



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Term 1 2025/26

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**  
4AB Forest School

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
2KO Forest School  
Phonics Workshop for  
parents 2.30pm and  
5.15pm

Book Fair opens 3.15pm

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**  
4N Forest School  
Flu Vaccines

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
2OG Forest School

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Year 6 Fleet Air Arm  
Museum Trip

Open Classrooms 3.20pm

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
NPSA Scarecrow Trail

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
Open Classrooms 3.20pm

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Open Classrooms 3.20pm  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
School photographs

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
Online Parent Teacher  
Meetings

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
Online Parent Teacher  
Meetings

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
End of Term 1

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
Inset Day for staff

## Term 2

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Return to school

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
NPSA Fireworks

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
NPSA Cake Sale

## Inset Days 2025/26

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.  
2026

All of the dates for the  
remainder of the year can  
be found on the calendar  
on the website, [here](#).

Please click [here](#) for the  
term dates for 25/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and feel up to speed as the term is now in full flow. Many congratulations to our EYFS children who have completed their induction period, demonstrating independence, a thirst for learning and how happy they are making new friends. Thank you very much to the parents and carers of the children for supporting the induction period and for working with new routines.

**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, led by our new Chair, Caroline Lovell. On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, the NPSA will hold its first meeting of the year. This will be at 7.30pm, in the Blue Room in the Upper School. Everyone is very welcome to bring new ideas to support our children, our school and our community.

**Roles and Responsibilities:** I have mentioned before the importance we place on the children having roles and responsibilities. Having applied for ‘jobs’ in Year 6, the teachers have been sifting through the many, many applications. There are all sorts of important roles, which help to make our school day run smoothly, such as helping in the dining hall at lunchtime. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to these areas of responsibility. House Captains and Sports Captains have also been identified in Year 6. Across the school, Class Ambassadors have been selected - this role involves representing the class to visitors. Thank you, and well done, everyone – I know you will complete your roles with pride.

**Promoting our School Values:** On a Monday, the whole school meets for an assembly. This provides a positive start to the week and is beneficial in exploring and promoting themes together. We have been focusing on our school learning values, which are: **Learning and Communication**, **Creativity and Imagination**, **Personal Development**, **Collaboration** and **Citizenship**. We have also promoted our school behaviour values, which everyone in our school community should follow – to be Respectful, Responsible and Safe. I expect your children will be able to tell you all about these, and what they understand by them.

**Our Curriculum:** To help parents understand more about what we teach, the objectives and skills taught in the subjects and year groups can be found [here](#).

**Phonics Workshop and Book Fair:** On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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, so please do come along. 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 25<sup>th</sup> September to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Open Classrooms and Parent Teacher Meetings:** On 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Details of how to book these meetings will follow.

**Correspondence:** At the moment, the school office is receiving a very high number of emails each day. While we always aim to respond within three school days, there may be times when it takes a little longer. To help manage responses more efficiently, we kindly ask parents to check the school website and newsletter first, as common questions and updates are shared here. Thank you for your patience and understanding; we appreciate your support as the office staff work hard to respond to everyone as quickly as possible.

**Tours for prospective Reception children 2026:** Looking ahead to our Reception intake for September 2026, thank you to everyone who has booked a session. We are now oversubscribed for all sessions however please keep a look out on the school [website](#) where we will release more dates soon.

**Google Classroom:** Your child’s class teacher will post a short ‘blog’ on their Google Classroom page each Friday. This is an overview of the week, with photographs shared 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.

With best wishes for a good weekend.

