

The Value of the Month is Respect



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 have had a successful first whole week back with everyone getting into the swing of their new routines. All of our new Reception children are now in school - welcome!

So far children have been working on activities to get to know each other better and to help their new teacher to get to know them. Sessions have also focused on understanding the expectations of their new class and year group.

Activities to reinforce their own uniqueness and special qualities, as well as recognising these attributes in others have also been a feature. The whole school has been reading 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds. We linked this book to understanding that when we have a growth mindset we can achieve anything!

Everybody wrote their goal for this year on a dot and wrote about the skills they would need to achieve their goal for example perseverance and resilience. Have a good weekend!



Ms N Peters & Mrs A Traxon (Headteachers)

School Uniform



The children all look very smart on their return to school. Please take a look at our website if you would like further information about our uniform. In line with new government guidelines, school uniform has been limited to a smaller number of required 'logo-ed' items with many other items made available as optional.

[School Uniform - Newberries Website](http://www.newberries.herts.sch.uk)

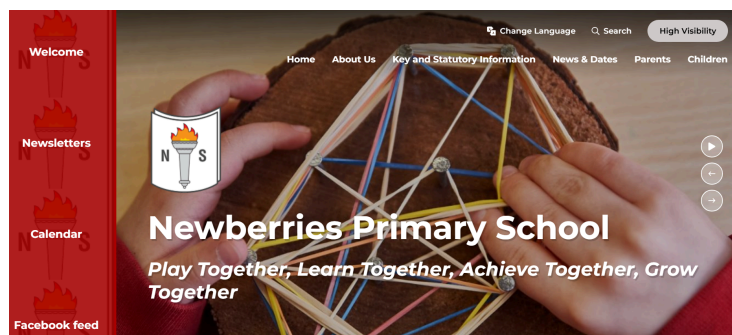


Key Dates

The key dates for this term have been added to the school calendar on our new website. Please follow the link below to access the calendar.

[School Calendar](#)
[Newberries Primary School Website](#)

You can view the calendar from the website or click the 'subscribe' button to have these dates pushed to your own personal device. If you would just like some of our school events automatically shared with you, click on the 'categories' button and select which sub categories you would prefer.



Key dates are also listed below in this Newsberries

Meet the Teacher Sessions (Reminder)

Our 'Meet The Teacher' sessions will begin from the week beginning the 14th September. These meetings give you an opportunity to find out a little more about how things run in your child's new class.

If you are able to attend, please come along on the date below. These will be held in your child's classrooms starting shortly after 9:00am, once the children have been registered and taken to another activity. These sessions will last approximately 20 minutes (with the exception of Reception and Year 1).

Thurs 17th Sept	Year 5 Meet The Teacher
Fri 18th Sept	Year 6 Meet The Teacher
Thurs 24th Sept	Year 4 Meet The Teacher
Fri 25th Sept	Year 3 Meet The Teacher
Mon 28th Sept	Year 1 Meet The Teacher & Phonics Workshop*
Tues 29th Sept	Reception Meet The Teacher & Phonics Workshop*
Thurs 1st Oct	Year 2 Meet the Teacher

Slides will be posted on Google Classroom / Tapestry (Reception Class) so parents who are unable to attend can view the slides shared.

***Meet the Teacher for our Reception & Year 1 Classes will be a little longer, as this will also include a Phonics Workshop. This will give you an understanding of how your child learns to read. We anticipate this session will finish by 9.45am.**

Arbor - Updating Pupil Information

At the end of the Summer Term we simplified our photo permission consent forms. Many parents, both existing and new to the school, are yet to complete this consent request. We take photographs regularly to capture experiences, reinforce lessons and celebrate achievements.



We would be grateful if you could log on to Arbor if you have not already done so and complete your photo permissions. You should have received an email from the school office today if this is pending for any of your children.

Please ensure that any changes to pupil information are updated in this way via Arbor. This might be your home address; mobile phone numbers or email addresses. It is also important that any medical conditions or emergency contacts that need updating are revised accordingly.

Reading Books / Summer Reads

Reading Books

Reading books for Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) will be coming home today. As explained last week, some children may be continuing on the colour band they were on at the very end of last year as we continue to assess reading levels. This is a lengthy process but all children will complete a reading assessment over the coming weeks. Key Stage 1 books will start to come home next week.

Summer Reading Challenge

A big thank you to all those children who entered our Summer Reading Challenge - we have loved seeing some of the creative places you found to curl up with a book! These will be shared in assembly next week.



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	Aayushi	Jamie
Year 1	Frank	Mila
Year 2	George	Naiya
Year 3	Harry	Kali
Year 4	Nathan	Olivia
Year 5	Asterix	Rafi
Year 6	Abigail	Zayden

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](#)

Class Blog - Reception

A big warm welcome to all of our Reception children and their families!

We have had a wonderful week getting to know each other! The children have been fantastic at coming into school independently and settling to explore our classroom environment both indoors and outside. Today we enjoyed our first school lunch in the dining room. Well done Reception - keep up the good work!

