



# NEWBRIDGE NEWS

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## Dates Term 2

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Volunteers' Thank You  
2.20pm

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch  
Upper School Christmas  
Concert 6pm  
Lower School Emmanuel  
Church Nativity 9.30am

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Lower School Christmas  
Parties  
Upper School Christmas  
Concert 10am  
School Reports home

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of Term 2

## Term 3

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

INSET Day

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

First day of Term 3

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Year 4 Roman Baths  
Workshop

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Clubs start this week

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Year 4 Multiplication Meeting  
at 3.30pm

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

NPSA Meeting at 7.30pm

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Year 6 Assessment Week

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

NPSA Cake & Uniform Sale  
Parents to look at books  
3.15pm – 4pm

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Parents to look at books  
3.15pm – 4pm

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Parents to look at books  
3.15pm – 4pm

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Parent and Teacher Meetings

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Parent and Teacher Meetings

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

End of Term 3

## Inset Days 2024/25

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Our NPSA – supporting our children, our families and our community:** My sincere thanks is expressed to all of the parent volunteers who coordinated new plans over the weekend, following the cancellation of the Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who enabled some of the stalls to take place on Monday after school. The whole fair could not be recreated in the limited term time available; however, I think much fun was had with the most popular stalls – raising funds in the region of £700 to support our children and their school.

**Lower School Nativity Performances:** This week, the Lower School brought Christmas joy to the school community with their superb performances of Bethlehem's Buzzin'. Seeing every child from Reception to Year 2 take centre stage and embrace their special moment, filled the hall with smiles, pride and even a few tears from their audience of parents, carers and grandparents. Classes 2M and 2R led the way with impressive acting and enthusiastic singing, showcasing the hard work they have put into learning their lines and delivering them with confidence to a full-capacity hall. Reception charmed everyone as shining stars and little donkeys, showing courage and confidence as they took the stage. Meanwhile, Year 1 reindeers and shepherds warmed hearts with their fun performances. A huge well done to all of the children for their efforts, and a special thank you to our teachers and teaching assistants for coordinating nearly 180 children in one nativity. Finally, thank you to our audiences for cheering the children on and celebrating their success. These performances created special memories for everyone involved, I am sure.

For another treat, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the Lower School will visit Emmanuel Church on Apsley Road. Year 2 children will complete a simple nativity and all of the Lower School will join in with Christmas songs. Parents are welcome to attend; this performance starts at 9.30am.

**Christingle at St Johns Foundation:** We were kindly invited to a Christingle at the St Johns Foundation on Combe Park, yesterday. The children were thrilled to take part and chat with the elderly residents. It was our pleasure to be involved.

**Upper School Music Concert:** The Upper School Concert will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. Parents and carers are welcome at either performance.

**Lower School Christmas Parties:** The Lower School classes will have parties on the afternoon of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The children do not need to bring anything but are allowed to wear suitable party clothes.

**Cheryl from Mojo Moves returns!:** There was great excitement on the playground today, as Cheryl returned for an outside Christmas dance session with all of the children. You should have seen their faces! Cheryl used to lead the early morning Everyone Active dance session on a Friday, and will be returning to Newbridge in the new year to lead these again!

**School Menu and meal bookings for Term 3:** The menu for Terms 3 and 4 is now on the website, [here](#). Please make sure you book your child's meals by midnight on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, for Term 3.

**Thank you to our Volunteers:** We would like to invite all volunteers who have helped our school, since September, to join us for a 'coffee and mince pie thank you' on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.20pm. This will be held in the Blue Room and children will play some musical items. Please complete this form, if you have volunteered and are able to come [Volunteers' Thank you](#).

**Extra Curricular Activities:** All extra-curricular activities have now finished for the term. Thank you to all the children who made the commitment to attend the activities and to all of the club leaders for providing these opportunities. A revised extra-curricular clubs list is available [here](#) for Term 3 and 4. Activities will commence from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Staffing Update:** As well as Ms Rhodes retiring at the end of term, we are also sadly saying goodbye to Miss Kitchener who works in the school office. She is relocating to Weymouth and unfortunately, the commute is just too far. We will miss her greatly, as I know the children and parents will. Good luck, Miss Kitchener.

**Autumn Term Reports:** All pupils will receive an interim school report at the end of term. This report will inform parents of how their child is meeting our school learning values and how they are currently performing in relation to the national curriculum age related expectations. This report will come home by hand, addressed to the parent/carer.

