



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Term Dates

**Tuesday 10th October**  
Online Parents' Evening

**Tuesday 10th October**  
Forest School 2R

**Wednesday 11th October**  
Forest School 4T

**Friday 13th October**  
Pupil Photographs

**Monday 16th October**  
Florence Nightingale Day

**Tuesday 17th October**  
Forest School 2M

**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  
Last day of Term 1

## Term 2

**Monday 30th October**  
First day of Term 2  
NPSA logo competition 3.30pm

**Tuesday 31st October**  
Forest School 2R

**Wednesday 1st November**  
Forest School 4T

**Thursday 2nd November**  
NPSA Fireworks

**Tuesday 7th November**  
Forest School 2M

**Wednesday 8th November**  
Forest School 4B

**Friday 10th November**  
NPSA Quiz

**Tuesday 14th November**  
Forest School 2R

**Wednesday 15th November**  
Forest School 4B

**Wednesday 22nd November**  
Year 6 (6N) Bath Blitz Walk  
EYFS Meeting for Parents at  
2.45pm

**Thursday 23rd November**  
Year 6 (6KR) Bath Blitz Walk

**Friday 24th November**  
Feel Good Friday

The School Calendar and  
Term Dates can be found  
[here](#)

Dear Parents and Carers

School life continues to be busy and successful. The children encountering experiences out of school is important to us - whether these are trips, sporting competitions, musical opportunities or giving back to our community. We missed out on so much during the pandemic and we wish, as we proved last year, to undertake as many enrichment opportunities as possible.

## Fleet Air Arm Museum – Year 6 out and about

We held our first day trip of the year on Wednesday. This is a firm favourite on the Year 6 calendar, tying in with their enquiry 'How can we learn from the past?' which looks at how Britain coped with the onset of World War II. The children visited the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Yeovilton, and although a long day, the children were buzzing with all they were able to immerse themselves in. Read below for a fantastic recount by Sophie and Archie.

## B&NES Cross Country Championship

You must read on to find out about the performance of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils at the annual B&NES Cross Country Championship held on Tuesday, this week. These are an astonishing set of results! Well done to all twenty children who competed and to the many children who trialled for the team selection. I have never known team results like it, and all of the competitors have proudly put Newbridge on the cross-country map!

## Open Classrooms

Thank you to those who came along to the Open Classroom sessions this week. We hope you found these helpful and enjoyable. These visits are planned to enable parents to view pupils learning and the learning environment, prior to the upcoming Parents' Evenings.

## Parents' Evening

The Parents' Evening bookings went live on Monday evening. If you have not yet signed up for an online meeting, they are being held on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 19th October and we encourage every family to make an appointment. Appointments will also be available with Mr Bacon, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Parents can join from different locations and therefore we ask that only one time slot is selected for each child. You can access the information about signing up to School Cloud, to book an appointment [here](#) if you have not already done so.

## Autumn Reports

In response to the Term 6 Parental Questionnaire, and as explained in the recent full response to this, we have reviewed how we report to parents. We will provide new style reports three times per year, with updates on progress against age related expectations in line with the curriculum that has been taught to date and a next step target taken from the national curriculum. The report, which at this time of year is only for Year 1 to Year 6 pupils, will also provide information relating to any support or intervention a pupil may receive and indicators about how a pupil is meeting our school values. These will be sent home to parents before the end of this term and teachers will refer to these at the Parents' Evening meetings. Please know that parents do not need to wait for a Parents' Evening in order to talk with the class teacher about a concern or progress. Parents are able to request a meeting with their class teacher at any point in the school term, and we encourage this.

## '500 Words' Writing Competition

Mrs Edmunds, our Writing Leader, is very keen to promote the well known '500 Words' Writing Competition. The UK's largest children's writing competition was launched last week with categories for 5-7 year olds and 8-11 year olds. Parents and Carers may like to read more information about the competition [here](#) and further in the newsletter.

## Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme 2023

The School Age Immunisation Team has arranged to administer the nasal flu vaccination at Newbridge on Wednesday 6th December. This will only be administered to those pupils in Reception to Year 6 whose parents provide consent. Full details will be sent to parents about this soon. This message is being shared now as some parents are seeking appointments outside of school for the vaccine, which will not be necessary.

### Individual and Sibling Photographs

Our regular company, Tulip, will take individual and sibling photographs on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If your child has PE on this day, please send them in full uniform and they should bring their PE kit to change into.

### Celebrating Harvest

We love to celebrate harvest together and we will hold our annual Harvest Assembly on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. For this assembly, we kindly ask that families, if possible, can donate a non-perishable food item. All items received will be donated to the Genesis Trust, who operates a Food Bank in Bath. The charity would welcome tinned items including tomatoes, soup, vegetables, meat and fruit and jars of tomato pasta sauce and cartons of long-life fruit juice. We will collect these items on the morning of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, in the Upper School Hall at school drop-off – thank you.

### Google Classroom

Please read the short 'blog' posted on Google Classroom today. This will summarise the week, offer necessary reminders and will display photographs of the learning activities which have taken place this week. If you could leave a simple message or even a thumbs-up, we would love to hear from you so that the teachers know their posts are helpful and valued.

Please get in contact with the School Office if you are having any problems with logging in to Google Classroom.

### Open Afternoons for Reception children 2024/25

For our Reception intake for September 2024, our prospective Open Afternoons will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Each afternoon will offer a choice of two times. To register interest in attending one of these sessions, please call the school office on 01225 421675.

### 'Everyone Active'

Very kindly, I was provided with a lead for someone who is able to hold a fun indoor Everyone Active dance session one morning before school. I am finalising the plans but I am very keen to get this off the ground before the Winter weather presents. Watch this space....

### 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](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk)

Enjoy the weekend – I think a bit of down time is needed by everyone.

With best regards,

Gill Kennaugh

# STARS OF THE WEEK



★ **IEO** – Gethin H, Annie H ★ **1G** – Etta C, Oscar B ★

★ **2M** – Henry J, Leo D ★ **2R** – Bill H, Bella C ★

★ **3OG** – Nell W, Khaleesi M ★ **3BA** – Katie H, Ben T ★

★ **4B** – Billy F, Anisa G ★ **4T** – Harith A, Carla L ★

★ **5HB** – Elsa W, Jimmy L-A ★ **5F** – Ruby B, Finley P ★

★ **6KR** – Archie P, Bertie O ★ **6N** – Barney B, Troy J ★

★ **Music Stars of the Week** ★

★ Phoenix K G, 3BA Chloe G, 5HB ★



# A HEADTEACHER MENTION

It never ceases to impress me just how much the children wish to extend their learning at home and with this, use their creativity and imagination to produce such clever ideas. This week, Jack B from Class 4T, has demonstrated his Maths and Science knowledge by creating an Electronic Numbers Game. This learning has taken Jack five weeks to make and Jack believes this could really help other people who work with numbers. This device works by connecting the calculation with the correct answer. Well done Jack!



## THE SCHOOL LIBRARY



In Term 2, the Library will be open at lunch times for the children to use. This will allow the children the opportunity to be a part of story telling sessions, which will be taking place in the Blue Room.

Please let the Office know if you have an A-frame or easel we could borrow, to support this to take place.



## B&NES Cross Country Championship



Grace W, Olivia S, Isobel M, Amira A, Ruby E, Barney P, Flynn N, William B, Harry B, PatrickW, Zelda L, Sophie E, Bea V, Emma H, Lynne A, Louie A, Samuel E, Albert C, Ruben T and Ernie L-S

On Tuesday afternoon, 20 boys and girls from Year 5 and 6 represented Newbridge in the Bath and District Primary Schools Cross Country Championships, which were held at Odd Down Sports Ground. The children had all been selected after completing a trial race at school earlier in the term which had been attended by over 50 keen runners.

