



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Dates Term 1

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
NPSA Spooky Bingo 3.30pm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
Harvest Assembly –  
donations, please  
End of Term 1 for children

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**  
INSET Day for staff

## Term 2

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
2R Forest School

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
NPSA Fireworks  
4BA Forest School

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
Anti-Bullying Week

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
2OG Forest School  
NPSA Meeting at 7.30pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
4B Forest School

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
2R Forest School

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 6 Choir to Stratton  
House  
Non-Uniform for School Fair

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

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

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

## Inset Days 2024/25

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well, and have had a good week. Please remember that next week is the final week of Term 1, and that the children are not at school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, due to a staff training day. The children will return to school after half term on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**Valuing Difference:** Today, we held our Valuing Difference Day, and we couldn't be more proud of our children. They have embraced the importance of valuing difference and we've been blown away by our older pupils who demonstrated confidence, empathy and skill when teaching our younger pupils what it means to be inclusive and respectful. A heartfelt thank you to all of the guest speakers who participated by sharing their own experiences – your contributions undoubtedly further illustrated and reinforced this important learning. Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the cake sale, with some of the proceeds being donated to SARI (Stand Up Against Racism).

Respect is a cornerstone of our school community and we are committed to fostering an environment where inclusion is celebrated, and today's event was a shining example of this.

**Thank you GoodGym:** On Saturday, volunteers came together to help clear the remains of the old adventure trail, dismantle and empty a shed and clear some garden waste. The volunteers are a part of the local fitness charity [GoodGym](#) which offers a unique way to combine staying active with giving back. What made this even more special was that the group was led by Emily, a former pupil who was in my class many moons ago. We are very appreciative of their time and energy in helping make our school grounds a better place for everyone. Good Gym are looking for more volunteers, so please follow the link if you are interested.

**Teacher/Parent Meetings and Interim School Reports:** Thank you to those who joined the Parent/Teacher meetings; we hope these proved helpful in understanding how your child has settled in class this year and the steps that will support continued progress. Appointments are now available with Mr Bacon, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator. An appointment can also be booked via School Cloud for the dates Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

An interim pupil report will be sent home at the end of Term 2. The report will provide an update on progress against age related expectations, a next step target, any information relating to support or an intervention that is in place and reference to our school values.

**Year 1 – A very exciting visit:** There was excitement on Thursday morning when the South West Ambulance Service kindly brought an ambulance to school for the children to learn more about the work of our emergency services. Thank you very much to parent Joe Laishley and her colleague, Sion, for their time and the expertise they shared.

**Girls' Football v WASPS:** There were shrieks of joy when the girls' football team returned to school last Friday evening after their match away to WASPS. It was a score they have been waiting and working hard for. Read on for a full match report – well done girls!

**Boys' Football v Oldfield Park:** On Tuesday, our boys' football team had their first match of the year. We hosted Oldfield Park Juniors and it was certainly a battle, with two evenly matched sides. Well played boys, there was some great football for everyone to enjoy.

**Celebrating Harvest:** If you are able to make a donation towards our Harvest collection this year, we would be most grateful. We are collecting for Julian House and The Nest Project. Julian House require tinned goods (tomatoes, soup, vegetables, meat, and fruit), pasta sauce, and long-life fruit juice. The Nest Project is in need of nappies, baby wipes, body wash, shampoo, baby lotion and nappy cream. Please bring any donation to the Upper School foyer after school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> or before school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

**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](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk)

Please read the teacher's blog on Google Classroom for further updates. You will note from an earlier email that the ability to post a comment has currently been disabled in line with the Online Safety Policy.

Wishing you a restful weekend, Gill Kennaugh

# ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Bees – Noah S, Euan O'B

Ladybirds – Max S, Rosa N

1DO – Sienna S, Flora H

1G – Florence C, Sidney N

2OG – Oscar R, Kipp S-M

2R – Ted P, Jacob K

3DE – Rex R-B, Ava B

3M – Etta H, Jonny P

4B – Florence D, Louis W

4BA – Ella E, Louis L

5HK – Sam R, Chloe G

5F – Jack B, Freya K

6KR – Alessia Z, Ruby B

6N – Bethan T, Eli R

## PE Stars of the Week:

Abigail B, Class 6N Beatrix B, Class 4BA

## Player of the Day

Cerys L, Class 6N Alice S, Class 6KR Bethan T, Class 6N

## Music Stars of the Week:

Georgie K, Class 4B Finn O'B, Class 3DE



## '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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk) as we'd love to see what fantastic stories have been created!