**Lost Property:** This is a final call for all lost property. For Upper School, please check the pegs immediately inside the cloakroom. For the Lower School, please check the red box in the Lower School Hall.

Have a good weekend, everyone – in preparation for the final week of the term, Gill Kennaugh

# ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

**Bees** – Lara L, Harry C

**Ladybirds** – Whole Class!

**1DO** – Khmani M, Livia W

**1G** – Ezrae W, Monty M

**2OG** – Whole Class!

**2R** – Whole Class!

**3DE** – Whole Class!

**3M** – Whole Class!

**4B** – Beau G, Anna T

**4BA** – George R, Leo T

**5HK** – Josh H, Elizabeth D,  
Harison H

**5F** – Olivia K, Sami R

**6KR** – Rakib K, Maddie H

**6N** – Flynn N, Amira A

## PE Stars of the Week:

Anisa G, Class 5HK Naleen Y, Class 5HK

## Player of the day:

Flynn N, Class 6N

## Music Stars of the Week:

Amelie S, Class 5F Anisa G, Class 5HK

### Google Classroom

Please log on to read the class teacher's blog, posted today. It will tell you about key activities which have taken place this week. We welcome comments and posts which are in line with our school values.

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### Lost Property

There remains to be a great deal of lost property in school, including many winter coats. For Upper School, please check the pegs immediately inside the cloakroom. For the Lower School, please check the red box in the Lower School Hall.

# Newbridge Boys v Moorlands



**The team:** Rhed M, Eddie M, Harith A, Sam R, William B, Otis H, Ollie A, Charlie R, Jake S, Tommy E, Harry B, Flynn N, Tom C and Barney P

## Moorlands 1-1 Newbridge

Moorlands' footballers were back on the pitch on Thursday in an away fixture in the Invitational League.

As always with these fixtures, it was a very close game, and in the end the points were shared as neither side could find the winning goal. It was made harder by the tough conditions being played in - heavy rain and strong winds meaning a slippery and in places boggy pitch.

The first half finished 0-0, with Newbridge arguably on top in terms of having the most possession and shots. In the third quarter Newbridge stepped up a level and the boys played some really excellent passing football. This was rewarded when a pass from Harry found Flynn, who took on the two central defenders and rounded them before hitting a lovely finish into the side netting.

The final quarter was once again end-to-end football. Otis twice made important saves to keep Moorlands out, with the opposite goalkeeper doing the same against the Newbridge strikers. In the end though, Moorlands did find a way through and at the final whistle a draw was the conclusion to a really entertaining game.

The point means Newbridge are still top of the league on goal difference, equal on points with Moorlands.

Well done to all the boys who played, it was a great display of football and as always, the effort and conduct of every player did Newbridge School proud.

**Player of the Day:** Flynn. Worked hard at all times, made life for the Moorlands defenders very hard, and scored a great goal!

Mr Farrier - Coach

# Year 6 Choir at Stratton House

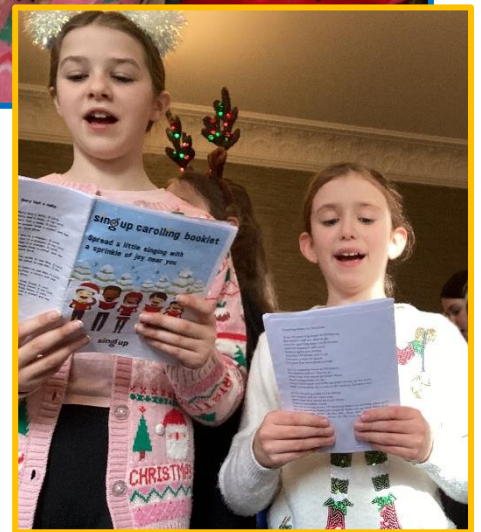
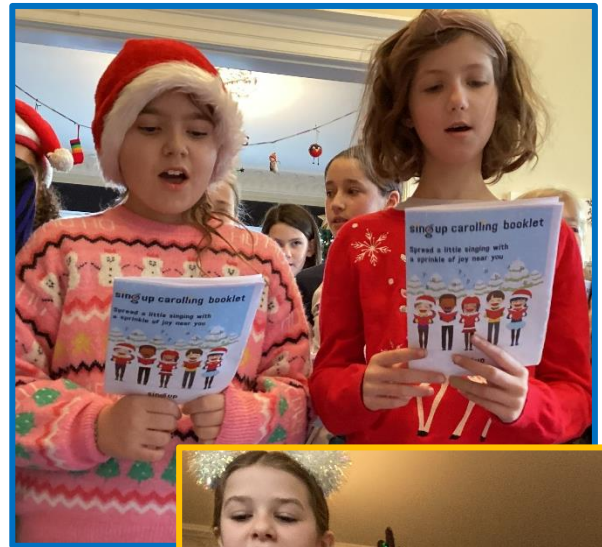
Last Friday, 23 Year 6 choir children travelled down to Stratton House Residential Care Home to sing some carols with the residents. This is a long standing tradition for Newbridge and it is always a pleasure to bring a bit of joy into our local community.