Reception Team



Communication Sent Home This Week

Photo Consents (Update on Arbor)	Email	All
Club Timetable	Email	All
PE Days	Email	YR
Residential Information / Deposit	Email	Y6
PP / FSM Eligibility	Email	YR
Newsberries Extra	Email	All
Tapestry Information	Email	YR
National Child Measurement Program	Email	Y6

FoNS - Friends of Newberries School

 **First full week back and we're starting strong!**

We hope everyone has settled back into school life and had a lovely first full week! We've got lots coming up, so here's your first FoNS update of the year...

Christmas Designs

Yep... Christmas is making an appearance in September!  

Your children will be coming home with their very own Christmas gift designs, giving them the chance to turn their artwork into a special keepsake.

You can choose from:

 **A personalised teddy**

 **A Christmas card**

 **A cushion**

As well as a huge range of other items.

There's something to suit all budgets, and the best bit? The school receives a percentage of every sale, so you'll be supporting Newberries while creating a lovely keepsake of your child's artwork.

So when that Christmas design comes home... don't throw it in the school-bag black hole!  

Any questions, please speak to Cheryl.

Fantasy Football

The FoNS Fantasy Football League is still OPEN! 

Whether you're a football fanatic, a complete novice, or just fancy beating the teachers... come and join us! 

The league is open to teachers, parents, carers and children currently affiliated with Newberries School.

 **£5 entry — and 100% of entry fees go to Friends of Newberries Charity**

 **Inscribed trophy for the winner!**

 **Bragging rights for the whole school year... obviously.**

Join the league here:

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/crrnqf>

Once you've joined, please transfer your £5 entry fee to FoNS:

Account: 00663441

Sort code: 20-74-09

Good luck... may the best team win!  

 **SAVE THE DATE!** 

Our first social event of the school year is here!

 **Halloween Disco – KS1 & KS2**
 **Friday 16th October 2026**
 **After school**

More details will follow soon, but get the date in your diary now... it's going to be a good one! 🎃🕷️🌌

💙 A BIG HELLO TO OUR NEW PARENTS & CARERS!

Welcome to all our new Newberries families! 🙌

You may hear us referred to as FoNS — Friends of Newberries. We're the school PTA and work tirelessly throughout the year to raise much-needed funds for our school.

There are lots of different ways you can get involved, and you definitely don't have to commit to everything! Every little bit helps. 💙

You could:

-  **Help out at one of our events**
-  **Donate or source raffle prizes**
-  **Set up a regular donation**
-  **Join Easyfundraising and raise money while you shop**
-  **Join FoNS and get involved behind the scenes**

Whether you can spare an hour at an event, donate a prize, or simply help spread the word, we'd love to have you!

For more information about any of the above, please speak to Rebecca.

Here's to another brilliant year at Newberries! 💙

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



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Diary Dates

Autumn Term - 2026

Whole School Value - Respect For All

Tues 1st Sept	INSET DAY (School closed)	All
Weds 2nd Sept	INSET DAY (School closed)	All
Thurs 17th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y5 - 9.00 - 9.30am	Y5
Fri 18th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y6 - 9.00 - 9.30am	Y6
Thurs 24th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y4 - 9.00 - 9.30am	Y4
Fri 25th Sept	National Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day	All
Fri 25th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y3 - 9.00-9.30am	Y3
Mon 28th Sept	Meet The Teacher Y1 & Phonics Workshop - 9.00-9.45am	Y1
Tues 29th Sept	Meet The Teacher YR & Phonics Workshop - 9.00 -9.45am	YR

Whole School Value - Equality

Thurs 1st Oct	Meet The Teacher Y2 - 9.00 - 9.30am	Y2
Thurs 1st Oct	Black History Month	All
Wed 7th Oct	SLT Drop-in @ 8.45-9:15am (School Hall)	All
Fri 16th Oct	Spooky School Disco - FoNs event	All
Tues 20th Oct	Individual School Photo Day (am)	All
Tues 20th Oct	Parent Consultations 3.40-8pm	All
Weds 21st Oct	Parent Consultations 3.40-6pm	All
Thurs 22nd Oct	Flu Vaccinations	
Thurs 22nd Oct	End of half term (normal finish time)	All
Fri 23rd Oct	INSET DAY (School closed)	All
26th - 30th Oct	October Half Term	All

Whole School Value - Perseverance

Wed 4th Nov	SLT Drop-in @ 8.45-9:15am (School Hall)	All
Wb 16th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day	All
Tues 17th Nov	Crucial Crew Workshop	Y6
Friday 27th Nov	Winter Fair - FoNS Event - 3.30pm - 5.00pm	All

Whole School Value - Kindness

Tues 1st Dec	Flu Vaccinations (children who did not take part in Sept)	
Wed 2nd Dec	SLT Drop-in @ 8.45-9:15am (School Hall)	All
Tues 8th Dec	Reception Nativity Performance - 2:45 - 3:15pm	YR
Wed 9th Dec	'Jingle All The Way' Singing performance - 2:45 - 3:15pm	Y1 & Y2
Wed 16th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day	All
Thurs 17th Dec	The Radlett Theatre - Panto Trip - morning	REC - Y6
Fri 18th Dec	End of Autumn Term (school finishes at 1.30pm)	All

FoNS will hold a Bake Sale / Frozen Friday at the end of the school day each Friday