



NEWBRIDGE News

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Term 6

Tuesday 15th July

SWSP Extra Football
Session

Thursday 17th July

Extra Drama and Tom
Baker Cricket Sessions

**Thursday 17th July 4.30pm
to 6.00pm**

Year 6 Leavers' Tea

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Monday 21st July 1.45pm
Last Day of the Year

Tuesday 22nd July

Inset Day – school closed to
children

Meet the Teacher

Meetings

Year 4 – Wednesday 3rd
September

Year 3 – Thursday 4th
September

Year 5 – Friday 5th
September

Year 6 – Monday 8th
September

Year 2 – Tuesday 9th
September

Year 1 – Wednesday 10th
September

Inset Days 2025/26

Tuesday 2nd September
2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 26th June 2026

Wednesday 22nd July.
2026

All of the dates for the
remainder of the year can
be found on the calendar
on the website, [here](#).

Please click [here](#) for the
term dates for 25/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your support as we navigate the last few busy weeks of term. It continues to be challenging in school with the high temperatures, but we have just about managed. Please note that every child must have a water bottle, a hat and sun cream applied before school.

NPSA Festival of Football: Last Friday saw the return of the brilliant Festival of Football, thanks to the slick organisation of Sarah Cowey and the support of our volunteer parents, team managers and referees. Despite the hot weather, the players rose to the challenge and enjoyed every minute. Competitive spirit was matched by fun, with all teams showing great sportsmanship. A big thank you to everyone involved.

Boys' football v WASPS: The final match of the season was played a week last Thursday, at home against WASPS. Well done to both teams for giving it their all. Please read on for Mr Farrier's report.

Cricket Tournament at Lansdown: We are fortunate to have benefitted from our strong links with Lansdown Cricket Club, and have welcomed Ella Worthington into school numerous times each week to lead class and club coaching. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions. On Monday, Year 5 pupils took part in a tournament at the Lansdown pitch, showing off the skills they had developed.

Year 6 Production - Cinderella Rockerfella: On Wednesday and Thursday evening, our incredible Year 6 pupils took to the stage for their final primary school performance – and what a performance it was! With dazzling acting, pitch-perfect singing and comic timing to rival the West End, every single child shone. The togetherness of the year group was clear for all to see, with each pupil fully invested and giving their all.

The acting and singing throughout were exceptional. It is truly remarkable how, at just ten and eleven years old, the children were able to learn their lines and deliver them with such fluency, confidence and stage presence. The audience – a packed house of proud parents, siblings, and extended family – were treated to two unforgettable evenings. These were two very special nights, which confirmed that our Year 6 children will go far – and that, with passion and teamwork, anything is possible. Many congratulations to every child, and heartfelt thanks to everyone at home and in school, especially the Year 6 teachers, who helped make this production such a success. We are immensely proud.

Mr Lawson, a Year 6 parent, has written a fabulous review of the show – please read on.

Skipping Workshops: This week, children across the school got their hearts racing with high energy skipping workshops. The sessions taught the children new skills, and the playground has been a hive of skipping activity ever since. Let's hope the temperature drops for more skipping next week.

Year 6 Choir perform at Stratton House: On Thursday, our Year 6 choir performed beautifully for the residents of Stratton House, bringing smiles to the whole community. The children were a credit to the school, singing with confidence and showing kindness and care.

Year 4 enjoy Matilda the Musical: Year 4 had a brilliant trip this week, watching Matilda the Musical at Oldfield School. The show left the children inspired. A huge thank you to the staff and students at Oldfield for making this visit possible.

Boys' Football Team win the League: Congratulations to our boys' football team, who were crowned Bath Schools' Invitational Mini-League champions this week! The team have shown outstanding dedication, teamwork and determination throughout the season, and we are incredibly proud of their success. They could not have done it without Mr Farrier who has given his all, as a volunteer, to coach the team and lead the matches – along with Mr Wallace – what a season!

Clubs for Term 1 and 2 2025–26: Thank you to everyone who has attended the extra-curricular clubs this term, and the staff and providers for leading them. A full list of clubs for next term will be shared next week, and we will let you know in advance when bookings go live. Clubs will begin the week of 8th September. To support the school's financial situation, from September, we will be asking for a donation of £2.50 per week, for clubs which are led by school staff. Those eligible for free school meals by benefit will not be expected to make a donation. You can read more about this decision below.

Meet the Teacher Meetings September 2025: So that parents get to know the class teachers and understand the routines and expectations, meetings have been planned for the start of September. They will be held between 2.45pm and 3.10pm. Year 4 Wednesday 3rd, Year 3 Thursday 4th, Year 5 Friday 5th, Year 6 Monday 8th, Year 2 Tuesday 9th and Year 1 Wednesday 10th September.

Wishing you a good weekend, and some cooler weather for our final, full week.

Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



★ **Bees** – Attlee L, Louie K **Ladybirds** – Ivy B, Jasper BJ, Spencer D ★

★ **1DO** – Max W, Ottilie R **1G** – Sidney N, Thea H

★ **2OG** – Isaiah P, Nancy F **2R** – Praise F, Rudi D ★

★ **3DE** – Magnus B, Tessa G **3M** – Clarice J, Izzy M ★

★ **4B** – Ada H, Oliver T **4BA** – Jia W, Lucy W ★

★ **5HK** – Elizabeth D, Iben G **5F** – Alice S, Charlie R

★ **6KR** – Whole Class! **6N** – Whole Class! ★

★ **PE Stars of the Week:** ★

Mackenzie P Class 4BA, Sophie S Class 4B

★ **Music Stars of the Week:** ★

All of the Year 6 Choir!



PE and Forest School Days 2025/2026

Terms 1 - 3	PE			Forest School/ Outdoor Explore	Children come to school in their PE kit on the PE day. Children also wear PE kit when they have a sport extra-curricular activity. For Forest School, children come to school in long sleeved tops and trousers, and bring wellies and waterproofs with them.
Monday	Year 2	Year 3		EYFS	
Tuesday	Year 1	Year 4		Year 4	
		PE and FS take place alternate weeks for Y4 classes			
Wednesday	EYFS	Year 4	Year 5		
Thursday	Year 3	Year 6	Year 5	Year 2 FS takes place alternate weeks for Y2 classes	
eFriday	Year 1	Year 2	Year 6		

A week in Year 1

As part of our enquiry, 'Why is this place special?' Year 1 went on a locality trip this week. We visited several important places and marked them on our map. We also have to keep an eye out for 12 different items on our pedestrian bingo card! We had so much fun!



Exuberant Shows Bring Down the Curtain on Year 6 – a parent's review

Some of us might have groaned inwardly, when we heard that the Year 6 show this year was going to be a version of Cinderella – a pantomime? In the middle of summer! But any such doubts were blown away by two barnstorming performances on Wednesday and Thursday evenings this week.

The story is essentially a version of Cinderella, with all the usual characters, though Prince Charming, a jaded pop star, Rockerfella, playing one last concert and wishing there was something more to life. He dreams of putting stardom to one side and meeting his true love.

With two full classes to fit in, the cast were split into two, A and B, with different actors playing different roles on each night. This meant that those in the backing chorus one day had the chance to play bigger roles on the other, and vice versa. Virtually everyone had a speaking (or shouting, or miaowing!) part in one of the performances and everyone gave it their very best.

Despite the limitations of the upper school hall, the staging was superb, with backing singers arrayed on benches along two sides of the audience, giving a full 'surround sound' effect.

It's very difficult, and unfair, to pick out any individual performances, with such an enthusiastic ensemble cast. But special mention has to go to the two pairs of Cinderella/Rockerfellas, especially their lovely duets on 'If I Had One Wish'. Both Fairy Nasty Boots were suitably villainous, the Buttons were spot on and the good fairies were all magical. And of course, the ugly sisters were hilarious and just the right side of gross, with costumes and make-up to match.

The audience played their traditional part as well, cheering the goodies, booing the baddies enthusiastically and shouting 'aaaahh' at the more tender moments.

In the end, of course, the baddies were banished, the fairies got their wings (and lost their wellies) and Cinderella and Rockerfella got together. The show finished with all the cast performing a rousing version of 'Happy Ever Afters'. No Newbridge event would be complete without an emotional speech from Ms Kennaugh, who praised all the children and used their performances to tell them all that they could be whatever they wanted to be.

Thanks must go to everyone involved in the production, front of house and behind the scenes, but especially the three Year 6 teachers, who have obviously worked so hard to put everything together and produce such a memorable show. Our story does indeed, come to a very happy end!

Simon Lawson – a Year 6 parent





Newbridge v WASPS

The final football match of this school year was played yesterday, as Newbridge and WASPS met one more time.

From the first whistle, both teams showed impressive skill and determination, and it was a credit to our players that they were still demonstrating that same commitment right up until the final whistle.

Despite this being a difficult match, all 13 boys who took part never gave up. The bumper crowd of supporters were treated to some really entertaining football. This was a wonderful display of what it looks like when the game is more about enjoying playing than it is about the score.

A HUGE well done to Albie S, Altan H, Beau G, Finley P, Jacob J, James R, Javier W, Kameron B, Louis W, Phoenix K, Shadan S, Thomas B, and William C,

Also a big thank you to Ollie A and Tom C for helping to run the game and looking after the teams!

Player of the Day: Louis W. Some great football, matched with a really great attitude. Worked very hard.



LOST PROPERTY

We have too much lost property in school and it all needs to go home.

Please look at the racks on the left and right immediately inside the Upper School Cloakroom and in the blue box in the Lower School Hall, today.



NPSA Festival of Football



Final Book Club of the Year



Our final Y5/6 Book Club of the year took place this week. We finished our latest read 'Sweet Pizza' by G.R Gemin as the clock struck 4pm! And what a gripping book it was! The children have continued to develop their love of reading throughout this year and enjoy the opportunity to take part in 'Book Talk'. We are already looking forward to next year's Book Club in September!