The residents thoroughly enjoyed singing along and the children then spent some time talking to the residents and were wonderfully engaged in conversation. It moved me to see just how kind and caring the children were - amazing Newbridge citizens.

I then took a smaller group of children to a few of the residents' rooms to sing. This was particularly special as some residents are bed-bound and could not join us in the main room.

A huge thank you to Mrs Dinsdale and Mr Prince for accompanying us.

Mrs Best – Music Coordinator







# The Lower School Nativity



Wow, wow, wow. Bethlehem was certainly buzzin' around here this week. Year 2 staged their Nativity to rapturous applause and rightly so as we cannot begin to tell you the pride that we feel of every single child in the choir and on the stage.

They were ably supported by Bee and Ladybird classes and Class 1G and Class 1DO in ensuring the audiences were smiling from ear to ear when watching their dancing, singing and signing. To do what they did in such a short space of time was incredible. Their collaboration and personal development was apparent to see at all times. We will be singing those songs way after New Year! Thank you to all the parents for supporting the children.





## NPSA Christmas Bauble Competition



On Thursday this week, Ms Kennaugh held a lovely Hot Chocolate Party celebrating Euan O - Bee Class, Effie W -Class 2R, and Beatrix B - Class 4BA and their recent successes of winning the Christmas Bauble Competition.

Christmas music could be heard and the Christmas lights were glistening for all to see.

Well done to our three winners and to all who took part in the competition. There were some fantastic designs.



## Making Woolton Pies in Year 6

Rakib (Class 6KR) and Abi (Class 6N) shared the Y6 'Woolton Pie Making Experience'.

This week we made Woolton pies which links to our enquiry this term [How do we cope in a crisis?] The Woolton pie was designed to fill families up and was considered a nutritious meal. It's also made with basic ingredients as this would have been in times of rationing, when food was scarce. We designed the pies and added three ingredients of our choice.

The pastry mix included: wholemeal flour, water and margarine [vegan]. The basic pie filling was: onion, carrot and potatoes but we could then add ingredients of our choice – which we brought from home. After, when we had cooked the pies in the oven, we tasted some spare pies Mrs Dennis and Mrs Card had made for us using the left over ingredients. Before we went home, we collected our delicious pies invented for rationing, and enjoyed them for our dinner that evening.





# B&NES Large School Sports Hall Athletics



The end of November saw 18 Newbridge Athletes take part in an action-packed Sports Hall Athletics event at Wellsway School. The huge Wellsway Hall was filled with competitors, staff and parents creating an exciting and electric atmosphere for the fast-paced running, throwing and jumping events.

We won the overall event and have now qualified for the county finals which are to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Noticeable highlights for Newbridge from the Wellsway event were wins in the Girls – Obstacle relay, 2+2 lap relay and the 4x1 relay. Additionally, the boys took wins in the 1+1 relay, 6 lap Paarlauf and the over and under relay.

Well done to all involved and a special thank you to the parents that assisted with transportation logistics and Mrs Dennis for her support of the team.

Mr Wallace – PE Lead



# Year 4 Stockings



Year 4 have been working hard this week making stockings, which are being completed during their Design and Technology lessons.

Thank you to the amazing volunteers who have come into school to help with these lessons.





## Everyone, Mojo Moves is back!

Mojo Moves came in this lunch time for a dance session – it was **GREAT!** We look forward to welcoming Cheryl from Mojo Moves back in January. More information to follow soon!



## Knife crime awareness events

Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership

Join us at

Newbridge Primary School  
Wednesday 22nd January, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Chew Valley School  
Monday 10th February, 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Parents and carers in B&NES are invited to learn about the devastating impact of knife crime and how they can support young people to steer away from its dangers at a series of events. You will hear from a guest speaker with lived experience who has been personally affected by knife crime. There will be an opportunity to hear about the support available for children and families in B&NES and view a partnership film on county lines.