Each Championship race was held over a 1.3 km long course which was long enough to test the children's stamina and resilience. It is a very popular event and 27 Schools took part overall with some competing in the afternoon and others after school.

As well as running for individual honours it is also a team event with the combined results of the first three runners in each team counting towards a team score.

The Newbridge teams all ran excellently and gave their all. There were many stand out performances with 9 of our runners all gaining top 10 finishes in their respective races. When they were not racing they all supported each other and encouraged their team mates and also other runners to achieve their best, which was delightful to see.

When the Team results from both events were compiled we had some fantastic news:

**Year 6 Girls:** Lynne, Emma, Bea, Sophie and Zelda came **5th** overall.

**Year 6 Boys:** Sam, Louie, Ruben, Albert and Ernie came **3rd** overall.

**Year 5 Girls:** Grace, Isobel, Amira, Ruby and Olivia came **2nd** overall.

**Year 5 Boys:** Flynn, Barnaby, William, Harry and Patrick came **1st** overall.

These are brilliant team results and the children should be very proud of themselves.

Well run Team Newbridge! Mr Seaborne





Here are some more pictures  
from last week's.....

# Feel Good Friday





## Fleet Air Museum – Year 6

After getting off the coach, we walked towards the museum – it was huge! We entered into the lunch room and settled down. Then we split into different groups, each with a different adult helper. Once we were in these groups, we were given a clipboard with questions we would have to answer as the day went on. In the museum, there were 4 Halls, each showing something different.



Starting with Hall 1: we saw earlier planes and helicopters. They were made of wood, paper and fabric. It's any wonder they didn't crash!  
Hall 2: we could see many of the planes used in World War one and two. We learned that some of the planes had folding wings,

so that they could land in more unconventional places.

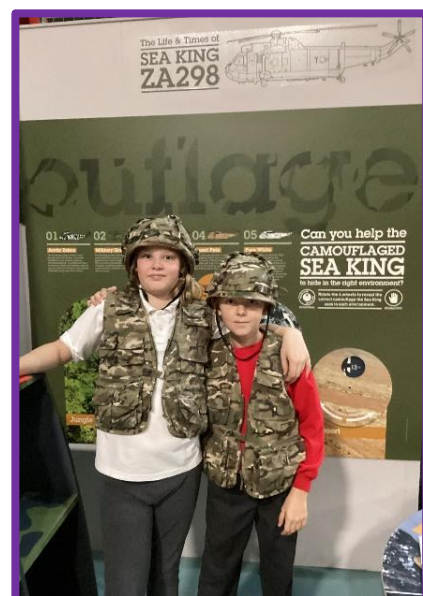
Once everyone was back together, we all had lunch. After everyone had finished, we were allowed to play outside for 15 minutes. Then, we set off to see the other Halls...

Moving on to Hall 3: we experienced what it was like to be on the HMS carrier. We began by entering through a helicopter and then we walked into a huge hall full of jets and planes (including some old passenger planes). After looking around, we began the experience by going up in a lift that had an information video about what we were about to see. Once off, we began to explore the inside of an aircraft carrier. We entered the operations room, kitchens, and bed quarters. Just to make everything one step more exiting, we got to see a miniature model of the HMS carrier and planes that we could move around!



clip boards, we ran onboard the Concorde. It was even better on the inside!

After gathering up all our stuff, we took a Year 6 photo in front of one of the earliest planes and we were allowed 5 minutes in the park before we ended our brilliant day by getting back on the coach and heading home.



Our final hall - Hall 4: we were blow away by the sheer size of all of the helicopters, jets and planes. And, standing tall in the centre, a massive proto-type of the Concorde! After looking around avidly to note down all the information we could on our





# Forest School



Year 4 have been loving Forest School this term, and so have their teachers.







