



NEWBRIDGE News

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Term Dates

Tuesday 12th September

Jonathan Jungle visiting Year 4

Wednesday 13th September

Year 1 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm

Thursday 14th September

Year 2 Meet the Teacher
2.45pm

Tuesday 19th September

Forest School 2M

Wednesday 20th September

Forest School 4B

Tuesday 26th September

Forest School 2R

Wednesday 27th September

Forest School 4T

Monday 18th September

Clubs Start

Friday 29th September

Feel Good Friday

2nd/4th/6th October

Open Classrooms 3.20pm – 4pm

Tuesday 4th October

Forest School 2M

Wednesday 4th October

Forest School 4B

Wednesday 4th October

Year 6 to Fleet Air Arm Museum

Tuesday 10th October

Online Parents' Evening

Tuesday 10th October

Forest School 2R

Wednesday 11th October

Forest School 4T

Friday 13th October

Pupil Photographs

Tuesday 17th October

Forest School 2M

Monday 16th October

Year 1 Florence Nightingale Day

Wednesday 18th October

Forest School 4B

Tuesday 17th October

Open Afternoon for 2024 intake

Thursday 19th October

Online Parents' Evening

Friday 20th October

Feel Good Friday

Harvest Festival

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school. I hope you are well and are getting into the swing of the school routines.

We are extremely happy with the positive start to the term and, with this, recognise how much the children wish to achieve all of the expectations. They have been brilliant.

A very warm welcome

It has been a very new start to the year for some. We offer a very warm Newbridge welcome to Mrs Bishop who has joined our staff team as a Teaching Assistant and Mrs Ainger-Martin who is our School Administrator and Receptionist. And, of course, our Reception children have all joined Bee or Ladybird Class this week. We are thrilled to welcome each of them to Newbridge Primary School and hope they too will be very happy and successful in our care. The settling in period can be quite an adjustment, but it certainly feels as if these children are already comfortable in their new setting and are taking it all in their stride. Thank you to all of the parents for preparing the children for school; you should be very proud of them. A number of children have joined classes across the school. We welcome Anwen to Class 1G, Anouk to Class 3OG, Sami to Class 4T, Sofia to Class 5F and Haare to Class 6KR. These children have also impressed us all with their confidence and smiles – we hope they and their families will be very happy in our Newbridge community.

Google Classroom 'blogging'

From today, all class teachers will post a short 'blog' on their Google Classroom page. The teachers will provide an overview of the week, with photographs and necessary reminders. We really welcome engagement on the 'stream' from parents: so if you could leave a simple message, in response to the blog, or even a thumbs-up, we would love to hear from you.

Back to school information

On the school website you can find information about the routines in each class. This is in line with the information that has been shared at the Meet the Teacher meetings this week, and those to be held next week. The Spelling lists for Year 2 to Year 6 are also available on the class page. Soon, rather than a Curriculum Overview for the term, we will upload a document which outlines everything that will be taught across the subjects, all year. With this, there will be further detail about how the curriculum for each subject is planned and taught, progressively. Please find the current available information at <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/classes>.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are delighted to offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities to strengthen our school offer. Information on clubs for Term 1 and 2 is available on the school website at <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/school-life/clubs> which has been updated to add Girls' Football. Please sign up by Tuesday 11th September. Clubs will run from Monday 18th September until half term. If clubs are oversubscribed, names will be drawn from a hat. Please know that if your child is eligible for free school meals by benefit, that no charge is applied for fee paying clubs – please contact the office to register the club place.

Our lovely, new Courtyard

You might know that the courtyard area, next to the Upper School Foyer was looking very tired and we had plans to revamp it before the pandemic. However, it has now been completed and is such a useful, calm, safe space for both children and adults to enjoy. We need to add some plants, to brighten it up and we will work towards this, this term.

Thank you to Mr Lucacela and Mocca Cleaning Services

Very generously, Mr Lucacela, with his business partner and Mocca Cleaning Services, professionally cleaned our school minibus during the holiday. We are completing the final checks and will soon have it on the road to support access to more activities and transport to sports events.

Punctuality

It is a legal requirement for children to attend school regularly and also for children to be at school on time. The children must be in class for registration at 8.55am, meaning they need to be through the gates by 8.53am. Children arriving after 8.55am are marked as Late (L). Children arriving after 9.10am are marked as Unauthorised (U). If you are late, please make sure you bring your child to the office to sign in.

