



NEWBRIDGE News

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Dates Term 1

Tuesday 15th October

Parent/Teacher Meeting
online from 2.30pm
2OG Forest School

Thursday 17th October

Reading Meeting for KS2
parents at 2.30pm
4B Forest School

Wednesday 23rd October

NPSA Spooky Bingo 3.30pm

Thursday 24th October

Harvest Assembly –
donations, please
End of Term 1 for children

Friday 25th October

INSET Day for staff

Term 2

Tuesday 5th November

2R Forest School

Thursday 7th November

NPSA Fireworks
4BA Forest School

Monday 11th November

Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November

2OG Forest School
NPSA Meeting at 7.30pm

Thursday 14th November

4B Forest School

Tuesday 19th November

2R Forest School

Wednesday 20th November

Class 6N Bath Blitz Walk

Thursday 21st November

Class 6KR Bath Blitz Walk
4BA Forest school

Friday 22nd November

NPSA Cake and Uniform Sale

Tuesday 26th November

2OG Forest School

Thursday 28th November

4B Forest School

Tuesday 3rd December

2R Forest School

Thursday 5th December

4BA Forest School

Friday 6th Decemeber

Year 6 Choir to Stratton
House
Mufti School Fair

Inset Days 2024/25

Friday 25th October

Monday 6th January

Friday 27th June

Tuesday 22nd July

Term Dates 2024/25

Please [click here](#) for the terms dates

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support in all we aim to achieve at Newbridge.

School Development Work: As shared, our main priorities this year are: improving outcomes in Writing, Reading and Phonics, improving outcomes for vulnerable groups, and committing to OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning. For writing, we are working closely with an English consultant, led by Mrs Edmunds, to revise how teachers plan for the delivery of the national curriculum objectives. This revision means that each unit taught is now based on carefully selected books. The progression of grammar which needs to be taught in each year group has also been reviewed.

We have moved to a new phonics teaching scheme which is recognised by the DfE - Twinkl Phonics. All of the children in Reception to Year 2 are taught synthetic phonics through this programme. The programme is also available to Key Stage 2 teachers to use as they need to. The programme also affords many resources to support the children with spelling and handwriting.

To carefully track the progress of all groups across the school and the impact of interventions, we have moved to a new data package. Not only will this provide high level information, but it will support the teachers and senior leaders with their workload.

Excitingly, we held our second planning meeting with our OPAL mentor, today. Having visited three schools who have achieved platinum status within this programme, the next step is to provide whole school training which will take place on the Inset day at the end of term. You can read more about the aims of OPAL [here](#).

Reading Meeting for Parents and Carers: There is a meeting about supporting your Key Stage 2 child with reading, on Thursday 17th October at 2.30pm. There is no need to sign-up, please come along. All resources from this will be posted on Google Classroom.

Valuing Difference: We are hosting a Valuing Difference Day on Friday, 18th October to celebrate how diverse backgrounds, abilities and experiences enrich our world. We are looking for community volunteers to share their stories, especially those from ethnic minorities, with disabilities or who have overcome adversity. Sessions will last about 30 minutes, involving a talk and a question and answer session with one year group. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact the office by Monday 14th October. After school there will be a 'cultural cake sale' – details of this are below.

'500 Words' Writing Competition: Mrs Edmunds, our Writing leader, is keen to promote the well-known '500 Words' Writing Competition. The UK's largest children's writing competition has categories for 5-7 year olds and 8-11 year olds. Please find more information about the competition [here](#). If children wish to enter, parents and carers will need to do this, however, we would love to share any entries in school.

Celebrating Harvest: We're excited to celebrate Harvest with our annual assembly on Thursday, 24th October. This year, we kindly ask families to donate a non-perishable food item or toiletry. Donations will go to Julian House, a Bath charity supporting the homeless and The Nest Project, which helps families with children under 5. Julian House needs tinned goods (tomatoes, soup, vegetables, meat, and fruit), pasta sauce, and long-life fruit juice. The Nest Project needs nappies, baby wipes, body wash, shampoo, baby lotion, and nappy cream. Please drop off donations in the Upper School foyer on Thursday 24th October, before school.