## ‘500 Words’ Writing Competition

The UK’s most successful children’s writing competition ‘**500 words**’ has just launched! The writing will be judged by several well-known authors including the author of the ‘Horrid Henry’ series Francesca Simon and Sir Lenny Henry and the prizes include the winner’s story being brought to life by well-known illustrators and winning a tower of books.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar. The main rule is that the story needs to be no more than 500 words long.

For all other rules and details, go to the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words-collection/zj9b8p3>

All stories must be submitted online at the website above. The deadline for the competition is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**.

If anyone does submit a story, please also send us a copy at school via the school email address [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk) as we’d love to see what fantastic stories have been created!



## OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our October 2023 holiday club days provide 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 Sarah Webb, with two other assistants.

Sarah is an experienced Forest School leader based in Bath, with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance. The site and all activities are risk-assessed.

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>**

***one space available***

**Time:** 9.00am – 4.00pm

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

**Cost:** 1 day booking: £40 per day – siblings £38 per child per day  
2 day booking: £78 per child

Booking essential, please email [valair1@hotmail.com](mailto:valair1@hotmail.com) or call on 07825 610145 for a booking form. Spaces are limited to 20-25 children per day.

***Please note: The Wildwood is out of action during this week. We will make use of the rest of the school grounds. Activities listed above are a go!***



## Newbridge Primary School

# WE ARE HIRING

## Join Our Team !

### DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL?

#### JOB POSITION : SMSA

Newbridge Primary School is a large primary school on the outskirts of Bath with approximately 400 pupils on roll. This school is strongly committed to enabling each child access to a broad, enriched education of the highest quality. Our aspiration is to be the best we can be and we are very ambitious about what we can achieve for our children. The following post offers an opportunity to be part of a supportive, caring and committed school community who have high expectations of themselves and each other, and who have children at the centre of their philosophy.

As soon as possible, we would like to appoint a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to cover the following hours:



Monday - Friday  
11.45am – 1.15pm  
£10.79 per hour  
Permanent Contract



The ideal candidate would have to:

- Be patient and caring
- Be dedicated to all children achieving the best they can
- Be an excellent team player
- Resilient and energetic

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children. We follow safer recruitment practices and appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

**To find out more, please contact Newbridge  
Primary School**

**enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk  
01225 421675**



## ASPIRATIONAL READS

As a parent and a teacher, one of the hardest things is finding appropriate challenging reads for Key Stage 1 pupils.

Wanting to stretch capable readers usually ends up with them being given inappropriate books. This is why I wanted to create this new book list, to support parents and teachers to find appropriately challenging books for younger readers.

All 16 of the books on the main list have been enjoyed by my own children when they were in Year 2.

As well as being accessible as read alones for your most capable readers, the list is also a great list of read alouds for younger children who enjoy longer stories. The longer reads section does include some challenging reads than many KS1 children may find too tricky.

I hope you and your readers enjoy.  
@MisterBodd



## LONGER READS

(OVER 250 PAGES)



**Guardians of Magic**  
**Chris Riddell**  
Links:  
Magic, fairy tales  
Warnings  
Mild peril



**Peanut Jones**  
**Rob Biddulph**  
Links:  
Draw with Rob, famous artists, London landmarks  
Warnings  
Mild peril, Missing father



**Rainbow Grey**  
**Laura Ellen Anderson**  
Links:  
Weather, superpowers  
Warnings  
Mild peril



**Charlie Changes into a Chicken**  
**Sam Copeland & Sarah Horne**  
Links:  
School show, transformation  
Warnings  
Mild peril, sibling in hospital

## FUNNY READS



**Rex: Dinosaur in Disguise**  
**Elys Dolan**  
Links:  
Dinosaurs, careers  
Warnings  
None



**Grimwood**  
**Nadia Shireen**  
Links:  
Animals, comparing country and city  
Warnings  
Mild peril, missing parents



**Legend of Kevin**  
**Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre**  
Links:  
Mythical creatures, extreme weather  
Warnings  
None



