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Term 1 2025/26

Tuesday 16th September 4N Forest School Thursday 18th September 2OG Forest School Friday 19th September NPSA Picnic 5.30pm Tuesday 23rd September 4AB Forest School

Thursday 25th September 2KO Forest School Phonics Workshop for parents 2.30pm and

5.15pm Book Fair opens 3.15pm Tuesday 30th September

4N Forest School
Flu Vaccines

Thursday 2nd October
2OG Forest School
Friday 3rd October
Year 6 Fleet Air Arm
Museum Trip
Open Classrooms 3.20pm
Sunday 5th October
NPSA Scarecrow Trail

Monday 6th October Open Classrooms 3.20pm Wednesday 8th October Open Classrooms 3.20pm

Monday 13th October
School photographs

Wednesday 15th October Online Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 21st October
Online Parent Teacher

Meetings
Thursday 23rd October
End of Term 1
Friday 24th October

Inset Day for staff

Inset Days 2025/26

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, <u>here</u>.

Please click <u>here</u> for the term dates for 25/26

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support in all of our expectations. The children are responding well to being back at school and are rising to the challenges and responsibilities set. We feel very proud of all of the children and are excited to see their achievements over the coming weeks and course of the year.

Meet the Teacher meetings: Many thanks to the many parents who were able to come along for the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions over the past two weeks. We have received positive feedback about these and are pleased they were helpful. In line with the information shared at the these meetings you will find the 'Meet the Teacher/Back to School' PowerPoint and the 'Welcome to the year group' documents, uploaded to the class pages on the website here. The Spelling Lists for Year 3 to Year 6 are also available on this page. The Year 2 list is published on Google Classroom.

On 3rd, 6th and 8th October the classrooms will be open after school from 3.20pm to 4pm for parents to view their child's learning. Following this, online Teacher/Parent Meetings will take place on Wednesday 15th and Tuesday 21st October. Details of how to book these meetings will follow.

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 sign your child in at the office.

Jonathan Jungle visits Year 4: Year 4 had such a fun and engaging learning opportunity today, when 'Jonathan Jungle' visited their classes. He brought with him some fascinating endangered species which the children learnt about and were able to hold. Jonathan Jungle's visit links with the class novels the year group are reading this term, 'Greta and the Giants' and 'The Explorer'. More to follow next week.

Forest School Returns! Everyone at Newbridge LOVES Forest School and it returned this week for Year 4 and Year 2, led by Claire Pickman. We are incredibly fortunate that with access to the wonderful conservation area, we can make this part of our school offer. See below for images that capture the joy Forest School brings to the children. Thank you sincerely for the parental contributions towards this and those from the NPSA.

Phonics Workshop and Book Fair: On Thursday 25th September a Phonics and Early Reading Workshop will be held for parents, with one session at 2.30pm and a repeated session at 5.15pm. Your support in further developing the children's skills at home will be greatly appreciated. The sessions are aimed at EYFS/KS1 parents, although anyone is welcome. To coincide with this, a Book Fair will be in school from Thursday 25th September to Tuesday 30th September. You will have received an email today, which sets out a Home/School Agreement for the loan of school books. Please can parents complete the live form.

Mobile Phones: Kindy, a parent has shared this video with the school, for any parents who may be feeling the pressure to provide their child with a smart phone. https://youtu.be/xsw9HdM MZw

Volunteers in school: The children would love your help if you are able to volunteer, in any way. This might be to accompany a school trip, to read with the children or to share a skill. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office to arrange a DBS check, and suggest how you might be able to help.

Google Classroom: The class teacher posts a short 'blog' on their Google Classroom page each week, with the first one today. This provides an overview of the week, photographs and any necessary reminders for upcoming weeks. Please take time to have a read so that you are up to speed with what your child is learning. Please get in contact with the School Office if you are having any problems with logging on.

NPSA Picnic: The first NPSA community event of the year is taking place next Friday. The Newbridge Primary School Association has arranged a 'Back to School' picnic for parents and children to enjoy, together. If you are coming along, please be reminded to bring a bag to take any waste home for recycling. Also, to keep everyone safe, please ensure that parents attending are responsible for their children at all times - children must stay in sight on the school field. Many thanks to all those who have made this event possible.

Tours for prospective Reception children 2026: Looking ahead to our Reception intake for September 2026, please know and share with friends, that we are offering tours on a number of mornings and afternoons in the Autumn term. To book one of these sessions please follow this <u>link</u> to the school website.

With best wishes for a happy and restful weekend.