# Valuing Difference Day

Valuing Difference Day was an opportunity to celebrate our wonderful, diverse Newbridge Community. There will be more detail in future newsletters, including some of the work produced in class. This event would not have been possible without your support, and we would like to especially thank all of our guest speakers (and any parents who offered to participate), and anyone who contributed to the 'cake sale' event at the end of the day. We are very grateful to our NPSA for their support with the cake sale. 50% of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to SARI who have supported our work around Equalities in the Summer Term.

Coincidentally, today falls in line with DLD day, a day to raise awareness of Developmental Language Display – please see the helpful poster, kindly shared by a member of our school community.



**Children's Occupational Therapy Advice Line**

Do you have any questions about a child or young person's ability to carry out daily tasks and activities?

**01225 82 6659**  
The first and second Tuesday of each month.  
2pm – 4pm

Our Advice Line is open to Parents / Carers, Schools, Nursery and Healthcare professionals of children who have a **BANES GP**

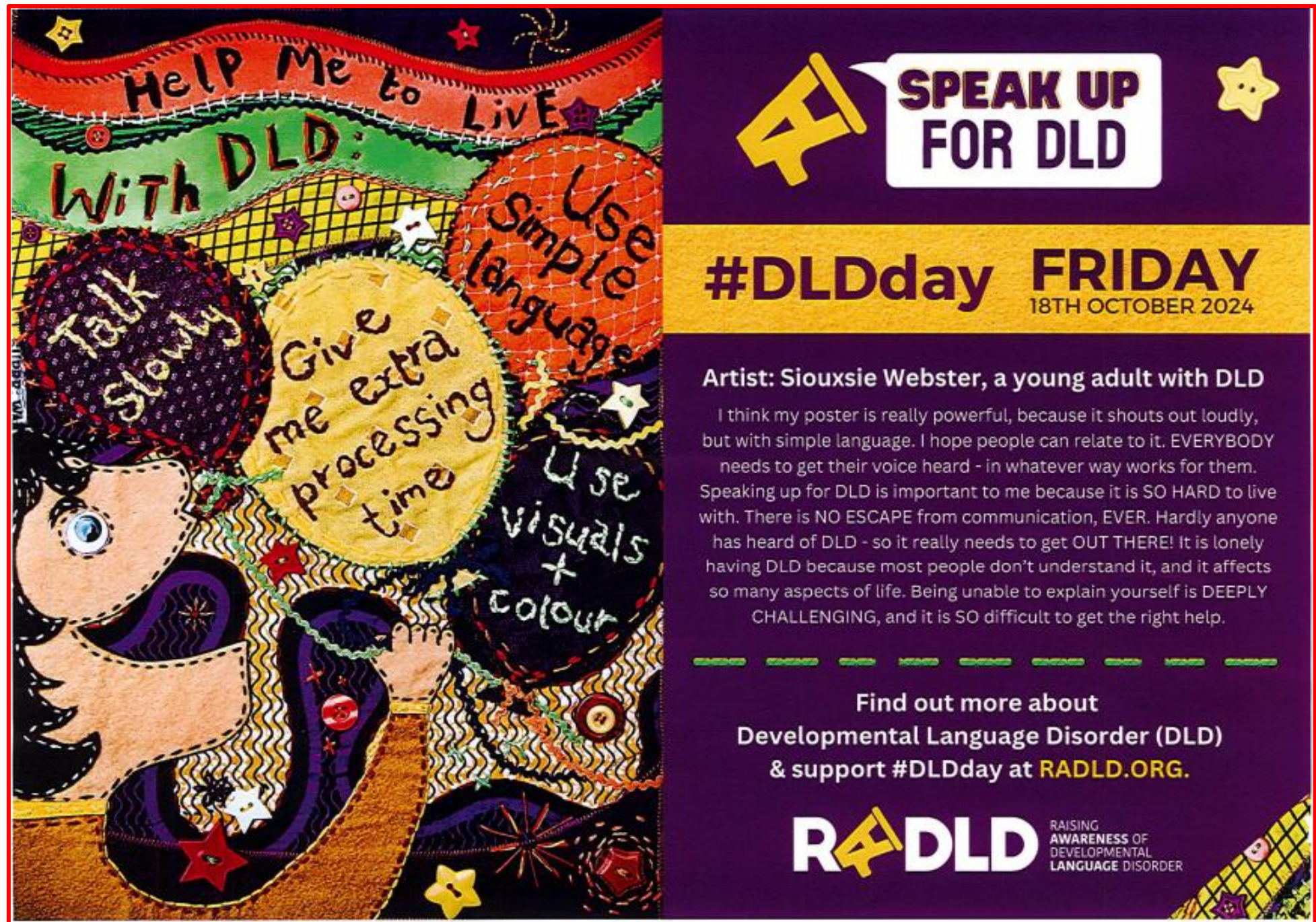
If the child is already on our Waiting List or is known to BANES OT Service, and you would like to speak to a member of the Occupational Therapy team, please contact 01225 82 4220.

