



NEWBRIDGE News

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Dates Term 1

Tuesday 17th September
Flu Vaccinations
2R Forest School

Thursday 19th September
4BA Forest School

Friday 20th September
NPSA Bags to School

Tuesday 24th September
NPSA Meeting at 7.30pm

Wednesday 25th September
EYFS/KS1 Phonics Meeting at 2.45pm

Friday 27th September
NPSA Cake and Uniform Sale

Tuesday 1st September
2OG Forest School

Wednesday 2nd October
Year 6 Fleet Air Museum Trip

Thursday 3rd October
4B Forest School

Friday 4th, Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th October
Parents to look at Books

Tuesday 8th October
2R Forest School

Thursday 10th October
4BA Forest School
Parents' Evening from 2.30pm

Friday 11th October
Individual photographs

Tuesday 15th October
Parents' Evening
2OG Forest School

Thursday 18th October
4B Forest School

Thursday 24th October
Harvest – Julian House
End of Term 1

Friday 25th October
INSET Day

Term 2

Tuesday 5th November
2R Forest School

Thursday 7th November
NPSA Fireworks

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 term dates for the year.

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 these meetings, you will find the 'About Us' documents uploaded to the class pages on the website [here](#). The Spelling Lists for Year 2 to Year 6 are also available on this page.

On 4th, 7th and 9th October the classrooms will be open after school from 3.20pm to 4pm for parents to view your child's learning. Following this, online teacher/parent meetings will take place on Thursday 10th and Tuesday 15th 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 this week 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 novel the year group are reading this term, The Explorer, and encourages the children to think about what kind of animals they might discover if they were to be an explorer. The children's behaviour, and respect for the animals was excellent, just as we would expect. Please see below for this and some great photographs.

Forest School Returns! Everyone at Newbridge LOVES Forest School. Sadly, there needed to be a break from this activity last year following the distressing news of Sarah's health. However, with Sarah's full support, we are running the identical model this year, with Claire. Therefore Year2 and Year 4 access Forest School on a Tuesday and Thursday and the Forest School extra-curricular club is up and running after school, too. We are incredibly fortunate that with access to the wonderful conservation area, we can make this part of our offer. See below for images that capture the joy Forest School brings to the children.

Phonics Meeting for Parents: On Wednesday 25th September at 2.45pm there will be a meeting for parents, led by Mrs O'Byrne, to support pupil's application of phonics. Phonics, Reading and Writing are key aspects of the school development plan this year, and your support in further developing the children's skills at home will be greatly appreciated. This is aimed at EYFS/KS1 parents, though anyone is welcome.

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: You might know that the class teacher post short 'blog' on their Google Classroom page, and hopefully you saw last Friday's post. The teacher 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. You are welcome to leave a simple message or a thumbs-up, should you wish to. Please get in contact with the School Office if you are having any problems with logging on.

NPSA Picnic – today: The first NPSA community event of the year is happening today. 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/carers 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.

Open Afternoons for Reception children 2025/26: Looking ahead to our Reception intake for September 2025, please know, and share with friends, that we are offering tours on a number of mornings and afternoons in October. To register interest in attending one of these sessions, please call the school office on 01225 421675.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,
Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ **1DO** – Max W, Sorsha B

★ **1G** – Mia P, Freddie S

★ **2OG** – Nancy F, Arthur L-F

★ **2R** – Penny T, Oscar B-J

★ **3DE** – Luke W, Rose Y

★ **3M** – Elliott D, Arthur B

★ **4B** – Ernie B, Mia-Louise N-J

★ **4BA** – Mackenzie P, Beatrix B

★ **5HK** – Otis H, Precious F

★ **5F** – Whole Class!

★ **6KR** – Finley P, Maddie H

★ **6N** – Harry A, Ava-Daisy A

★ PE Stars of the Week

Romi H, Class 6KR Rakib K, Class 6KR **Music**

★ Stars of the Week

Benjamin B, Class 4B Sophia D, Class 3M

★ Bee and Ladybird Classes –
settling into school life ★



Around School This Week

Year 4 Visit from Jonathan Jungle

On Tuesday, Year 4 were taken to the Amazon Rainforest through a visit from the brilliant Jonathan Jungle. The children were thrilled to meet many different animals such as, snakes, geckos and Katydid crickets. They learnt lots of new facts and were all very brave as they held a snake and allowed it to lick their hand or nose. It was a real treat!



