



NEWBRIDGE NEWS

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Term 4

Monday 31st March

Year 6 Dance Umbrella

Tuesday 1st April

Class 2R Forest School

Thursday 3rd April

Class 4BA Forest School

Spring Concert 3:30pm Upper School Hall

Friday 4th April

'Express Yourself Day'

End of Term 4

Term 5 Dates

Tuesday 22nd April

Term 5 begins

Wednesday 23rd April

Year 5 Great Wood Residential

Thursday 24th April

Year 6 Residential Meeting Online

Sunday 27th April

NPSA Bounce and Buy

Monday 28th April

Extra-curricular Clubs Begin

Friday 2nd May

Year 1 Assembly

Monday 5th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6th May

NPSA Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 23rd May

Year 3 Assembly 2.30pm

Last Day of Term 5

Term 6

Monday 2nd June

Term 6 begins

Monday 9th – 13th June

Year 6 Kilve Residential

Inset Days 2024/25

Friday 27th June

Tuesday 22nd July

Please [click here](#) for the term dates.

Year 6 Production 2025
9th and 10th July at 6pm

Year 6 Leavers' Tea 2025
Thursday 17th July 4.30pm to 6.00pm

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Monday 21st July 1.45pm

Inset Days 2025/26

Tuesday 2nd September

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 26th June 2026

Wednesday 22nd July. 2026

The B&NES term dates for 25/26 can be found [here](#).

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 Assembly: Today, we were treated to another fantastic performance, as both Year 4 classes took to the stage to showcase their learning about the Romans. They captivated an audience of parents, carers and Upper School children with confidence, enthusiasm and talent. Watching them embrace the opportunity to perform, bringing history to life was inspiring and fun. A huge well done to Year 4 and a special thank you to Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Amor and Mrs Keep for coordinating a production involving all 60 pupils.

Improving pupil writing: A key aim of our School Development Plan this year has been to improve the quality of writing and its assessment. To support this, throughout the year we have enlisted the expertise of a writing consultant who continues to work closely with our teachers to refine planning and strengthen the assessment of writing. This week, our consultant spent two days in school, meeting with all of the teachers to review this development work. Outcomes show us that the teachers are confident in the new planning methods and that the pupils are benefiting from the new model of planning.

Quarter Final Match: On Monday, our boys' team travelled to Pensford for a cup match. The opposition was known to be challenging, but of course our boys were keen to do their best. It was a very tight match, with the opposition sneaking one goal. The boys and Mr Farrier should be very proud of their performance and how they handled this game. Well done, all.

Clubs finish this week: Thank you to all of the staff and providers who have led clubs in Term 3 and 4, affording the children opportunities beyond the school day. The clubs finish this week, until they recommence the w/b 28th April. The revised list has been sent out and sign-up will be available until **Tuesday 2nd April**. Children who are in receipt of funding for free school meals are eligible to join fee paying clubs without charge.

OPAL: We are getting closer to understanding that our plans for a large sandpit can be a reality. We aim to build a beach-themed sandpit between the Upper School and the Lower School, at the bottom of the field and are keen to achieve this as soon as possible. Fortunately, a friend of the school will dig the hole and then we need to line it, and fill it with approximately 50 tonnes of sand. A parent contact has enabled us to buy this at a good price. The next few NPSA fundraising events will help towards the cost of this. We will then be on the look out for willing volunteers to help move the sand and fill the hole. We appreciate that this is going to take a great deal of effort and will be thankful for any parent help we are able to rally.

Our NPSA: Thank so much for the cake donations for today's sale, after school. The NPSA Quiz Night last Friday, thanks to Neil Clews who planned and organised the evening, with Joe Laishley on refreshments and past parents Mim and Nick Wharf returning to keep score. Next up is an Easter Egg Hunt on 4th April. Please also look out for the 'Decorate an Egg' Competition, and 'Count the Eggs' in the Office.

School Menu Term 5 and Term 6: The menus are available [here](#). All meals for the week after the Easter holiday must be booked by **Wednesday 2nd April at 11.59pm**.

Spring Term Pupil Reports: All pupils will receive an interim school report on Thursday 3rd April. This will set out how your child is achieving against the age related expectations for their year group.