Volume of emails: The office has seen a significant increase in the number of emails received from parents each day. The office staff will continue to be prompt in responding, however, please be aware that messages will be prioritised and the three day response time may not always be met while the volume is high.

Volunteers in School: Thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends of the school who came to the meetings today about volunteering. We really appreciate your support. If you need to obtain a Newbridge DBS, in order to volunteer in our school, please contact the school office.

Contact Details: Please can all parents ensure the school holds up to date contact details for their child. All parents and carers must supply two contacts.

Lost Property: There is much lost property in school. Please check the red box in the Lower School hall and the two rows of pegs immediately inside the Upper School cloakroom. It all needs to go.

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

Please remember to read the teacher's blog on Google Classroom, for further updates.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ Bees – Felix S, Louie K

★ Ladybirds – Isaac W, Logan E

★ IDO – Eartha L-S, Ivy S

★ IG – Edie H, Myron L

★ 2OG – Oscar S, Tallulah S

★ 2R – Harry M, Fleur D

★ 3DE – Martha D, Magnus B

★ 3M – Clarice J, Matilda S

★ 4B – Finn C, Duru-Nia C

★ 4BA – Alix M-C, Javier W

★ 5HK – Grace B, Billy F

★ 5F – Charlie R, Kameron B

★ 6KR – Reuben J, Sofia H

★ 6N – Abigail B, Chloe G

★ PE Stars of the Week:

Flynn N, Class 6N Isla S, Class 6N

★ Music Stars of the Week:

Willow T, Class 3DE Louis L, Class 4BA Duru-Nia C, Class 4B



'500 Words' Writing Competition

The annual 500 words competition has relaunched! There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds**. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity!

50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous **grand final** at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities. There are also lots of **prizes to be won** - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library.

Not only that, the winning stories will receive an original **illustration** from **Dapo Adeola, Nigel Parkinson, Lydia Monks, Momoko Abe, Rob Biddulph or Yasmeen Ismail**. 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/articles/zctk7v4>

All stories must be submitted online at the website above. The deadline for the competition is **Friday 8th 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 as we'd love to see what fantastic stories have been created!





Oak and Liza's Adventures – By Amelie R, in Class 4B

Oak and her little sister Liza and their parents lived in a small thatched cottage next to the woods. One day Oak and Liza's parents allowed them to go on a picnic in the woods. Or what they thought was the woods...

They packed 2 tuna sandwiches and 2 cartons of milk then they set off. Oak tried to find a path but she banged into a wall. "Am I dreaming? Liza will you please pinch me", said Oak. "Yep", said Liza. "Aaaaargh", screamed Oak. "At least we know you're awake now", giggled Liza. Oak was not impressed but her sister was right so she couldn't shout at her. She just shot Liza an angry glare. Leaning against the wall, Liza felt a doorknob. It was hard, worn and rusty. Oak twizzled it round and opened the door.

They entered a dark room and Oak felt for a light switch but there wasn't one. Liza gulped. For 2 minutes they stood in deadly silence until they heard a grunting sound.

They followed the direction of the sound through a gloomy passageway. The passageway was warm with a smell of death and blood and bones were every side of them everywhere they looked. Eventually they came to another large room where a dim light shone from a small window. Liza peered inside and let out a shriek. "Shut up", whispered Oak. The reason Liza had shrieked was in the large cavern in front of them was a beastly monster. It's teeth were blood red, it's eyes were yellow, and it had a huge green scaly back, and angry eyebrows!

So then they ran straight through the gloomy passage with all of the blood and gore, straight out of what they thought was the forest, and straight onto the street. Then they went back home, realising what had happened, but they did not want to tell their parents. When they were home they had a nice warm bath, sipped some hot chocolate, and went to bed.