Gill Kennaugh



1DB – Eddison P, Felix SF

20G - Sienna S, Sorsha B

3DE – Charlie B, Ushnik D

4AB – Bella C, Elliott D,

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5HK – Amelie R, Flynn B

6KR –Rosy T, Rory W

1H - Arthur H, Frankie S

2KO - Mia P, Sidney N

3M – Kipp SM, Rueben H

4N - Arlo B, Noa J

5F – Louis W, Sarafina D

6B - Alba M, Jack B

PE Stars of the Week

Harith - Class 6B, Tommy - Class 6B

Music Stars of the Week

Rue - Class 5F, Stuart - Class 6B, Toby - Class 3M

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Responsible Newbridge Citizens





At the beginning of the summer holidays, Benjie B, Olivier F, Ollie G and Ben T – all from Year 5, held a cake sale. They made £70 and very kindly have chosen to give half to like to The Guide Dogs Association and the other half to the NPSA.

Thank you, boys – what fantastic citizens you are!



Our Year 6 2025/26



Our Year 6 Classes! Well done to all of you for a fantastic start to an exciting and signigificant year. We are looking forward to seeing the many, wonderful experiences you will have in your final year of primary school. – Y6 teachers.





Year 6, I want to wish you every success for the exciting journey ahead. This year will be full of opportunities to shine, to grow in confidence and to show all that you have learned during your time at Newbridge.

Guided by our school learning and behaviour values you will be ready to face challenges, celebrate achievements and make the most of every experience. And with this, you will be secondary school ready.

By the time you leave, our aim is that you will be academically and socially confident, and ready to take your next steps as caring, creative, and healthy young people who will actively and responsibly make a difference to our world.

Work hard, take on responsibility, support one another and always remember that you are an important and valued part of our school community. – Ms Kennaugh





Year 4 Forest School









Summer in the School Allotment

A big thank you to the wonderful families who have taken the time to help look after the school allotment over the summer holidays. Thanks to their hard work we're now harvesting runner beans, courgettes, marrows, herbs, mounds of tomatoes, and we're watching our school pumpkin grow bigger every week, hopefully ready to pick in time for Halloween! We're really proud of what has been achieved this year and excited for an even bigger and better season in Spring 2026! The Allotment Team.















Our Extra Curricular Programme

We are very proud of the breadth and quality of our extra-curricular offer – we are now running 25 clubs in Term 1 and Term 2.

From sports and music to arts and languages, our clubs and activities are designed to spark interests and build skills.

Taking part in extra-curricular activities has many benefits for children: They nurture confidence, teamwork and resilience, while also giving children the chance to try something new and discover hidden talents.

Thank you for signing up and supporting your children to get involved – we can't wait to see all they achieve through these opportunities.

Thank you, also, to the office staff who have coordinated the whole programme – this has taken a great deal of time and work.

SMART WATCHES IN SCHOOL

There are an increasing number of children in Year 3 to Year 6 with Smart Watches, and therefore please can we ask parents to adhere to our policy, to support everyone's safety.

Smart Watches with camera facilities and independent access to the internet must have these functions disabled before entering the school premises. Smart Watches brought into school are to be used for no other function beyond telling the time.

Inappropriate or misuse of Smart Watches on school premises (or during school trips) will lead to confiscation until appropriate arrangements can be made for the collection of the device by a parent or carer, and such incidents be dealt with in accordance with the Online Safety and Behaviour Policy.

Smart Watches brought into school will be the sole responsibility of the child concerned and the school will accept no responsibility for any subsequent damage or loss.

Free Webinar on Emotional Health and Well-being for Parents/Carers

We are pleased to offer a FREE webinar on emotional health and well-being, hosted by the School Aged Health Service. The session will take place on 17th of September 2025 at 11am and is specifically designed for parents and carers.

This is a repeat of previous sessions delivered, so if you missed it last time, we encourage you to take this opportunity to attend.

If you would like to join, please use the link to sign up. We encourage you to join us for this valuable session.

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/29aaa760-d70e-4bc5-9dab-550f9d87425e@2c2b1ee0-a8a1-49e6-a820-5ce4890cf466



Moving House?



Having a clear out? Your local school needs your help!

We have transformed our lunchtimes by giving the children lots of household items to play with.

Our favourite play items include:

Anything on wheels - suitcases, pushchairs, trolleys, skateboards, scooters, bikes, wheelchairs, wagons, toys.

Fancy clothing - fun items for dressing up, any shape or size.

Kitchen - metal, wood and plastic toys only please DIY & Tools - ladders, rope, tarpaulins, foam, nets, guttering, tubes.

Small electricals - the more buttons the better, phones, keyboards, game controllers.

Household - soft furnishings

Gardening - children's tools, wellies, pots, watering cans, waterproof clothing, sandpit toys, bins, baskets, crates, wooden poles, plants.

Anything else, we'll give it a second life...surprise us!



WE ARE HIRING Join Our Team!



DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, CARING FOR AND SUPERVISING THEM AT LUNCHTIME IN YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL?

JOB POSITION: SCHOOL MEAL 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 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 £12.85 per hour Permanent Contract

The ideal candidate would have 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 all appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

To find out more, please contact Newbridge Primary School

enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk
01225 421675

To apply please visit our website for an application pack



Everyone Active

Each Friday morning at 8.10am until 8.40am

It was so lovely to see so many new Reception children and parents at our first session of the year – please all come again, next week.