Spring Singing Concert: We would like to inform you of the Spring Singing Concert that will take place on Thursday 3rd April, from 3:30-4:30pm. This event will be held in the Upper School Hall and it will include a variety of songs from the choir, as well as many group and solo performances.

We hope to see you there! *Paula and Hayley (SHK)*

'Express Yourself' Day: On Friday 4th April, the children are invited to take part in 'Express Yourself Day', in return for a donation for the NPSA. Children can wear their own clothes, dye their hair, wear nail varnish, etc. All clothing and shoes must be safe and appropriate. If children choose not to take part, this is of course fine.

Consideration at drop-off and pick-up: We have received further complaints from neighbours about parents not abiding by the restrictions and safety messages when dropping off and picking-up. Please can I ask all drivers to park in line with all restrictions, and importantly, safely. This includes only parking in the time-limited bays on Charmouth Road. Parents are again asked not to drive up to the school gates, blocking access.

B&NES Term dates 25/26: The Inset days for next year are Tuesday 2nd September, Friday 24th October, Monday 5th January, Friday 26th June and Wednesday 22nd July. The B&NES term dates for 25/26 can be found [here](#).

Google Classroom: Please remember to read the 'blog' posted on Google Classroom today, telling you about the class learning and activities. If you have a problem logging on, please contact the office.

Have a lovely weekend, before the final week of Term 4. Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



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| ★ Bees – Benji M, Edison P | Ladybirds – Ivy B, Teddy L | ★ |
| ★ IDO – Leo H, Oscar F | 1G – Freddie S, Arabella T | ★ |
| ★ 2OG – Annie H, Gethin T | 2R – Eva H, Rudi D | ★ |
| ★ 3DE – Lucy P, Theodore P | 3M – Matilda S, Ruari H | ★ |
| ★ 4B – Whole Class! | 4BA – Whole Class! | ★ |
| ★ 5HK – Joshua H, Paula FG | 5F – James L, James R | ★ |
| ★ 6KR – Fern D, Romi H | 6N – Elsa W, Larell S | ★ |

PE Stars of the Week:

Alessia Z Class 6KR, Benjamin W Class 5HK



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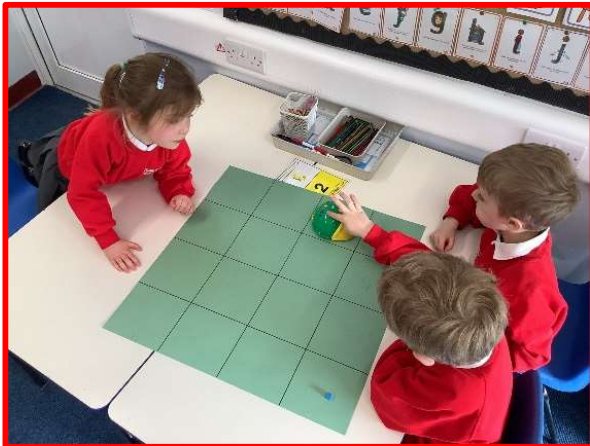
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Paula and Hayley (5HK)

Woodland Exploration in Bee and Ladybird Class

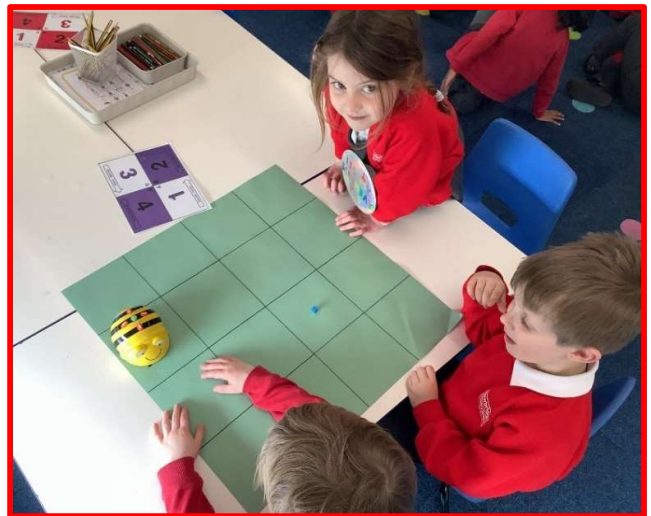
Ladybird and Bee Class made Bug Hotels in Forest School. This week, they had a look to see who had taken up residence! They found earwigs, beetles, centipedes, woodlice and more!