**The RUH, where you matter**

Examples of challenges mentioned in the poster:

- He trips over really easily.
- She struggles with zips and buttons.
- They find handwriting really difficult.
- They find it difficult to pick up small objects and play with small toys.
- He can't catch a ball very well.
- He doesn't like getting messy.
- He finds it difficult to use cutlery.
- They hate busy places and don't like loud noises.
- They put everything in their mouth.
- She can't tie her shoelaces.





**Help Me to Live With DLD:**

Talk Slowly

Give me extra processing time

Use simple language

Use visuals + colour

**SPEAK UP FOR DLD**

**#DLDDay FRIDAY**  
18TH OCTOBER 2024

**Artist: Siouxsie Webster, a young adult with DLD**

I think my poster is really powerful, because it shouts out loudly, but with simple language. I hope people can relate to it. EVERYBODY needs to get their voice heard - in whatever way works for them. Speaking up for DLD is important to me because it is SO HARD to live with. There is NO ESCAPE from communication, EVER. Hardly anyone has heard of DLD - so it really needs to get OUT THERE! It is lonely having DLD because most people don't understand it, and it affects so many aspects of life. Being unable to explain yourself is DEEPLY CHALLENGING, and it is SO difficult to get the right help.

Find out more about  
Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)  
& support #DLDDay at [RADLD.ORG](https://radld.org).

**RADLD** RAISING AWARENESS OF DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER



# Year 1 Ambulance Visit

Year 1 had an exciting visit this week. They have been learning about 'What Makes a Hero' and had some very exciting heroes come to see them.



Two paramedics brought their ambulance to school and all of the children had the opportunity to go in the ambulance, have their heart rate and oxygen levels measured and, of course, see the flashing blue lights.

They learnt about some of the things that paramedics do to help people and keep them safe. It was a fantastic visit!



Thank you to the South West Ambulance Service for allowing this to happen – and especially to Joe, a parent, and her colleague, Sion, for giving up their time.









# THANK YOU GOODGYM

Thank you to the GoodGym volunteers who helped our school community last weekend. If you would like to know more about this charity, which combines keeping fit and active, with giving back, please follow the link [GoodGym](#).





# Our New Library



We are all so delighted to have the library back in action. Our Year 6 librarians are keeping it in order and helping all the children with their books. KS2 children can visit it at lunchtime when it's their turn. We will keep you updated for all the library news.

Mrs Amor



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](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk)



# Newbridge Girls v WASPS



**The Team:** Ruby E, Bethan T, Amira A, Alessia Z, Isobel M, Maddie H, Clara W, Nancy B-J, Precious F, Grace B, Olivia S, Grace W, Cerys L and Alice S

Girls' football at Newbridge continues to thrive with lots of players attending our regular Monday lunchtime and after school training sessions led by Bath City FC coaches, Emily and Steve.

Last Friday, 14 players from Year 5 and Year 6 attended our first fixture of the season - a friendly against local rivals WASPS in some crisp autumn sunshine.

The Newbridge 'A' Team took to the field for the first quarter and battled hard with an experienced WASPS team. Coming close to scoring on several occasions, the team played well and worked hard for each other. This quarter could have been won by either team, but WASPS broke the deadlock first and went 1-0 ahead. Newbridge 'B' took to the field next and immediately made it clear they were not going to sit back. They took the game to the opposition with some strong tackling and looked dangerous when running the ball. They were rewarded for their industry and scored an equaliser before handing the baton back to Newbridge 'A' for the third quarter. Newbridge relaxed into the game and started to pass the ball around nicely as well as defending fiercely in their own half.

Eventually WASPS' pressure saw another goal as they went 2-1 ahead.

Newbridge 'B' took to the field for the final quarter and from the first whistle to the last they didn't take a backward step, played some great football and were rewarded with three goals, leaving the final score at 2-4 to Newbridge, much to the delight of the Newbridge players and spectators.

