

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 4 for a very informative class assembly this morning. It was wonderful to hear you speak so confidently and proudly about the many things you have been learning!

This week has seen us mark [Disabilities Week](#), championed by Mencap. The theme for 2026 has been "Do you see me?" which is all about people with a learning disability being seen, heard and valued. Across the school pupils were encouraged to design a t-shirt, which represented how they would wish to be seen and understood by others. A very accessible, but powerful activity for all. Here are some of Year 2's designs.



'Year 2 completed this task with maturity and respect. I was so impressed with their thoughts and feelings and the way they behaved when we were discussing opportunities for people with learning difficulties' - Miss Diaz (Year 2 Class Teacher)

Yesterday our lunch hall was lovely with the piano teacher playing the piano for our pupils modelling confidence whilst playing. Please contact the school office if you would like to enquire about music lessons for your child.



Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Hot Weather

Heat warnings have recently been received. Whilst this hot weather is expected, please know that your child is welcome to come into school wearing the school uniform they find coolest. This may include summer dresses or PE Kits each day!



Please ensure your child comes to school wearing sunscreen, brings a hat to wear when outside and remembers their water bottle!

Sports Day arrangements have been changed to support our pupils during this extreme weather. A separate letter has been sent.

Staffing Announcements

As ever at this time of the school year we see some changes in our staffing team as colleagues move on to pastures new!

Firstly, we say goodbye to Mr Muldowney who has taught at the school for 5 years. During his time with us he has been a class teacher in both Years 3 and 4 and made a considerable contribution as our Computing Lead. Mr Muldowney is heading off for an exciting teaching position overseas in Mongolia! Having previously taught abroad, he has been keen to pursue a position further afield - we wish him every success and look forward to hearing about his adventures.

Mrs Simpkin, our Year 6 teacher will also be leaving us. Over the past 4 years, Mrs Simpkin has given our pupils a wonderful end to their time at Newberries, preparing them well for secondary school with plenty of memorable experiences along the way. We thank her for her enthusiastic approach and the creativity she has shared with us all. The passion she has brought to the choir, has supported performances both in school and as part of the Young Voices Concert at the O2. Mrs Simpkin is pursuing a new position in another Hertfordshire School.

Finally, we say goodbye to Mrs Morris-Bowman (and of course Dotty). Mrs Morris-Bowman has made a significant contribution to our leadership and pastoral team over the last 6 years, developing our behaviour curriculum; raising the profile of PSHE; leading Maths and so much more. We thank her for all she has done to enrich pupils, parents and staff alike. We wish her every success as she moves on to a promotion in a larger primary school, closer to home. Dotty will of course be missed by us all, although we are already negotiating some return visits in the hope that she will help show our new furry recruit(s) the ropes. Watch this space... 🐾

It is always hard to say goodbye to such valued colleagues, but we are beyond grateful for the contributions they have all made to Newberries. We wish them all the very best as they continue their careers in a range of very different settings, knowing that our professional links with them will continue.

With departures come new arrivals! We welcome Mrs Keeble and Mrs Docherty, both experienced teachers, to our Newberries team.

Mrs Keeble joins us with over ten years of experience, having spent much of her career teaching across Key Stage 2 in London, Hertfordshire and overseas. She also has experience in Key Stage 1 and 3. She will be joining us as our new Year 3 Teacher.

Mrs Docherty has also taught for over ten years in Hertfordshire schools. Her passion is Upper Key Stage 2 and she will be teaching in Year 6, four days a week. Mrs Lynch, who has recently returned to working at Newberries, will work alongside Mrs Docherty teaching one day a week. Further details regarding this will be sent to our current Year 5 parents in due course.

The allocation of teachers for next year are as follows:

Class	Teacher
Reception	Miss Reilly (Mon to Wed) / Mrs Baxter (Thurs & Fri)
Year 1	Miss Morris
Year 2	Miss Diaz
Year 3	Mrs Keeble
Year 4	Mr Walliker
Year 5	Mr Costi
Year 6	Mrs Lynch (Mon) / Mrs Docherty (Tues - Fri)

As always there will be an opportunity for your child to meet their new teacher during a transition session which will take place on Tuesday 14th July.

Please note: Celebration Afternoon will now be moved to **Tuesday 14th of July** rather than Wednesday 15th July. This runs straight after school until 4:30pm and gives you the opportunity to look around the school and say a 'hello' to your child's current and new teachers. We will send reminders of this event out nearer the time.

Finally, we welcome Mrs Baxter to our Senior Leadership Team to work alongside Mrs Webster-Smith. Mrs Baxter will be our Assistant Headteacher two days a week from September. Known to many of you as one of our Reception Class Teachers, Mrs Baxter has previously held leadership positions at Newberries as both Deputy and Acting Headteacher.

The Leadership Team will continue to be ably supported by both Miss Reilly and Mrs Baxter as our Foundation and Key Stage 1 Phase Leaders and Mr Costi as our Key Stage Two Phase Leader.