Gill Kennaugh

# ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

1DB – Pearl F, Tommy C

1H – Daisy AC, Julia PB

2OG – Annabel B, Ivy W

2KO – Florence C, Owen P

3DE – Praise F, Ted P

3M – Duncan C, Oscar R

4AB – Enzo Z, Jacob SG

4N – Grace D, Theodore P

5HK – Bella T, Ruben C

5F – Louis L, Mackenzie P

6KR – Felix B, Izzy SG

6B – Altan H, Sunny C

## PE Stars of the Week

Bem W - 4N, Leo D - 4N

## Music Stars of the Week

Hugo S - Class 4AB, Praise F - Class 3DE

# ★ CLASS AMBASSADORS ★

Bee – Soloman

Ladybird – Amelia

IDE – Ezra, Nancy

1H – Charlie, Betty

2OG – Eartha, Max

2KO – Sophia, Tashveen

3DE – Oscar B, Praise

3M – Phoebe, Kipp

4N – Darcy, Finlay

4AB – Bella, Jonny

5HK – Beatrix, Benji

5F – Lucy, Roly

6KR – Izzy, Chloe,  
Audrey, William

6B – Ellie, Freja,  
Jack, Harith



# HOUSE CAPTAINS



Tommy E, Ella R  
Henry G, Emma R

Jem C, Otis H  
Iben G, Charlie R



# SPORTS CAPTAINS



Sam R, Amelie S  
Khadeja K, James R

Arthur L, Mabel C  
Rory W, Neula J



# Around School This Week

## Year 4 Visit from Jonathan Jungle


Last week, 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 and crickets. They learnt lots of new facts and were all very brave as they held the wonderful species!



# Year 2 in Forest School

The highlight of our week must have been our first trip to the Forest! We started in the fire circle learning all about the rules of Forest School. We had fun creating our Forest School names, too, when holding the listening stick. Claire taught us a really fun game called 'Everyone Bunny Dance' to get our bodies nice and warm. We then had a treasure hunt finding things from nature and in our partners we used our sense to guess which items was placed in our hands. Then it was time for free play - we had the opportunity to play with water and mud to make concoctions, use the bug magnifying glasses to look at insects or make dens. The sun shone through the trees and there were smiles aplenty! We can't wait for our turn in two weeks.



 TRAVELLING BOOKS


# COME TO THE 3 FOR 2 BOOK FAIR

**FILL YOUR SCHOOL WITH FREE BOOKS WHEN YOU BUY FROM THE BOOK FAIR\***

**READING GIVES YOU SUPERPOWERS!**

**GET 3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2<sup>†</sup>**

**LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M IN BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE**



Art © Dave Pilbey

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk)**

**01225 421675**

**To apply please visit our website for an [application pack](#)**

# JOIN US!

## Bath Elfins



**Woodcraft Folk**  
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### WOODCRAFT FOLK group

Woodcraft Folk runs local groups where young people learn about big ideas through fun activities like camping, games, music, craft and debating with a big emphasis on spending time outdoors.

Grow in confidence, develop skills, make new friends and try exciting experiences with Woodcraft Folk!

Get in touch for a trial session.

<https://woodcraft.org.uk/>



### Group details

Elfins 6-9 years

Newbridge Primary School

Thursdays 6:15 -7:30pm

£35 for 2 terms

[elfinsbath@gmail.com](mailto:elfinsbath@gmail.com)





# Everyone Active

Each Friday morning at 8.10am until 8.40am

It was so lovely to see so many children and parents at our second 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



**B&NES Parent Carer Forum**

B&NES Parent Carer Forum is free to join. Just go to [www.banespcf.co.uk/membership](http://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](mailto:ndsupport@banespcf.co.uk)**

**MORE SUPPORT LINES OPENING SOON, JOIN TO FIND OUT MORE**



# THE NEST PROJECT

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](mailto: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](http://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.



## Open Evening 2025

Thursday 25 September 6-8pm



## Open Morning 2025

Tuesday 30 September 9am - 10.30pm

Everyone Welcome

To book, please visit [oldfieldschool.com](http://oldfieldschool.com)





### St Mark's School BATH

**A School full of  
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**OPEN EVENING**  
Tuesday 16th September 6:30 - 8:30pm  
Presentation at 6:30pm  
Doors open at 6:00pm

**OPEN MORNING**  
Friday 26th September 9:00 - 11:00am

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Website: <https://www.st-marks.org.uk> Email: [info@st-marks.org.uk](mailto:info@st-marks.org.uk)



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! 🧙👻

Warm wishes,

The Next Thing Education Team

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## 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

🕒 Online - 12.30-13.15

🗣️ 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 [HERE](#)

Any questions you may have about the event please feel free to contact me at [jenni@uniquevoice.org](mailto:jenni@uniquevoice.org).



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**N.G.C.**  
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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY CLUB



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# 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](http://Ruh.nhs.uk/communityday)**

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# DISCOVERY DAYS

**at WEMA Music Centres**

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days take place each term and are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, 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](http://wema.org.uk/discoveryday)