A big thanks to all the parents who turned up to support and especially Mrs Thorton for being our second adult in the mini bus. Well done to all who took part in the event!

Players of the Day were - Alice S, Bethan T and Cerys L

Mr Wallace, Coach



# Newbridge Boys v Oldfield Park Juniors



**The Team:** Patrick W, Jake S, Sam R, Otis H, Harry B, Rhed M, William B, Tommy E, Eddie M, Jack T, Reuben J, Barney P, Tom C and Harith A

## Newbridge off to a winning start in the league!

Newbridge School footballers got off to a winning start in Bath Schools' Invitational League with a 2-0 win against a very good Oldfield Park Juniors' team.

The scores were level at 0-0 at half time, as these two well-match sides fought hard to get the advantage. Otis and Sam made outstanding saves to keep Oldfield from scoring, and at the other end Barney, Tommy and Harith were all denied goals by great defending and keeping.

The breakthrough finally came in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, when Reuben smashed it home from a lovely cross into the area to make it 1-0. In the final period, Newbridge kept the pressure on, and when the Oldfield keeper made a great save from a low shot, Harry arrived to smash home the ball from a tight angle, doubling the lead.

It still required some focused defending from Rhed and William to ensure Newbridge did not concede a goal, with Newbridge school captain, Tom Cowey, also working hard in midfield and bringing some control to the game. It was a tough match - and all 14 boys played their part in a great victory.

Player of the Day: Otis – he made great saves when in goal and brought a lot of energy when on the pitch. He was a great team player!

Mr Farrier, Coach



# Year 4 Cross Country Trials



Thursday lunchtime saw lots of Year 4 runners take part in cross country trials, in the sunshine, on the school field. Great perseverance was shown by all with every runner completing the course and earning house points for their house.

The top 6 girls and top 6 boys will now go forward to represent Newbridge in the Year 4 Bath Schools' cross country event next term. A big thank you to our new Year 6 Sports Captains who helped organise and marshal the event.



# Year 4 Forest School



Year 4 have had a fabulous time at Forest School this week. They toasted marshmallows, made puppets and much more!

Thank you to Claire Pickman for creating such a fun place for us to explore the environment.





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

### Online Safety at Newbridge Primary School

On **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 5:30-7pm**, we will be hosting 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>.

If you are unable to make the meeting in person, please join using the Teams link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/2wucnf92>



**THE NPSA**

**FIREWORK**

**DISPLAY**

**IS BACK!**

**THURSDAY  
7TH NOVEMBER**

Entry via Charmouth Road gate from 5.30pm  
**Fireworks start at 6.30pm**

Hot dogs/doughnuts ● Mulled wine/beers/hot chocolate ● Free squash/water for children - bring a reusable mug/bottle ● Bring a torch ✕ **NO sparklers!**

**£6** a ticket (under-2s £1). Online sales via **RallyUp** will open at 7pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Book early to avoid disappointment as no ticket sales on the night.



## 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 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.  
Please note, no holiday club on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> as there is tree work planned

**Time:** 9.00am – 4.00pm

**Cost:** 1<sup>st</sup> day booking: £40  
2<sup>nd</sup> day or 2<sup>nd</sup> sibling £38

Please note, **payment will be asked for at time of booking.**

**Booking essential:** Please email Lesley on [musiclch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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



**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

## WHAT'S ON AT OUR MUSEUMS

**No1 Royal Crescent - Drawing Workshop**  
Thursday 25 October - 5pm-7pm  
A playful workshop of drawing for adults and children\* to do together.  
\*KS2 and above

**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

**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'.

**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'.

**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.

**\*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!**

**St. Martins Garden**  
All camps run 10am-2pm  
Thursday 31st October  
Friday 1st November

**St. Martins Garden**  
Food and drink are not provided on the October Football Camps.

**Book Online**

For more information, contact us:  
info@bathcityfoundation.org  
www.bathcityfoundation.org

**Ages 6 - 12**  
CHARITY NO. 1143224

## OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMPS

**Girls Only**

**ST. MARTINS GARDEN**

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£10 per day!

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## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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>

## 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](http://www.justgiving.com/team/teambanana2000)

## ILLUMINATE the SKIES

**BATH RACECOURSE**

**FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER**  
**BOOK NOW** [bath-racecourse.co.uk](http://bath-racecourse.co.uk)

**GENERAL ADMISSION £9**

## 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!