But at midnight they both woke up with an urge to go back and see the beast. They twisted the doorknob and went in. But the beast wasn't there!

Then they heard a rattling on the doorknob. The beast was back home.

But it wasn't at all a beast all along. It was in fact their teacher playing a nasty trick on them! So then Oak and Liza and their teacher had a battle with mouldy baguettes they found lying in the corner of the cavern, and Oak and Liza won!

Eventually they found out that what their teacher had been doing was to see if they really were brave people, and they really were, and then they got a really special school award, and the whole school congratulated them.

The end.

Year 6 Fleet Air Arm Museum

On Friday the 4th of October, Year 6 visited the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Yeovilton, to learn more about WW2 and its aircrafts.

Hall 1

When we arrived, Year 6 was split into 4 groups ready to explore their part of the museum. Hall 1 was about WWI. There were helicopters and aircrafts used in 1914 – 1919. We were allowed inside most of these fantastic aircrafts and we also got to dress up in full uniform!

Hall 2

Hall 2 had aircrafts that were used in WW2. We could tell that the planes had been upgraded since 1919. The public were allowed in an aircraft, which had a cockpit that you could sit inside, and from there you could already tell that even in WW2, learning how to fly a plane was not easy. Most of the planes had folded wings (these specific aircrafts were used on aircraft carriers so that they wouldn't take up storage). After we had eaten our lunch, we went to play in the park then headed off to our next hall.



Hall 3

This hall has a replica of what it would be like onboard an aircraft carrier. As we adventured further in, we went past a projection of what it would be like looking over the railings into the vast ocean. After finishing that part, we were taken to an elevator simulator, which told

you about the jobs onboard. Following on from this, we walked through control rooms at the top of the ship.

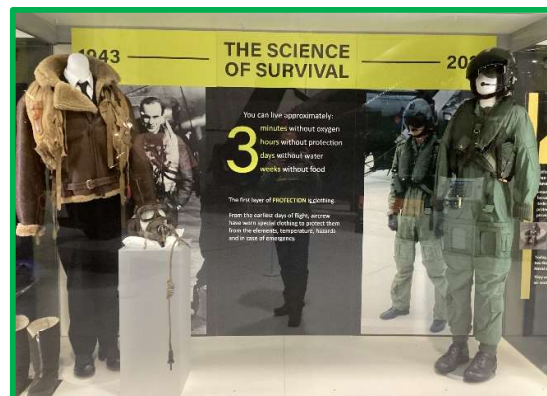
Hall 4

Hall 4 had the incredible Concorde in it as well as other famous aircrafts like the Baracuda (which is being repaired). There were helicopters and planes as well. Concorde was even open to the public and we got to see what it was like inside! Surprisingly, it was very thin, but long! You got to go from the rear all the way to the cockpit.



Overall, Year 6 had an amazing experience!





Learning in Reception



On Monday, we started learning about Autumn. We enjoyed going on a walk around the school to spot signs of Autumn and collect lots of colourful leaves and conkers.

We have made repeating patterns using lots of different resources including autumn leaves, lego, and peg boards.



Learning in Year 1



In Year 1, we have been practising our balancing skills.

Look we can balance on one leg with a bean bag on our heads!

Allotment Plea

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an allotment that is very messy and needs some TLC (tender loving care). Do you have the time and skills to help us? We would be very grateful if you could come every other Friday lunchtime between 12pm – 1pm.

We are Year 6 pupils who love gardening and we hope that with your kind help, the allotment is ship-shape before we leave Newbridge Primary School.

Please contact the School Office, if you are able to help us with this space.

Yours sincerely,

The Eco-Team



Our New Library



We love spending more time in our new library during lesson time. Thank you to the NPSA for creating this beautiful space for us.

Are you interested in volunteering in our school?

Our generous volunteers are incredible and complete a number of different roles within our classrooms.