Year 1 Robotics



This week, Year 1 have been applying their understanding of directions to make robots move. They had to think carefully about the sequence of movements and then input the commands to ensure the robot reached the desired location.



Year 6 Final Rehearsals

On Monday 31st March, our Year 6 children will be performing at The Forum in the Dance Umbrella B&NES Festival. They have worked incredibly hard and we so very proud of what they have achieved. We are really looking forward to showcasing all their efforts on Monday. Thank you to all the parents for support with costumes, purchasing tickets and encouraging the children to attend - Mrs Bartlett and Mrs O'Gara.



Year 5 and Year 6 Book Club



We have enjoyed reading 'Xanthe and the Ruby Crown' by Jasbinder Bilan this term in Y5/6 Book Club.

Poppy: I found it really interesting because there was always a cliffhanger at the end of each chapter. I learnt about how people fled from Uganda during the war.

Year 4 have been working creatively to put sound effects to an episode of The Pink Panther. Thinking about how their music choice enhances or changes what is happening on screen.

Year 4 Music Makers



Baking in Year 2

Year 2 had lots of fun on Wednesday when they got creative making Eatwell Plates. They have been thinking about what their bodies need to keep healthy in the PSHE unit for 'Healthy Me'. They also made yummy banana bread with the our Norland Nannies. We substituted sugar with VERY locally sourced honey - provided by the Rogers family!



Orienteering for Year 6

Year 6 who are currently working on OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) in one of their PE lessons received a visit from Outdoor Instructor, Jane Hodgkinson, from the Bath Schools' Sports Partnership on Wednesday morning.

Jane put the children through their paces with a variety of team building activities, followed by an orienteering course around the school site.

Well done to the following groups who won their respective classes orienteering competition!

6N : Amira A, Ruby E, Bethan T and Ella M
6KR :Chloe H, Grace W and Rakib K



Roman Times in Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been very busy rehearsing for their assembly all about the Romans. The children have been amazing, learning their lines, singing their hearts out and producing wonderful costumes. What a treat for the rest of Key Stage 2.



Quarter Final Cup Defeat

Our footballers fought a brave 1-0 defeat in the BANES Cup quarter final on Monday away to Pensford. It was an entertaining and evenly matched game, with Newbridge very narrowly missing out.

Pensford took the lead early in the first half with what proved to be the only goal of the game. From then on, the Newbridge players tried their absolute hardest to get the equaliser. Barney struck a great shot right on half time, and was unfortunate to see it smash the post.

The second half belonged to Newbridge in terms of possession and chances, but some good goalkeeping from the Pensford keeper and various shots going just wide or being deflected by defenders prevented the goal we needed. The players fought to the last minute, but on this occasion, it wasn't to be.

It has been another fantastic cup run by our footballers, who should be very proud of all they have achieved in this competition.

Player of the Day: Charlie R. Strong tackling, played with energy and tried hard to the end.



Tropical Discoveries

Year 1 had some exciting visitors on Thursday when Kris from Tropical Discovery brought some reptiles and invertebrates in to meet us. This linked with our enquiry "Can You See It?" an enquiry about minibeasts, as well as the Year 1 science curriculum. The children took part in small group workshops and were able to hold or touch stick insects, a corn snake, a Chilean rose tarantula, a bearded dragon and giant millipedes. They also got to see a scorpion and learnt about their glow in the dark properties. We were amazed at the children's willingness to meet these creatures and were very proud of all the wonderful questions they asked and facts they shared. What an exciting day we all had!





Everyone, Mojo Moves is back!

It is a lot of fun, and a great way to start the day.

It is open to all ages – parents, grandparents and toddlers, too. There is no need to sign up, just come along at 8.10am on a Friday morning, in the Upper School Hall.



OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL Easter 2025



Holiday Club provides a range of fun outdoor activities for children aged 5-11 including:

Den building Campfire cooking Environmental arts and crafts Bush craft Storytelling Games

Plus plenty of opportunities for free range, child-led play and exploration

Sessions will be led by Jonny Houston, an experienced Forest School leader, with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance.

