

The Value of the Month is Responsibility



Newberries Primary School

Play Together, Learn Together, Achieve Together, Grow Together



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Headline News - Ms Peters & Mrs Traxon

Over the past few weeks we have been delighted to see the continued positive attitudes to learning from our pupils, supported well by school staff. As always, our children have been enthusiastic to talk to us about their learning.

This term, the Senior Leadership Team has spent a lot of time in classrooms looking at Teaching & Learning. These visits happen routinely through the school year and involve all classes. In addition, our SEA (School Effectiveness Adviser), who visits termly, has joined us for Learning Walks. This involves spending a morning visiting each class in the school to talk to children about their learning and observe their experiences.

Last week we had our Strategic Morning. This is an annual event where our governors are invited to see the school in action! Our governors are volunteers and spend a considerable amount in meetings and reading lengthy documentation. It is therefore so important to have them in school to see how this reflects in our classrooms.

As always it was a pleasure to see how committed and enthusiastic our pupils continue to be about their learning.

Core School Values

As you know, throughout our school year, we teach our pupils a value a month (highlighted at the top of each Newsberries edition). This month is the value of Responsibility and we are so proud of our pupils who regularly show this fantastic attribute. We wanted to share a big thank you to our Year 6 class, who take responsibility very seriously and help us each week completing a variety of jobs with a smile, especially on Red Nose Day!



Please be reminded that the end of Spring Term is at 1.30pm on Friday 27th March 2026.

Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

Neurodiversity Week

This week in school, the children have been celebrating their unique strengths and differences. A focus of the week has been about understanding that the differences in the way our brains are wired means that some people may find some things challenging that others find easy.



The week also gave the opportunity for everyone to be reminded about the importance of being kind and accepting of everyone.

Please also see the DSPL9 Newsletter attached for further information and support.

Mrs Webster-Smith (SENCO)

Easter Themed Lunch



Herts Catering have some exciting themed lunch days coming up!

The first of these will be on Wednesday 25th March and will be Easter themed, to mark the last week of the Spring Term.

This will operate as a normal lunch day, with the children choosing options in the morning. Please note the change in menu on this day.

Menu

Red - Spring Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy

Green - Plant Based Grill & Gravy

Yellow - Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans

Blue - Cheese Roll

Dessert - Carrot Cake or Shortbread Cookie



Meningitis

Understandably, you may have some anxiety and concern regarding the recent outbreak of Meningitis reported in Kent. Hertfordshire County Council has been in touch to confirm that currently there are no confirmed cases of Meningitis in Hertfordshire or the East of England.

Please see your emails for further information for parents

Outdoor Areas

Spring is in the air and we are turning our attention to some of our outdoor areas. We would be most grateful if you are able to help us by donating any for the following:

- Compost
- Flowering Seeds / Plants
- Veg feed
- Gardening tools or gloves



Please drop any donations at the School Office

Miss Lythgoe (ASC Lead) & Mrs Jones (Teaching Assistant)



SWHP Parenting Courses - The last of the Spring Term

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, there are still opportunities for parent support and courses provided by SWHP. Please see the parenting course calendar attached.

PARENTING COURSE CALENDAR

South West Herts Partnership has collated a list of parenting events happening online from our parent organisations on the following pages

Courses still available are free of charge and support a variety of needs.

- Tech use
- Managing feelings
- How to talk with teen or pre-teen
- Handling anger of primary school children without SEND
- Families going through separation
- Understanding Dual Diagnosis ADHD and ASD
- Understanding Autism
- No two brains are the same. What is neurodiversity?
- Supporting sensory needs
- Tips & Tools to support communication
- Supporting the transition to secondary school
- Tips & Tools for positive behaviour



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<https://www.southwesthertspartnership.org.uk/>

Mrs Morris-Bowman (Pastoral Support)

Communication Sent Home This Week

HAPpy Camp Information	Email	PP
Epi Pen / Inhaler Consent Reminder on Arbor	Request on arbor	To whom it concerns
Rapid Fire Cricket Final Information	Email	To whom it concerns
Meningitis	Email	All

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! ☀️

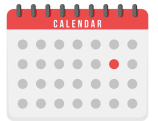
Reception	Nicole	Nigella
Year 1	Ralph	Niko
Year 2	Hector	Idil
Year 3	Aubrey	Corelia
Year 4	Asterix	Danielle
Year 5	Ayana	Oscar
Year 6	Daniel	Nina

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](#)



Watch this space for news about our Amazon Wishlists!

Easyfundraising 🙌

We've just received our latest payment from Easyfundraising for £118, so thank you so much to those of you who use the website before you do your online shopping. But we know so many of you shop online - so let's see if we can get this amount higher!

🚨 It's at NO COST to you! 🚨

You just shop as normal through the Easyfundraising website or app, and the shop will give a small donation to us at no extra cost to you. It's a super easy way to help the School when you shop. For example, it works at online retailers such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, M&S, Tesco, Sainsburys and TUI. Plus it's an app, so super convenient!

😊 If using the app, you can even set it up to remind you if you are about to shop online with a vendor who supports [Easyfundraising!](#)

End of an Era 🏆

This week the FoNS team said 'adios' to Deborah, the reigning Chair. Deborah has been doing FoNS since 2021, what a run! She's promised us she will always be able to help when she can, so it's not goodbye, just see you soon!



We are considering a second tier FoNS, just a bunch of mums and dads (or even grandparents!), who don't have to get involved with the running of FoNS, but are there if we need a helping hand for events. So not an official group member, just around if they can. If you want to join this group, please let one of the team know!

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