Our free dance session is held every Friday morning 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 turn up.

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.



Neurodevelopmental Pathway Support Line



The voice
of parent carers
of young people
(0-25 years)
with SEND

- Workshops
- Cafes
- Family events
- Events for parent carers
- ND Helpline
- Peer to Peer Support

B&NES Parent Carer Forum

B&NES Parent Carer Forum is free to join. Just go to

www.banespcf.co.uk/membership

Members get priority booking at all events, advance notice of activities, opportunities to meet other parent carers and much more.

Facebook: Banes Parent Carer Forum and BANES PCF Talk

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/banespcf/?hl=en

The Neurodevelopmental Pathway
Support Line is

now open

Wednesdays 9am - 1pm

Thursdays 1pm - 5pm

01761502515

or email

ndsupport@banespcf.co.uk

MORE SUPPORT LINES OPENING SOON, JOIN TO FIND OUT MORE



We are a local charity in Bath helping families who are struggling financially by providing their 0-5 year olds with free clothing, equipment and essentials.

DONATE ITEMS

We rely on donations to have items to give to our clients. We love that we are reusing and recycling clothing and equipment that are already in our community and are able to pass them on to those who need them.

If you have items to donate please email donations@thenestproject.co.uk. You can also check out our socials to find a list of what we're looking for at the moment or donate directly via our Amazon Wishlist.

SUPPORT US FINANCIALLY

If you'd like to support us in running this essential service for local families in need, please consider financially contributing to the work that we do. You can give as a one-off or set up regular giving by scanning the QR code on the reverse or heading to www.thenestproject.co.uk/give.

VOLUNTEER

The Nest Project relies on incredible volunteers! If you've got some time to spare we have a number of volunteering opportunities, get in touch with us to find out more.

For more information about the project visit our website or follow us on social media. Alternatively, please turn over and scan the QR code to find out more.



Scan here to find out how to donate items, support us financially and volunteer.





100 Club Winners, Congratulations! Jan Bishop, Sarah Cowey, Michelle Elliott Perfect for children aged 5–11, our camps combine hands-on technology with creativity, giving young learners the chance to explore coding, robotics, engineering, and more in a safe, engaging, and spooky Halloween-themed environment!

What's in store this October?

This year's camp is packed with spook-tacular activities your child won't want to miss:

- Revolting Robotics & Creepy Coding Program robots with wild tricks, from dancing to answering spooky questions.
 - Crazy Circuits & Animation Build circuits and bring your ideas to life with stop-motion and digital animation.
- LEGO Robotics & Coding Adventures Bring LEGO creations to life with WeDo2, learning engineering basics and simple coding along the way
 - Monstrous Media Film, photograph, and edit like a pro using our media equipment.
- Spooky Science, MINECRAFT & Virtual Worlds Launch hair-raising rockets, conjure up Minecraft marvels, and step into spine-tingling VR adventures!

Why choose our October Tech Camps?

- ✓ Safe, fun, and educational childcare during half term
 - √ Hands-on access to cutting-edge tech
- ✓ A Halloween twist that makes learning even more exciting
- ✓ Expert instructors who make STEM engaging and inspiring

Pricing & Booking £39.99 per day

- * Or save with our discounted pass: 5 days for £175
- ✓ We accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare
- → Spaces are filling fast book now: https://www.nextthing.education/product/newbridge-primary-school-october-camp/

Let's make this October half term an unforgettable adventure of coding, creativity, and discovery! **2** Warm wishes,

The Next Thing Education Team

Unique Voice

You are warmly invited to an online event introducing *Safer Together*, a new film and conversation resource created by young people in Bristol, designed to help families and communities talk about the realities and risks of knife crime, and how to move from these concerns towards hope and change.

About Safer Together:

In the wake of devastating losses in our local community and across the country, young people have come together through creativity and film to share their feelings, fears and hopes. The *Safer Together* film is a powerful piece created by young people, for young people, and aims to open up honest, informed conversations at home and in the community.

Session details:

- Tuesday 14th October
- (L) Online 12.30-13.15
- P Open to parents, carers and guardians of young people

This supportive and informative session will:Introduce the film and accompanying conversation resource.Offer ideas for how to speak with your child about knife crime in a trauma-informed way.Signpost helpful organisations such as Crimestoppers and Fearless

If you would like to attend you can register for your space <u>HERE</u>

Any questions you may have about the event please feel free to contact me at jenni@uniquevoice.org.







meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.



Sign up using the QR code or visit wema.org.uk/discoveryday





Community day

Saturday 13 September, 12 – 4pm

Join us at the RUH and Lansdown Cricket Club, entry is free

- Meet RUH staff
- **Emergency vehicles**
- Live music (12:30 9:30pm)
- Health checks and information
- Art workshops (12.30 3.30pm)
- Careers information
- Food and drink
- Family-friendly activities
- Fundraising for RUHX
- Meet PAT dogs

Find out more: Ruh.nhs.uk/communityday

