



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Dates Term 1

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
Class 6N Bath Blitz Walk

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
Class 6KR Bath Blitz Walk  
4B Forest school

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
NPSA Cake and Uniform Sale

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
2R Forest School

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
4BA Forest School

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
2OG Forest School

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
4B Forest School

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 6 Choir to Stratton  
House

Non-Uniform for School Fair

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Santa's Grotto and Fair

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Clubs finish this week

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
Lower School Nativity (2OG)  
at 9.30am  
2R Forest School

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Lower School Nativity (2R) at  
9.30am

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
4BA Forest School

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Volunteers' Thank You  
Year 2 Emmanuel Church  
Nativity Practice

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Lunch  
Upper School Christmas  
Concert 6pm  
Year 2 Emmanuel Church  
Nativity

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Lower School Christmas  
Parties  
Upper School Christmas  
Concert 10am  
School Reports

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Assembly  
Last day of Term 2

## Inset Days 2024/25

Monday 6th January

Friday 27th June

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Remembrance Assembly:** We held our Remembrance Assembly on Monday. The whole school gathered to reflect on the significance of Armistice Day and the importance of paying our respects to those who have lost their lives, fought or been injured in war. William, Isla, Elsa and Jake from Year 6 read poems they had written about Remembrance and the impact of war. These were sensitive and powerful. Mrs Keep played the Last Post on a bugle, and we held a two minute silence— it was a poignant moment in a busy school day.

**Year 5 out and about:** Both Year 5 classes walked to The Herschel Museum of Astronomy in Bath this week. The museum is dedicated to the achievements of the Herschels: astronomers and talented musicians. It was from this house that William Herschel discovered Uranus in 1781. This visit supported further understanding of the Year 5 curriculum about Space.

**Year 4 Cross Country Championships:** What an afternoon this was on Wednesday!! Oh my goodness, I could not believe the results when the team came back to Newbridge after participating at the Glass House Playing Fields. Read on for Mr Wallace's round-up. Well done to all of the pupils who represented Newbridge.

**Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament:** Thank you to Mr Farrier who took our boys' team to Odd Down this morning for the B&NES tournament. Thirsty for success, they played outstandingly, demonstrating confidence and skill in some tough matches....and they won!! A full report will be available next week.

**NPSA Meeting:** It was a pleasure to attend the NPSA meeting on Tuesday evening. It was well-attended and all of the parents present were firmly committed to the values of the NPSA in supporting our children, our school and our community. With reflections of prior events, planning for new and upcoming ones and discussing funds raised, there was much for everyone to celebrate. The NPSA kindly supported our request for funding for musical instruments and a continued commitment to play for all. Thank you, everyone – we are in an incredibly fortunate position to have the NPSA behind us.

There are some NPSA competitions running at the moment, and the winner and runners up will be announced in next week's newsletter. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, there will be a cake and uniform sale after school, and then on the 7<sup>th</sup> December we look forward to the Christmas Fair and Santa's Grotto.

**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, when they are closed. 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.

**OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning:** Thanks to the parents and carers who kindly completed the baseline survey about play, to help with the roll-out of OPAL. There is still time to complete it, if you have not done so already [here](#). Thank you also for the donations made so far. Please see the full list below in case you have anything to donate. Please can all parents send their child to school with a waterproof coat with a hood, each day, so that we can play outside in all weathers. We will keep you updated on further OPAL plans, as we go.

**Anti-Bullying Week:** This week was Anti-Bullying Week and from playgrounds to parliament and our phones to our homes, the Anti-Bullying Alliance is calling on everyone to 'Choose Respect'. During the week the children have thought about what it means to support each other to champion kindness, because being kind is not a sign of weakness but a mark of strength. Anti-Bullying Week will have empowered our children to solve problems with empathy and choosing respect even when we might disagree. These messages were reinforced by an assembly led by members of the NET (Newbridge Equality Team) on Wednesday. The Anti-Bullying Alliance has an agreed shared definition of bullying - *'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online'*. [Here](#) is a link to the Anti-Bullying Alliance resources for Parents and Carers.

**Well done, Ruby:** Ruby E, in Year 6, is a very keen and talented gymnast. We must celebrate her, as last weekend she competed in a National Gymnastics Competition, and is the South Regional champion for beam!

**Vacancies:** We are currently recruiting for a part-time Assistant Site Manager, for three hours per day. Please see the vacancy advertised [here](#) if you know anyone who may be interested.