There will also be a panel discussion with an opportunity to ask questions.

Free tickets can be booked in advance via [Eventbrite](#), search for **B&NES VRP** to find your nearest event.

The event is organised by the Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership which aims to prevent and reduce violence in our area.

Any questions about the event can be emailed to [VRP\\_Events@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:VRP_Events@bathnes.gov.uk)

Or book your ticket now on [Eventbrite](#)

For more information visit [Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership \(VRP\)](#)

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# MEN'S CAFÉ

Monday nights at the Weston Hub  
Once a month, 8 - 9.30pm.

18th November  
16th December  
20th January  
17th February

[facebook.com/westonmenscafe](https://www.facebook.com/westonmenscafe)  
westonmenscafe@gmail.com

National Trust

12 Days of Christmas  
at Prior Park

30 November - 15 December weekends only  
21 December - 5 January daily (closed 24/25)

Find magical interpretations of this family-favourite carol dotted around the garden.

Regular admission applies. No parking. Festive treats available at the Tea Cabin.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/prior-park-landscape-garden](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/prior-park-landscape-garden)

### Make This Christmas Magical with Mentoring Plus

Looking for the perfect Christmas tree, a unique gift, or a special visit with Santa? Youth charity Mentoring Plus has everything you need! Based in Bath & North East Somerset, the charity provides life-changing 1:1 mentoring, youth clubs, and activities. This December, they're hosting three festive events to raise funds for their vital work, and they'd love for you to join them at the Riverside Youth Hub (behind Richer Sounds, London Road, Bath, BA1 6AE).

**Christmas Fair + Santa's Grotto** – Saturday 7 December, 10am-2pm - Grotto tickets - £5pp incl small gift

**Wreath-Making Workshop** – Sunday 8 December, 2pm-4pm - £35pp incl materials and refreshments

**Christmas Tree Sale** – Saturday 7 & 14 December, 10am-4pm; Sunday 8 December, 2pm-4pm - available for pre-order / buy on the day

Find out more / book tickets / visit Christmas Tree shop: [www.mentoringplus.net/events](http://www.mentoringplus.net/events)

## BATH WALKING, WHEELING & CYCLING LINKS

### Have your say on Bath Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Links

It only takes 10 minutes to have your say on four active travel routes across Bath.

The four routes will create more than 6.2km of cycling routes across Bath through advisory lanes, dedicated spaces and quiet routes. It will also provide significant walking and wheeling improvements, such as upgraded crossings and more convenient and safer options.

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Links to Royal United Hospital  
Oldfield School to Newbridge Hill  
City centre to Kennet & Avon Canal

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## WEST OF ENGLAND MUSIC AND ARTS

### JUNIOR CHOIR DAY – HOLIDAY COURSE in KEYNSHAM

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to invite your child to join us for a Junior Choir Day 3<sup>rd</sup> January. This is a fantastic opportunity to join with other children in the area and have fun singing in a choir under the guidance of our highly skilled West of England Music and Arts teachers.

Did you know that singing in a choir is not only fun but develops musical skills, helps build social skills, improves self-confidence and relieves stress.

To be able to join this Junior Choir Day your child must be in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6.

**WHERE:** St Keyna, Primary School, Monmouth Road, Keynsham, BS31 2JP

**WHEN:** Friday 3rd January

**TIME:** 9am – 3.30pm. Parents / Carers are invited for a short performance at 3.15pm.

**WHAT TO BRING:** packed lunch and drinks for the day

**WHAT TO WEAR:** comfortable clothing

**COST:** £25 for the day. No charge if your child is eligible for pupil premium.

**HOW TO SIGN UP AND PAY:** Go to [www.wema.org.uk/junior-choir-day](http://www.wema.org.uk/junior-choir-day)

The deadline for applicants is: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

I do hope your young musician can join us for this exciting opportunity. If you have any further questions, please email: [music@wema.org.uk](mailto:music@wema.org.uk)

Best wishes  
Alice Bodiley  
Programme Leader: Groups and Courses  
West of England Music and Arts

## Positive Parenting Course

Starts Fri 24th Jan 2025

12:30 - 2:30pm, online

8x group sessions + 2x 1:1s

Register your interest now. You'll then be offered a place, at which point you can confirm your intention to participate.

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