We could not do all that we do, without you.

If you are inspired to volunteer in school, please contact the School Office:

enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk

Online Safety at Newbridge Primary School

On **Tuesday 22nd October 5:30-7pm**, we will be hosting an in-person Parents and Carers

Online Safety training run by South West Grid for Learning, in the Upper School Hall.

In association with this, we would like to invite you to complete a questionnaire in order for us to tailor the training to best fit the needs and desires of our families. To access the questionnaire, please follow this link <https://forms.gle/RiohwizyiTvRxHzv8>.

Fixed Penalty Notice

If your child misses school because of an unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (or 5 days), the school may issue penalty notices.

Penalty notices will be issued separately to each parent, and for each child. The fine for each penalty notice is £120, with 28 days to pay. If you pay within 21 days, the fine is reduced to £60 for each penalty notice.

For example, a family with two parents (1&2) and two children (A&B) taking unauthorised absence would receive the following penalties:

- **Parent 1** = 1 penalty for child A plus 1 penalty for child B = 2 penalties
 - **Parent 2** = 1 penalty for child A plus 1 penalty for child B = 2 penalties
- Total payable by the family = 4 penalties (or £480).**

If the family in this example had paid their fine within 21 days of being issued the penalty notice, they would have had to pay £240.

For further information:

B&NES Website for parents – Penalty Notice code of conduct.

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/pay-penalty-notice-non-attendance-school>

[Information for Parents and Carers August 2024 \(1\).docx \(live.com\)](#)



Everyone Active

Each Friday morning at 8.10am until 8.40am

Please come along to our free dance session next Friday morning. This will be held in the Upper School hall from 8.10am to 8.40am.

All ages are most welcome, pre-schoolers through to grandparents – there is no need to book, just come along.

Upper School children can come unaccompanied, but must stay in the Hall for the duration of the session. Lower School children must be accompanied.

Upper School children should put their belongings in their cloakroom before the start of the session and Lower School children leave their belongings in the Upper School Foyer.

Children should wear school PE kit and everyone should bring a filled water bottle.

It is a fun and positive start to the day - supporting everyone's well-being and health.



Valuing Difference Day

On **Friday 18th October**, the school are holding a '**Valuing Difference Day**' in which we'll all get the chance to celebrate our wonderfully diverse community. The staff would really like our involvement and have proposed a '**cake sale**' style fundraiser (proceeds going to school and the charity SARI - Stand Against Racism and Inequality). If you are able to kindly donate any food (it doesn't need to be cake!) that celebrates something special about your family, it would be very much appreciated.

OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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 either Jonny Houston or Claire Pickman, both experienced Forest School leaders, with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance. The site and all activities are risk-assessed.

Dates: Monday 28th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October.
Please note, no holiday club on Tuesday 29th as there is tree work planned

Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: 1st day booking: £40
2nd day or 2nd sibling £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



Navigating parenthood PARENTKIND WEBINARS

From supporting your child's health and wellbeing to ensuring success at every stage of school, our expert-led Navigating Parenthood webinars have helped hundreds of parents face the challenges of the parenting journey. Our new season of parent webinars is waiting for you... we can't wait to see you there!

 <p>Helping your child achieve in school 18:00-24:12:30 - 8:30pm</p>	 <p>Caring for children with ADHD Oversendry Jones, Educating Matters 22:10-24:12:30 - 8:30pm</p>
 <p>Autism and transitions into secondary school Carrie Caxares-Tagaling, Beyond Autism 24:09-24:12:30 - 8:30pm</p>	 <p>Helping your child succeed in KS2 maths Lisa McLeod 06:10-24:12:30 - 1:30pm</p>
 <p>Socialising in reception: Finding friends, talking out and everything in between Lisa McLeod 05:30-24:12:30 - 1:30pm</p>	 <p>A nutritionist's guide to dealing with fussy eating Jenny Schache, Nutritionist 16:11-24:12:30 - 1:30pm</p>
 <p>Supporting an anxious child Jennifer Wynan, Bridge the Gap 08:10-24:12:30 - 8:30pm</p>	 <p>Managing your child's smartphone life Matthew Carlton, Stone Mountain Wellbeing 29:11-24:12:30 - 8:30pm</p>
 <p>Dealing with bullying Parenting Focus 18:10-24:12:30 - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Find out more and sign up to our webinars here: www.parentkind.org/parent-training</p>

Parentkind



WE ARE HIRING Join Our Team!

DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN CARING FOR AND SUPERVISING THEM AT LUNCHTIME?

JOB POSITION: SCHOOL MEALS SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

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 to access 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:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	11:45am - 1:15pm	£11.75 per hour	Permanent Contract
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The ideal candidate will need to be:

- Patient and caring
- Dedicated to all children achieving the best they can
- 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 429475

WHAT'S ON AT OUR MUSEUMS

 <p>No1 Royal Crescent - Drawing Workshop Thursday 25 October - 5pm-7pm A playful workshop of drawing for adults and children* to do together. <small>*102 and above</small></p>
 <p>Museum of Bath Architecture - Gothic Stained Glass* Monday 28 October: 10am-12:30pm Drop in and make your own stained-glass window decoration from recycled materials. No booking necessary.</p>
 <p>No1 Royal Crescent - Family Fun Portraits* Wednesday 30 October: 10-11am & 1-2pm Make a Georgian style family portrait in clay relief inspired by our new exhibition 'Being There'.</p>
 <p>No1 Royal Crescent - Mini Matchbox Keepsakes* Wednesday 30 October: 11:15am-12:15pm & 2:15-3:15pm Create a mini matchbox portrait with a bit of bling, taking inspiration from our exhibition 'Being There'.</p>
 <p>Herschel Museum - Stories in the Sky Planetarium Show* Thursday 31 October: see website for timings Join us at Bath Central Library for an exploration of myths and stories tied to the constellations from various cultures.</p>

***Half term activities free for Discovery Card Holders**
See our website for booking details: <https://www.bath-preservation-trust.org.uk>

BATH PRESERVATION TRUST



OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMPS

ST. MARTINS GARDEN

Early Bird Offer!
Book before 18th October for just £15 per day! £20 a day after the 18th October.

Book for a single day or both days!

<p>St. Martins Garden</p> <p>All camps run 10am -2pm</p> <p>Thursday 31st October Friday 1st November</p>	 <p>Book Online</p>	<p>St. Martins Garden</p> <p>Food and drink are not provided on the October Football Camps.</p>
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For more information, contact us: info@bathcityfoundation.org
www.bathcityfoundation.org

Ages 6 -12
CHARITY NO. 1143224

Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are pleased to announce that we have now arranged a parental knife crime awareness event at St Mark's School on Monday 21st October 2024, starting at 6pm.

Please book through our Eventbrite Link below.

The event is aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. They aim to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering you and your children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bnes-vrp-knife-crime-awareness-event-for-parents-carers-tickets-1022634837327>



OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMPS

Girls Only

ST. MARTINS GARDEN

Girls Only Camps £10 per day!

Book for a single day or both days!

<p>St. Martins Garden</p> <p>All camps run 10am -2pm</p> <p>Tuesday 29th Wednesday 30th October</p>	 <p>Book Online</p>	<p>St. Martins Garden</p> <p>Food and drink are not provided on the October Football Camps.</p>
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Glow Run

Run, hop, wheel or walk 3km in the dark

Isobel is taking part in the Glow Run and will be roller skating 3km to raise funds for RUHX.

As part of her fundraising, Isobel has been making lots of bracelets and will be selling these at Una on Chelsea road. Please come and support Isobel:

Date: Tuesday 15th October
Time: 3.30pm-5pm
Location: Una, Chelsea Road

Thank you for your support!
www.justgiving.com/team/teambanana2000