Soon, we will be posting a video about safe and responsible use of Google Classroom. After this, the facility to post will be turned back on. Please read this week's update from your class teacher, posted today.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
Gill Kennaugh

# ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ Bees – Elliot A-R, Benji M

★ IDO – Sanvi R, Freya G

★ 2OG – Layla J, Annie G

★ 3DE – Arlo B, Erika G

★ 4B – Katie H, Phoenix K-G

★ 5HK – Paula F-C, Arthur L

★ 6KR – Olivia S, Tymofii L

★ Ladybirds – Jaxon H, Spencer D

★ 1G – Elliot F, Sophia S

★ 2R – Alfred P, Evie O'B

★ 3M – Henry O, Issac H

★ 4BA – William B, Nell W

★ 5F – Ellie-Mae H, James L

★ 6N – Evie H, Dylan B

## PE Stars of the Week:

Ruby B, Class 6KR James W, Class 6KR

## Music Stars of the Week:

Jack T, Class 5HK James W, Class 6KR

# ★ HEADTEACHER MENTION



Congratulations to Ruby E, Class 6N, who took part in a National Gymnastic Competition last Sunday, after qualifying back in October.

Ruby, incredibly, managed to finish 6<sup>th</sup> overall and is the South Regional Champion on beam.

We are all very proud of Ruby!



# Remembrance



Jake S, William B, Elsa W and Isla S, read their Remembrance poems with empathy.



Using egg boxes and lolly sticks, ASC have created their own poppies to remember the sacrifices that soldiers made during the war. Many of the children chose to make one, taking time and care to make a lovely selection of poppies for this year's Remembrance Day.



## Remembrance at After School Club





## **‘500 Words’ Writing Competition**

We have reached the deadline for the BBC's 500 Words Competition and are so proud of all the budding writers from our school who have entered. Here is one last entry from Mae Y, in Class 3M. Enjoy reading another fabulous adventure!

Mrs Edmunds

### **The Mermaid Triplets by Mae Y, Class 3M**

Once upon a time there lived a mermaid called Diana. She had a brother called Matteo. They were poor servants and were jealous of the evil king. But the king hadn't always been evil. He only became evil when Diana and Matteo's mum sadly passed away. Not just the king became evil. Everyone in the palace became evil apart from Diana and Matteo.

Days went by, then Diana and Matteo's father became evil too. One day Diana went to see her Mummy's gravestone, because it was the anniversary of her death. Matteo did not come along with her. Diana kept thinking about her evil father. She now wanted to regularly see her mum's grave.

One day Matteo met a man and he became their sort of father. Matteo and Diana weren't actually that happy with this arrangement, so Matteo shouted 'fight the man!' Matteo and the man were fighting when one day they suddenly remembered that he was their real father after all!

Days later it was their birthday. Diana always remembered having fun on her birthday with her Mamma. One birthday her Dad had sent her and Matteo to mermaid school as a present, and Diana made a friend with a boy there. When they were older they were still friends and decided to get married. On the wedding day, Diana's Fairy Godmother wanted to give Diana present. The present was to make her mum alive again! After that their father stopped being evil.

Diana and Matteo felt very lucky to have their mother back again. Their mother, who is called Michelle, was very happy to see Diana married to Harry. Matteo got married to a girl called Heather on that same day. Then Diana became pregnant and had triplets. They were all baby girls. She called the oldest one Bethany, the middle one Penelope and the third Fantasia. Then, amazingly, Matteo's wife also had triplets. The oldest was named Valerie, the second Samantha and the third one, Felicity.

Many years later Bethany met a man called Olivier and they soon got married and her mother Diana attended the wedding. Bethany also had triplets and they were all baby girls. She called the first one Imogen, the second one Hayley and the last one Victoria. Penelope had a boyfriend called George and her babies were girl triplets. The oldest, was called Hollie, the second one Alayna and the last one was called Margaret. Then Penelope's sister, Fantasia, got married to a man called Henry. Fantasia's children were baby girl triplets as well. They were very surprised but happy! She called the first one Georgina, the second one Harriet and the youngest one, Elizabeth. All of the triplet daughters also had triplets and it seemed clear that the Fairy Godmother's spell all those years ago had left some magical side effects! They all lived happily, happily, happily ever after!