**Panda at the Door**  
**Sarah Horne**  
Links:  
Mary Poppins, Edinburgh Zoo  
Warnings  
Parental split (resolved)

## ADVENTURE READS



**The Wild Robot**  
**Peter Brown**  
Links:  
Nature, robots, adoptive parents, animal instincts  
Warnings  
Animal death, mild peril (characters chased),



**Dragon Storm**  
**Alastair Chisholm**  
Links:  
Dragons  
Warnings  
Mild peril



**Royal Rabbits of London**  
**Santa & Simon Sebag Montefiore**  
Links:  
Animals, Royal family, London  
Warnings  
Mild peril, bullying

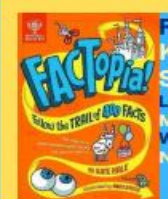


**Space Detectives**  
**Mark Powers & Dapo Adeola**  
Links:  
Space travel, aliens  
Warnings  
Mild peril

## NON-FICTION READS



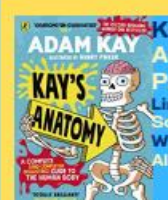
**Interview with a Tiger**  
**Andy Seed & Nick East**  
Links:  
Animals, interviews  
Warnings  
None



**Factopia**  
**Kate Hale & Andy Smith**  
Links:  
Multiple!  
Warnings  
None



**Earth is Big**  
**Steve Tomecek & Marcos Farina**  
Links:  
Nature, Maths, science  
Warnings  
None



**Kay's Anatomy**  
**Adam Kay & Henry Parker**  
Links:  
Science, bodies  
Warnings  
All bodily functions included

## OTHER GREAT BOOKS

OBVIOUSLY FAR TOO MANY TO FIT ON A SMALL FLYER



For more information on these books, scan the QR code. For more advice or to get in touch:  
Email: [Misterbodd@outlook.com](mailto:Misterbodd@outlook.com)  
Twitter: @MisterBodd





# BEARS V HARLEQUINS

SAT OCT 28 2.30PM KO





BATH CITY FC FOUNDATION

# WOMEN'S & GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Charity no.1143224



## WILD CATS

Football sessions for girls aged 5-11  
Tuesdays 4:15-5pm

## SQUAD GIRLS

Football sessions for girls aged 12-16  
Tuesdays 5:15-6pm

## JUST PLAY

Football sessions for women aged 18+  
Tuesdays 7-8pm

St Martins Garden Primary School  
Lympham Green  
Odd Down  
Bath  
BA2 2UN

- Term time only
- Starting Tuesday 26th September
- FREE taster session for new participants

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# OPEN EVENING



City of Bath

# Brass Band

at Elim Church, Charlotte St., Bath, BA1 2ND

All ages welcome' Instruments available.

Monday 9th October 6.45 – 9.45pm

6.45 - 7.45 Training band (Beginners & Intermediate)

7.45 - 8.15 Refreshments

8.15 - 9.45 Main Band (Intermediate & Advanced)

Give us a call on: 07885 466464

chairman@cityofbathbrassband.co.uk

www.cityofbathbrassband.co.uk







What's happening

this autumn at Bath Assembly Rooms?

<b>The Big Draw Festival</b> 21 - 29 October 10.00am-3.00pm Pop-in during half term to help us draw the longest minute! Free entry	<b>Music for Miniatures</b> 25 October 10.00am & 11.00am Music for Miniatures return this half term with a string group performance. £11 joint adult/child ticket £4 extra child	<b>Guided tours - for adults</b> Every day Times vary Join a tour to find out the history behind the Bath Assembly Rooms. Free for NT members £9 per adult non-members
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Booking online is essential for Music for Miniatures and guided tours.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/bath-assembly-rooms](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/bath-assembly-rooms)