



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Term 2

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Year 2 Rehearsal at  
Emmanuel Church

Volunteers' Thank You  
2.15pm

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Year 2 Emmanuel Church  
Nativity 9.30am

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch  
Upper School Christmas  
Concert at 7pm

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Upper School Christmas  
Concert at 10am  
Lower School Christmas  
Parties

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of Term 2

## Term 3

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

First day of Term 3 for  
children

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Clubs start this week

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

NPSA meeting 7.30pm

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Feel Good Friday

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

End of Term 3

## Term 4

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Start of Term 4

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Feel Good Friday

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February to

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Book Fair

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Book Week

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5 Residential Meeting  
at 3:30pm

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Year 6 Residential Meeting  
at 3:30pm

World Book Day

For Term Dates please  
look [here](#)

Dear Parents and Carers

It's starting to feel a lot like Christmas. The parade of nativity costumes seen around school, the multiple Christmas trees popping up and the sound of carols being sung by the choir, are reminders that we are now fully immersed in all that is Christmas in a primary school. That said, the curriculum is still jam-packed, with many fantastic learning opportunities.

### Lower School Nativity

The Lower School performances of the 'Wriggly Nativity' which took place on Tuesday and again this morning, undoubtedly brought everyone some Christmas joy. To see all of the children from Reception to Year 2 taking centre stage and enjoying their special moment, brought smiles and a few tears of pride to their audience of proud parents, carers and grandparents. Class 2M and Class 2R led the acting and the singing and they had all worked so hard to learn their lines and deliver them with gusto to a hall full to capacity. Reception, in their Christmas jumpers and as Christmas trees, showed everyone their confidence and courage as they took to the stage. Donkeys and stars in Year 1 warmed our hearts, too. Well done to everyone and of course to our teachers and teaching assistants who coordinated nearly 180 children playing their part in one nativity – this is no mean feat! Thank you also to our audiences for willing the children on and celebrating their success – the performances made for very special moments for everyone.

### Our NPSA – supporting our children, our families and our community

The Christmas Fair last Friday was a great success. Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly before, during and after the event. Your energy and commitment is noted and appreciated. Thank you also to the choir for opening the event and drawing the crowds in. All of the funds raised will continue to support our playground project and the purchase of reading books. Santa's Grotto was completely magical on Saturday. The scene was set when the heavy frost arrived - the Outdoor Classroom made for the perfect setting. Sincere thanks to Hannah Brownell, Tracey Pollard and Gemma Phillips for making this happen and to those who sold refreshments on the day along with Joe Laishley for completing hair wraps. Of course, this would not have been possible without Santa, and we thank him for fitting us into his busy schedule. The Christmas Puddings have sold well, as have the wall planners and Christmas cards. All of these items are bespoke to Newbridge and again take volunteers to commit to making these happen. On top of this, the school was decorated for Christmas by willing NPSA members. I don't know what we would do without our NPSA – it really is the glue that holds our community together.

### Thank you to our Volunteers

To thank our volunteers, we would like to invite you to a coffee and mince pie on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm. This will be held in the Blue Room and some children will play some musical items to show our appreciation. Please complete this form, if you able to come [Volunteers' Thank you](#)

### The Choir to Stratton House

The Choir was in action again on Thursday; giving back to our community. The Year 6 members visited Stratton House Residential Care Home on Weston Lane. Everyone enjoyed the visit, greatly. Thank you to Mrs Best and Mrs Osborn for enabling this to take place.

### Boys' Football Match

Our boys' football team played against WASPS on Thursday. The team had been prepared by Mr Farrier and Mr Seaborne, with training sessions after school this term. Mr Farrier's contribution to our school is greatly valued in this role and as our safeguarding governor. Please read on for the match report.

### Staffing

Mr Seaborne will retire from his post at PE teacher at the end of this term, having completed 12 years in his role at our school. We wish him health and happiness in his retirement and thank him for all he has contributed to our school throughout this time. Mrs Berridge will commence maternity absence from Term 4 and we are delighted to have appointed Mrs Derrien to this vacancy in Class 5HB.

### Welcome

It has been a pleasure to welcome Walter and his family to our school, joining Bee Class. We hope they will all be very happy in our school community.

### JLT announced

Congratulations to all of the children in Year 1 to Year 6 who have now joined the JLT. Thank you for the many applications received, all contributions were highly valued.

### Emmanuel Church Nativity

The Lower School children will visit Emmanuel Church on Wednesday morning, for a simple Nativity performed by Year 2. Reception and Year 1 will join in with Christmas songs. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

### Lower School Christmas Parties

All of the Lower School classes will have a class party on the afternoon of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The children do not need to bring anything but are allowed to wear their own suitable party clothes, should they wish.