## Year 4 Science

This week Year 4 started learning all about sound in their science sessions. They enjoyed learning about how sound is made through something vibrating and then investigating sounds all around the school site.



## Year 5 Herschel Museum Visit

This week, Year 5 visited The Herschel Museum; the former home of William Herschel and his sister Caroline (close-by on New King Street in Bath).

Whilst there, the children learnt about the incredible discovery that took place on 13th March 1781 when William, using a telescope he had manufactured himself, pinpointed the 7th planet in our Solar System - Uranus (or Georgium Sidus - 'George's Star' as he had originally named it).

The children shared their knowledge of space with the museum staff whilst also learning many new and interesting facts.

A wonderful trip was had by all!



# Year 4 B&NES Cross Country Competition



**The Team:** Nell W, Georgie K, Louis W, Ollie G, Flynn B, Saskia H, Beatrix B, Louis L, Arthur B, Ben T, Lucy W and Ella E



A beautiful Wednesday afternoon saw Newbridge Year 4 runners take to the course at The Glass House Playing Fields for the Bath & District cross country event.

Newbridge performed valiantly with the boys finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 11 schools and the girls finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 9 schools in the team points event.

All runners performed brilliantly with a special mention to Saskia H for winning the girls' race and Ben T for winning the boys' race, and even outpacing the secondary children assigned to keep the pace!

Newbridge proved just as competent over the shorter distance with both our girls' and boys' teams winning their respective sprint relay races against all the other schools.

A big thank you to the parents who turned up to cheer the runners on and to Mrs Dennis who was also encouraging loudly from the sidelines! Well done to all involved.

Mr Wallace

# Moving House?

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

We are transforming 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!**



### 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 \(live.com\)](#)

## GIFT CARD APPEAL

**GIVE WITH US FOR CHRISTMAS 2024**

Here at The Nest Project we want to make every child feel special this Christmas. We have partnered with The Entertainer toy shop to provide gift cards, for children aged 0-5, to families experiencing financial hardship in BANES.

We will turn your generous donation into discounted gift cards that we will give to children in time for Christmas so their families can choose a gift for them.

The more we raise, the more we can give and the more children we can provide for!



Scan the QR code or head to [bit.ly/nestchristmas2024](https://bit.ly/nestchristmas2024) to get involved and find out more.

**THANK YOU!**

the nest project

Registered charity No. 1008299  
111-25 Church of St Andrew's Way  
Croydon CR9 3LH, Surrey

## Peter Pan Preschool Christmas Craft Morning



**Saturday 23rd November**  
11.00 – 12.00  
£5.00 per child  
Payable on the door cash or card  
All crafts included  
Tea, coffee, hot chocolate & cakes available too!

## 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

## JOIN RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES!




Scan here to register to join our unit. We are the 25th Bath Rainbows and Brownies!

Come and join your local Rainbows and Brownies Unit!

We meet every Saturday morning (10-11am) at Twerton Village Hall for an hour of fun, games, crafts, baking and earning badges!

Rainbows is for girls aged 4-7 and Brownies is for girls aged 7-10. Both groups meet at the same time so no need to make two trips if your daughters are different ages!

**£17.50 per half term**  
(Financing and grants available to ensure that any girl who wants to can join!)

No waitlist, register and your child can start straight away!

Message Kate at 07962 891448, email [25thbrownies@girlguidingbath.org.uk](mailto:25thbrownies@girlguidingbath.org.uk) or use the QR code above to join!



### 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.

**Weston to Bath City Centre**  
**Links to Royal United Hospital**  
**Oldfield School to Newbridge Hill**  
**City centre to Kennet & Avon Canal**

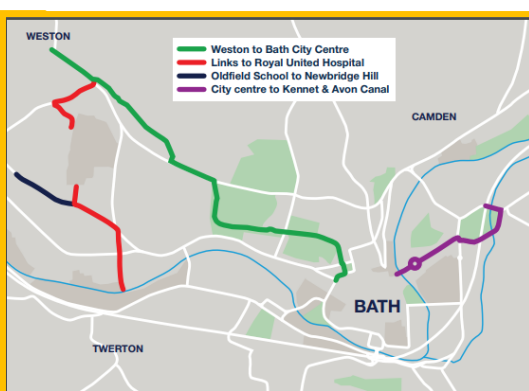


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WEST OF ENGLAND



## MEN'S CAFÉ

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



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

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