception Trip       | Email | YR                  |
| HAPpy Camp           | Email | PP                  |
| Year 2 Trip          | Email | Y2                  |
| Medication Reminders | Email | To whom it concerns |

## 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](#)

## 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! ☀️

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|-----------|----------|-------|
| Reception | Alora    | Luke  |
| Year 1    | Mikael   | Lila  |
| Year 2    | Olivia J | Erin  |
| Year 3    | Aarya    | Mia K |
| Year 4    | Freya T  | Olek  |
| Year 5    | Aidan    | Max   |
| Year 6    | Kimia    | Noah  |

## 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 4 Class Blog

This week, our Year 4 pupils completed their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). We are incredibly proud of the dedication and perseverance they have shown throughout the year in developing their times tables knowledge.

From morning activities to afternoon maths fluency sessions, the children have worked consistently to improve their recall and confidence. They have particularly enjoyed our weekly Chromebook sessions, using engaging platforms such as Times Tables Rock Stars and Blooket to support their learning. Many pupils have also continued practising at home, demonstrating fantastic commitment as they worked towards becoming true "Rock Legends"!

In English, pupils have been exploring persuasive speeches by Malala Yousafzai and Greta Thunberg. They have analysed the techniques used by these inspirational speakers and are now beginning to write their own persuasive speeches on topics that are important to them.

We have also launched exciting new topics in both Art and Science. In Art, pupils are learning about the beauty and intricacy of Islamic art, while in Science they have begun investigating electricity and discovering how electrical circuits work.

**Year 4 Team**







## A Few Friendly Reminders from the FoNS Team

We have an exciting few weeks ahead, so here are a few reminders to help you stay up to date!

### 🏆 Father's Day Gift Shop 🏆

Don't forget to place your orders for our Father's Day Gift Shop. It's a lovely opportunity for children to choose a special gift for the father figures in their lives. [Order Father's Day Gifts HERE](#)

### 🎪 The Circus is Coming to Town! 🎪

Can you believe we're only **three weeks away** from our spectacular Circus event? With performances at **1:00pm** and **2:30pm**, we encourage families to make a day of it. There will be plenty to enjoy, including hot food, stalls, and of course our much-loved raffle, making it a fantastic day out for the whole community. [Get Your Circus Tickets HERE](#)

### 📅 Thursday 26th June

### 🎉 School Disco Time! 🎉 Non-Uniform Day 🎉

As if that wasn't enough excitement, our school disco is just around the corner!

As usual, KS1 tickets include a snack, and a tuck shop will be available for KS2 pupils.

The disco also coincides with a non-uniform day, with a suggested donation of £1 included in your School Disco Ticket. **Dress code:** Be You! [School Disco Tickets & Non-School Uniform Donation HERE](#)



If you have any questions about any of the events above, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the FoNS team – we're always happy to help!

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