### Upper School Christmas Music Concert

The Upper School Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. In this, the choir will perform along with other musical items. Details about the concerts were sent to parents of those taking part, this week. Everyone is invited to enjoy the performances.

### Eco Ambassador Applications – close on Monday at 9am

Applications close on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, for those children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 who wish to be considered as an Eco Ambassador. This initiative has been driven by Hayley in Year 4 and Grace in Year 5. Full details of how to apply are posted on Google Classroom.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> December**, for Term 3.

### Google Classroom

Please read the 'blog' posted on Google Classroom today, written by your child's teacher, detailing the learning this week. This update is provided so that parents and carers can continue learning conversations at home. Often, parents tell us that their child does not let them know what happens at school and therefore the blog is provided in response to this. If you could leave a simple message, we would love to hear from you and to know the updates are valued.

### Lost Property

There remains a great deal of lost property in school. 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.

### Severe Weather

Please be advised, that if it is necessary to close the school in the event of severe weather, parents and carers will be notified by email. This decision will be made as early as possible and will be determined by understanding the safety of the school site and which staff are able to travel to and from work.

Have a lovely weekend, ready for the final week of term.

With best wishes,

Gill Kennaugh

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Ladybirds – Ella J, Luca V

Bees – Lyra C, Isla B

IEO – Duncan C, Louella P

1G – Alfred P, Teddy L

2M – Everyone

2R – Everyone

3OG – Stanley M, Louis L

3BA – Max S, Phoenix K G

4B – Sam R, Rosy T

4T – Emma R, Niki P

5HB – Ruby E, Larell S

5F – Clara W, Edward S

6KR – Eloise P, Alden R

6N – Spike F, Albert C

### Music Stars of the Week

Fern D, Class 5F Cerys L, Class 5HB

## A HEADTEACHER MENTION



Through their enquiry, 'Does charity begin at home?' the Year 4 children have been learning about the support Julian House offers to our community and those who are homeless. To give back, the children all committed to a reverse advent calendar. This means, that on each day of December, they have brought to school a useful gift, for the charity to distribute. These have included personal care items.

What a thoughtful, kind and giving gesture. Our children really do understand and show compassion and empathy.

Thank you, Year 4

## Newbridge Boys Football v WASPS

Thanks to all the boys who took part in the League match against WASPS yesterday afternoon, in dark and wet conditions. It was a massive effort from every player and the supporters all appreciated how hard you worked from start to finish, giving everything you had as you represented our wonderful school.

WASPS, who recently won the B&NES tournament, were a tough opponent and deservedly won the game, but we played some top football and continue to improve as a team, as a squad, and as individual footballers.

Many more matches to come in the New Year, next up for us in January is Oldfield Park Juniors!

Great work boys, keep that energy going.

Mr Farrier  
NPS Boys Football Coach



# AROUND SCHOOL THIS WEEK

## Junior Leadership Team (JLT) News



### JLT MEMBERS

1EO – Toby D	4B – Henry G
1G – Evie O'B	4T – Jem C
2M – Lucy C	5F – Chelsea L
2R – Etta H	5HB – Bethan T
3BA – Riya G	6KR – Alfie G
3OG – Alfie N	6N – Spike F

A big thank you to everyone who applied to become a member of the JLT. There were some fantastic applications and anyone who put themselves forward should feel very proud of themselves. Last Friday, Mr Bacon met with the outgoing JLT members to vote on who they felt the best candidates would be to replace them. We would like to congratulate Toby, Evie, Lucy, Etta, Riya, Alfie, Henry, Jem, Chelsea, Bethan, Alfie and Spike on being selected. We look forward to listening to your ideas in the new year!



# The NPSA Santa's Grotto

On Saturday, Newbridge Primary School and the NPSA welcomed a very special visitor.



Many very excited children visited the NPSA Santa's Grotto. Older children kindly helped as Santa's Elves, to ensure smooth runnings.

Thank you to Gemma Phillips, Hannah Brownell and Tracey Pollard who organised this event and other parents for helping with refreshments.



## Year 4 Forest School

Class 4B had the best time at Forest School this week, where they built a fire and toasted tasty marshmallows. Some children created Christmas decorations using wood, nails and wool. They have had a wonderful time in the woods this term, learning so much about our environment and themselves.





## Year 3 - Pneumatic Systems

Year 3 have been learning about pneumatic systems. The children investigated what objects can be made to work with air.