In the meantime, we hope you will join us in saying goodbye to our leavers and extending a warm welcome to the new colleagues, who will be joining us in September.

Celebration Afternoon - Tuesday 14th July

Please note we have changed the date of **Celebration Afternoon** from Wednesday 15th July to **Tuesday 14th July**. We apologise for the change and hope to see as many of you as possible at this event. We will publish more information nearer the time.

Extraberries will not be running that evening. A refund will be issued for any sessions already booked.

Coding Club will be rescheduled. Ms Shekho will be in touch with those families involved.

School Website

We are currently in the process of designing a new school website, the launch of which has been delayed. Unfortunately, this means that our current website does not have an updated calendar section.

Diary dates for the rest of this term have been sent home already with weekly reminders of upcoming diary dates (below) being displayed in each Newsberries.

To support you further, a copy of the remaining Summer Term Diary dates can be found on the school website by following this link. [Summer Term \(2\) Diary Dates - 2026](#)

Recent School Trips

Last week Year 5 went to Aldenham School to complete a D&T project as part of a newly formed partnership. The children worked hard to complete a wooden game for their gardens!



On Wednesday, our Reception Class set off on their first school trip with us to the zoo. They had a wonderful time at Paradise Park and were a credit to the school! Please look at their 'Blog Feature' below to find out more about their day!

Year 2 went on their local trip as part of their RE Topic to support their understanding of places of worship. They visited Radlett Synagogue.



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

23rd June	Sports Day MORNING (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

Communication Sent Home This Week

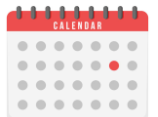
FSM Eligibility - Please check	Email	Y2 / All
Class photo reminder	Email	All
Hot weather reminders	Email	All
Head lice reminder	Email	Y1
National thank a teacher link	Email	All
Outstanding trip payments	Email	To whom it concerns
Sports Day Letter	Email	All

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! ☀️

Reception	Arya	Ava
Year 1	Harvey	Lily
Year 2	Gabriel	Jenson
Year 3	Harun	Olivia
Year 4	Morgan	Ariana
Year 5	Liberty	Raya
Year 6	Alexander	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 R Class Blog

This week, on Wednesday, Reception had a wonderful time at Hertfordshire Zoo!

They enjoyed the coach ride and cheered as the coach pulled into the zoo. First of all we visited the animals. We saw the penguins, one nearly jumped into the water while we were watching but it decided not to! We enjoyed seeing the camels with two humps and we thought we saw an Emu with two heads but it was just two very close together!

The children loved exploring the dinosaur trail and recalled some amazing facts about dinosaurs along the way. We had such an incredible time and since we have been back we have remembered so much about our day. The children were so attentive and interested in all we saw and were a real credit to the school.



Thank you to all the adults who came - it really was a fantastic day.
Year R Team

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

We are raising money for...

Chromebooks

Aldio Equipment

BAKE SALES

Playtime Equipment

THANK
YOU

We wanted to wish all the father figures a very Happy Father's Day from all of us and we hope the children enjoyed visiting the shop today! 🧑🏻

Summer School Disco and Non-School Uniform Day! ☐

There is only 1 week to go! Please visit this link to book your tickets [HERE!](#)

Circus 🎪

Also, let's not forget about the Circus on the 4th July! Book your tickets [HERE!](#)

Raffle tickets:

Tickets will be coming home shortly in the children's bags. When buying these, please place the raffle ticket stubs (with your name and phone number in an envelope with the cash for the tickets, and place them in the FoNs post box, which is outside the school office).

If you would prefer to pay by bank transfer, please write this on your envelope with your name and number and transfer to the following account:

Friends of Newberries School

Account number: 00663441

Sort code: 20-74-09

Prizes include: a month's free membership for gym classes (over £100), Football shirt, various after school, holiday camps, clothing, beauty treatments and entertainment vouchers.



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



Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2 2026

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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
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
23rd June	Sports Day Morning (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
8th July	Final Chess Club	All booked on
8th July	Final Multi-Sports Club	All booked on
9th July	Secondary Transition Day	Current Y6
9th July	Final Football Club (KS2)	All booked on
10th July	Y1 Class Assembly	Y1
10th July	End of Year Reports Home	All
13th July	Final Drama Club	All booked on
14th July	Final Coding Club (KS2)	All booked on
14th July	New Class Transition Sessions	YR - Y5
14th July	Celebration Afternoon (3:15 - 4:30pm)	All
16th July	Piano Recital	Piano students

16th July	Final Swimming Lesson	Y4
16th July	Final Coding Club (KS1)	All booked on
20th July	Final Dance Club	All booked on
22nd July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (9:15am)	Y6
22nd July	End of Academic Year (Weds - 1.30pm finish)	All
23rd July	Occasional Day - school closed	All