A message to Jonathan from Jia in Class 4BA:

Hi Jonathan, I enjoyed seeing the animals. I liked the snake. I liked it because it stayed still and had cool colours. I hated the spiders because they are very scary to me. I liked your leaf bug thingys and the lizard.

Year 2 Forest School

Class 2OG were lucky enough to have Forest School and what a lovely experience it was too. Claire showed us round the forest school and reminded us of the boundaries. We then played some great games which meant we were active in our learning. We played some dancing games and some trust games too. We then got to have some free time where we used the ropes and tarpaulin to create shelters. It was a wonderful afternoon - and we managed to dodge the showers too!





Year 4 Forest School

Year 4 had a fabulous time out at Forest School with Claire Pickman, on Thursday this week. They completed multiple different activities and had a great time whilst doing so.



Extra Curricular Programme

Zen & the Art of Ping Pong

Our extra curricular programme began in earnest this week and it's been great to see so many pupils taking part in a variety of activities.

Our morning Table Tennis Club proved popular last year so we've expanded to running more days and involving more year groups this year.

The game is a perfect start to a school morning with children finding a calming flow state with the relaxed alertness and concentration required to play the game.

Most importantly it's also great fun to play!

Mr Wallace



Bath City FC Family Day



Bath City FC have kindly donated 150 Family Tickets to the school for their 'Family Day' match on **Saturday 21st September** – Men's 1st Team v Enfield Town FC 3pm Kick off at Twerton Park, Twerton, Bath BA2 1DB.

Each family ticket will admit 2 adults and up to 4 children.

To claim your free family tickets please complete our online form below, tickets will have to be allocated on a first come first served basis.

<https://forms.office.com/e/wUbQZsB0uK>



Newbridge Primary School



Online Safety Newsletter **Sept 2024**

Need app ideas?

Internet Matters have curated a list of age-appropriate apps depending on what your aim is when your child is spending time online:

Skill Building apps:
If you would like to help your child develop a new skill, then you might find some useful ideas here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/skill-building-apps-guide-for-kids/>

Social Media Algorithms

What is an Algorithm?
Algorithms influence what we see on social media platforms and predicts what type of content we are most likely to interact with, thereby keeping us online for longer. The algorithm uses information such as who you follow, what you have searched for and what you have watched, liked or shared to determine what it thinks most interests you, to then show you this content more, for example, in the explore tab on Instagram.



This month's **Online Safety Newsletter** contains some excellent resources on apps that help support your children's learning, how to discuss distressing news with children and tips on creating healthy online wellbeing for the whole family.

[Click here](#) to find the link to the latest issue.



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. Please come along.





Neurodevelopmental Pathway Support Line



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 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

**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

**Newbridge
Primary School**

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
£11.79 per hour
Permanent Contract



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 421675**



NHS
Royal United Hospitals Bath
NHS Foundation Trust

Community open day

Saturday 21 September, 12 – 4pm

Join us for free at the RUH and Lansdown Cricket Club

- Find out about life at your local hospital
- See emergency vehicles
- Enjoy games, a bouncy castle, interactive stands and department tours
- Live music at the cricket club until 10pm
- Free entry – no booking required
- For more information: ruh.nhs.uk/communityday

The RUH, where you matter

In partnership with:

LANSDOWN CRICKET CLUB

RUH



Ralph Allen School
Open Evening
Thursday 19 September 2024
6-8pm

For further info and to register your interest, scan below to visit our website



Tour the school

Listen to the Headteacher's speech

Meet members of staff

Sample our delicious menu

Contact us:
Tel: 01225 838936
Email: h.baker@palladianacademytrust.com

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St Mark's School BATH
Open Events 2024

Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership

Let your light shine

OPEN EVENING
Tuesday 17th September 6:30 - 8:30pm
Doors open at 6:00pm
Presentation at 6:30pm

OPEN MORNING
Friday 27th September 9:00 - 11:00am

We look forward to welcoming you!

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