Doodle going forward

Please see an email sent earlier today about how we are no longer able to purchase all Doodle programmes. Going forward, we will only purchase Doodle Maths for Year 1 and Year 2, and no other programmes. Parents are able to use a discount count code to set up home Doodle accounts at a saving of 40%. Please find the link [here](#). Details will follow about the homework requirements for this year, which will include Times Table Rock Stars for Year 3 to Year 6.

Our NPSA – it supports our children, our families and our community

With much enthusiasm and commitment, the NPSA (Newbridge Primary School Association) has drawn up key dates for events and activities this year. This year our Chair is Fran Derrien, who has very willingly stepped into the role, following Ash Burrow. The first event is a Family Picnic on Friday 15th September from 5pm until 8pm. Information about this activity can be found below.

Making contact about Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please contact the School Office directly at enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk for all Breakfast Club and After School Club booking queries. All children must be booked into a session, online, as numbers are limited and staffing ratios must be correct.

School Uniform Reminders

It is important that everyone upholds the school dress code. Please note reminders from this week. Children are not permitted to wear boots. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back at all times, with no elaborate hair pieces. The only jewellery allowed is stud earrings – no bracelets, rings, necklaces or hoop earrings. Nail varnish is not permitted. Uniform items should be grey and not black for trousers, shorts and pinafores. Socks should not be coloured - only black, white or grey. Skorts can be worn for PE only. Trainers can only be worn on PE days.

Open Afternoons for Reception children 2024/25

Looking ahead to our Reception intake for September 2024, please know, and share with friends, that our prospective Open Afternoons will be held on Tuesday 17th October and Tuesday 31st October. Each afternoon will offer a choice of two times to sign up for. To register interest in attending one of these sessions, please call the school office on 01225 421675.

Term dates and the school calendar

Please refer to the school website at <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/school-life/termdates> for the term dates this academic year, including the agreed Inset Days. For school events going forward, please refer to the calendar on the website at <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar>. This is currently being update but all activities for the current term are on the newsletter, weekly.

Email address for parents

For all correspondence, and to make initial contact with a member of staff, please can parents use the email address enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, ready for another great week, next week.

With best wishes
Gill Kennaugh

STARS OF THE WEEK

IEO – Charlotte J, Olly H

1G – Penny T, Ted P

2M – Aous A and Maya P

2R – Mae Y and Theo C

3OG – Ella E, Anouk H

3BA – Bella T, Arthur C

4B – Henry F, Ella R

4T – Sami R, Sophie B

5HB – Henry N, Elijah R

5G – Tymofyii L, Chelsea L

6KR – Jake A, Harry R

6N – Imogen B, Ettie P

Around School This Week



Year 4 have been exploring the new Courtyard.



They were reading 'The Explorer', which is linked to their enquiry.









Some batting success!

Some fabulous news about our Year 6 cricketers; Louie A, Oliver R, Samuel E and Barney B who have all been playing cricket at Lansdown Cricket Club for a number of years.

Towards the end of the season this year, they were nominated by the coaching team to attend the Somerset County Cricket Club Pathway Observation days to try out to be part of the winter training squad for under 11s in the County. This meant travelling to the home of Somerset County Cricket in Taunton for a number of training and observation days across July, August and September. They have attended their final session and will find out from mid September if they have made it into the under 11s squad.

Good luck, boys – whatever the outcome, this is a significant achievement.

Our School Library

Don't forget, the Library is open to borrow books **every weekday until 4pm.**

Very kindly, parent volunteers give up their time to promote an enjoyment of reading and access to the Library.

Please find the Library through the Upper School Foyer and Blue Room.



Please, please can all parents and carers check that all items are named.

Already, we have some lost property.

summer **Back to School**

Friday 15th September

5 - 8pm

£2 per ticket - pre schoolers FREE

(scan the QR code for tickers or ask your class reps for the ticketing link)



Come and join us on the field with your own picnic tea to celebrate the start of another year.



**Bar available -
bring your
own cups!**

**FREE unlimited use of the
bouncy obstacle course**

**FREE musical entertainment,
including former Newbridge
students!**



**Please bring a bag to take home all your
rubbish - Thank you!**

NPSA

Ralph Allen School 
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**Whole School
Open Evening**
Thursday 21 September 6-8pm

Full information and to register your interest for the event, please see our website.

www.ralphallenschool.com
Ralph Allen School, Claverton Down Road, Bath, BA2 7AD

  



Open days at Oldfield School

We are pleased to invite you to our open events in September. You will get the opportunity to hear from our Headteacher, meet students and teachers, and see the school.

Join us

Open Evening 2023
Wednesday 20 September
6-8.30pm

Open Morning 2023
Tuesday 26 September
9-10.30am

Please check our website prior to visiting, for any changes to these dates and times.
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