The site and all activities are risk-assessed.

Dates: Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th April
Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th April 2025

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: 1st booking: £40
2nd day or 2nd child: £38

Please note, payment will be asked for at time of booking

Booking essential: Please email Lesley on musiclch@yahoo.co.uk for a booking form. Spaces are limited to 20 children per day. Your booking will be confirmed once your completed booking form and payment have been received.

Please bring: Weather appropriate clothing, morning snack, packed lunch and a water bottle. Campfire snacks will be provided in the afternoon



Self Portrait Tea Towels

This year the **NPSA** are producing keepsake tea towels – one for each house featuring every child’s self-portrait. Order either **blue, green, red** or **yellow** to represent your child’s house.

(Makes great gifts for family members too!)

Order deadline is **Friday 4th April** so get your orders in quick:

<https://npsa.rallyup.com/teatowels/Campaign/Details>

Cost per tea towel is £8

Delivered early June

Newbridge
Primary School



PRIMARY CHOIR DAY – HOLIDAY COURSES

Monday 7th April and / or Wednesday 9th April

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to invite your child to join us for a Junior Choir Day Monday 7th April or Wednesday 9th April 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity to join with other children in the area and have fun singing in a choir under the guidance of our highly skilled West of England Music and Arts teachers.

Did you know that singing in a choir is not only fun but develops musical skills, helps build social skills, improves self-confidence and relieves stress.

To be able to join this Junior Choir Day your child must be in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6.

WHERE AND WHEN:

Monday 7th April Haywood Village Academy, Whitney Crescent, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 8ES

Monday 7th April Unity Oldland Methodist Church, West Street, Oldland Common, BS30 9QS

Wednesday 9th April St Peter's Church, between Church Road North and Church Road South, Portishead, BS20 8EN

You may attend a Monday and Wednesday course if you wish. You will need to apply for both separately.

TIME: 9am – 3.30pm. Parents / Carers are invited for a short performance at 3.15pm.

WHAT TO BRING: packed lunch and drinks for the day

WHAT TO WEAR: comfortable clothing

COST: £25 for the day. No charge if your child is eligible for pupil premium.

HOW TO SIGN UP AND PAY: <https://wema.org.uk/Easter-Sing>

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so early booking recommended. Bookings will close on 3rd April or earlier if all the places have been filled.

I do hope your young musician can join us for this exciting opportunity.

If you have any further questions, please email: music@wema.org.uk

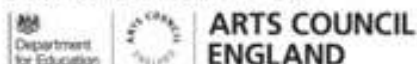
Best wishes

Alice Bodiley

Programme Leader: Groups and Courses

West of England Music and Arts

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SASS Community Choir

for all autistic young people and their families in B&NES



Led by Tim Parker
The SASS team are excited to be working with Tim and WEMA for our new community choir!



Dates
(Wednesdays)
December 18th
January 29th
March 12th
April 30th
June 11th
July 2nd



Venue
Fosse Way School
Longfellow Road
Radstock BA3 3AL
(Parking available)

Time
4pm - 5pm
All ages

Come for as much or as little of the session as you would like!

The SASS team are starting a choir for autistic young people and their families including siblings, parents/carers and grandparents..

All are welcome!

Music provides a unique way to connect with others with singing having many health and wellbeing benefits. Let's enjoy some singing together within a fun, friendly and supportive environment!

Parents/carers will also have the opportunity to meet with members of the SASS team for general advice and support during the session.

A £1 voluntary donation per family is invited.

For more information contact: sass@fossewayschool.com - 01761 412198 Ext 1

JOIN US FOR SOME
Easter fun!

Easter Hunt

AROUND SCHOOL

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 3:20PM

£2 ENTRY

CRACK THE CODE AND WIN A PRIZE

Decorate an egg competition

1. HARD BOIL AN EGG
2. HAVE FUN WITH DECORATIONS
3. BRING IT TO SCHOOL (NAMED!)
- ON FRIDAY 4TH APRIL TO DISPLAY
4. 1ST 2ND AND 3RD PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED

(EGGS CAN THEN BE COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE DAY)



NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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to request a sign up link**

100 Club winners: Wainwright, Webb and Lim - congratulations!