Stratton House with Year 6 Choir



Governors' Corner – School Finances

Recently, our Governing Body have been reviewing and approving the school budget for next year. The objective - to balance those books whilst prioritising the school vision and strategy and ensuring each and every child gets the opportunities they need to thrive.

As you know from running your own homes, costs like food and utilities are increasing and due to the low birth rate and therefore low intake in the current Reception, we have less income to balance. We've had to make difficult decisions for example removing any contingency spend on maintenance and IT resources. This means plans like redecoration projects and laptop procurement will likely need to pause.

This year we must focus more than ever on seeking efficiencies (for example ensuring we are using our solar panel energy as effectively as possible) and generating revenue through exploring new ways to offer our facilities to the public at evenings and weekends. Following a short consultation, one way we plan to generate well needed income is to invite families to voluntarily contribute £2.50 per session for all teacher led clubs. You'll be able to do this from next week via School Gateway.

If you have any insight or ideas around any aspects of efficiency saving or revenue building and have some time to support the school with targeted projects in these areas, please get in touch.

We would like to thank the NPSA and all parents who support school events and fundraising. Next year, the NPSA have kindly agreed to fundraise for the redecoration of our Upper School Hall so we can still keep our maintenance plans moving forward.

Thankyou – *Clare Moon, Chair of Governors*

Skipping Workshop





COMMUNITY SUMMER SPECIALS



**Tuesday 28th July
2.30-6pm**

SPORT AND BARBECUE

**In Newbridge School
& Emmanuel Garden**

(Registration from 2.15 until
2.45 in Emmanuel Garden,
Apsley Road)

**Cricket, Football
Skills, Athletics
and games for the
little ones**

**Tuesday 19th August
2.30-5pm**

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

**In Emmanuel
Garden, Apsley Road**

**Bounce n' Slide Castle,
Toss the Wellie, Face
Painting, ice lollies and
much more**

For both events children under
14 must be accompanied by an
adult

Everything Free




Fab Posters

THE DIGITAL DETOX CLUB


Unplug to Reconnect Youth Mental Health Event

Kingswood School 18th October 2025



An afternoon of powerful talks, performance, and collective action.

Let's face it - our kids are in crisis - and so is our culture. Hope starts here - together.



[Click here to join us](#)

SOUTH WEST BRISTOL SOCCER PROJECT

NEWBRIDGE SOCCER CAMP

Dates:
Week 1: July 29th & 31st
Week 2: August 5th & 7th
Week 3: August 12th & 14th
Week 4: August 19th & 21st
Week 5: August 26th & 28th

Timings:
drop off from 8:30

Camp Start 9:00
Camp Finish 3:00

- ✓ Skill Development Sessions
- ✓ Team-Building Activities
- ✓ Fun engaging SSG
- ✓ Afternoon Tournament

Price:
1 day: £25.00
2 days (per week): £45.00

Location:
Newbridge Primary School
(for newbridge students only)

SIGN UP

<https://swsp.co.uk/product/newbridge-soccer-camp/>



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House of Creativity
A creative space for art, music, dance & design!



This August we have two taster mornings at the House of Creativity! Each day will be filled with creative fun with our team of therapeutic mentors.

10AM-12:30PM
Thursday 28th August
6-11 yrs old
Friday 29th August
11-16 yrs old
Cost: £4 per child

Get in touch for more details & to apply:
impact@soundchurch.co.uk
houseofcreativity.org



Sound Church,
Freedom House,
Lower Bristol Road,
Bath, BA2 1EP





Jul 12 at 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Free

Families

Family Workshops

Featured

Workshop

Bath Carnival Creativity! Animal masks and outdoor Pastel Mural

Saturday 12th July | 11am-3pm | Free

The carnival is in town! Help us celebrate by creating your own animal metamorphosis mask, inspired by the works of Nicolas Party. Expect feathers, scales and more.

Outdoors we'll be creating a huge pastel 'carnival' mural – come and get involved!

No need to book, just drop-in on the day. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

We're excited to share that **Next Thing Education Camps** is looking to run a **Technology and STEM Holiday Camp** at our school during the upcoming 2025/26 academic year!

The **Tech Camp** would take place during half-term holidays from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, packed with hands-on, engaging activities that inspire creativity and innovation, including:

- ✓ **STEM Invention Building** – Projects like Bubble Blasters, Levitating Balls, Bright Lamps, and Hydraulic Diggers
- ✓ **Coding & Robotics** – Learn to program and control real robots
- ✓ **Minecraft & LEGO Engineering** – Solve challenges through design and creativity
- ✓ **Virtual Reality & Pro DJing** – Explore cutting-edge technology and unleash your inner artist

 [Click on this video](#) to see some of our activities in action!

To help us determine if there is enough interest to run the camp, we kindly ask you to complete this quick **30-second survey**:

 [Click here to register your interest](#)

We'll be in touch soon to let you know if the camp will go ahead.

Warm regards,

The Next Thing Education Team

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