# Year 6 perform carols at Stratton House Residential Care Home



On Thursday afternoon, the Year 6 choir children drove in the school mini bus, with Mrs Best to sing some carols for the residents of Stratton House Residential Care Home.

The children were greeted with lovely smiles and enthusiasm and did a brilliant job of chatting to the residents before they began to sing.

Some of the residents wanted to join in the singing with us and the children were so thoughtful in sharing the carol sheets with them. A special mention goes to Seb who saw a resident struggling to find the correct page and went over and helped her - well done, Seb, showing real Newbridge values.

Some of the children were told by two ladies that their singing had 'made their day' - which was lovely to hear.

The behaviour was exceptional and the children were so respectful throughout. Overall, it was a wonderful experience that we are keen to repeat. Thanks to Mrs Osborn and Mr Prince for accompanying us.



## Year 6 make Woolton Pies

We made Woolton Pies (wartime pies with rations). We brought in the ingredients we wanted to use in the pies - in particular, seasonal vegetables. We were given leeks, potatoes and carrots as our basic ingredients. Ms Card explained how to cut the vegetables safely and Mrs Dennis taught us how to make pastry using three ingredients.

We enjoyed making the pies and enjoyed eating them even more!

by Zach and Barney





YOU ARE INVITED TO:

*Newbridge Primary Upper School*

*Christmas*

# CONCERT

13th at 7pm  
14th at 10am

Dec | 2023

Performances from:

Choir

Orchestra

Year 5 Gamelan

Instrumental Solos

Staff Performance

And many more!

Money raised from  
donations on the door will  
be going to Dorothy House





# WE ARE HIRING

## Join Our Team !

### **DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL?**

#### **JOB POSITION : SMSA**

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  
£10.79 per hour  
Permanent Contract



The ideal candidate would have to:

- Be patient and caring
- Be dedicated to all children achieving the best they can
- Be 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**



## Victoria Art Gallery free festive fun

### Top of the Tree 🌟🌲👶👶🌲🌟

Saturday 17 December

11.00am-3.00pm

🌟 Surreal Star 🌟 Make an eye-catching Surreal decoration for your Christmas tree. Pop in to the gallery for a free creative activity. Will your star have an eye or an ear or maybe both?



No need to book, children must be accompanied by an adult. Activity will be held in the entrance foyer of the gallery.

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## Roman Baths – December 2023 Family activities

### To Sunday 5 January

This time of year was the Roman festival of Saturnalia. Explore the Roman Baths with Hoot to find out his **Saturnalia Secrets**.

### He's behind you!

Saturday 16 December

11.00am – 3pm

The Romans invented pantomimes with an actor wearing a different mask for each character – create a mini pantomime theatre.



Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Monthly Children's Book Newsletter for Children, Parents and Teachers

# No Shelf Control

Issue 3 - November 2023

## Our Top 3 Christmas Books

**Picture Book**  
**How Does Santa Go Down the Chimney?**  
Maurice Blum & John Kessel

**Non-Fiction**  
**A Very Curious Christmas**  
Maddie Moore & Paul Lester

**Chapter Book**  
**Step Father Christmas**  
J.D. Tapinski

Books

Reviews

Chats

# This Month's Book Reviews

**Glassborn**  
Peter Bunzl  
Usborne 7+

Set in Fairyland in 1826, Acton Belle is led to a hidden key by a robin. Little did he realise what would follow! He is now the Chosen One and must steal the Glimmerglass crown for the cruel Queen. When his siblings realise, they set off on a mission to save him and defeat the evil Fairy Queen.

**Kay's Incredible Inventions**  
Adam Kay and Henry Parker  
Puffin 7+

The third non-fiction book from Kay and Parker. Together they have created some superbly funny books that completely entrance their readers. My children have read their copies of the previous books multiple times. This time they look at the inventions that changed the world, obviously including some fails in there too!

**An Animal a Day**  
Miranda Smith, Kaja Kofas, Santiago Calle, Mateo Markov & Max Rambold  
Red Shed 6+

Obviously, with 365 animals, you're going to find old favourites but you're likely to find a new favourite too! Each day has facts and illustrations as you travel our planet discovering its wonderful inhabitants.

**Do You Remember?**  
Sydney Smith  
Walker 6+

Sydney Smith keeps producing top quality picture books that simply must be shared. Do You Remember? joins a mother and son in their new home as they reminisce with memories of their life. Good memories and bad ones. Once you've finished, you'll want to sit down and remember your own shared experiences.

**One To Wait for...**  
Amulet 9 - Waverider  
Kazu Kibuishi - Scholastic- Feb 24

Amulet is, quite simply, the best graphic novel series. We've been waiting for book nine for a long time. If you've not discovered them yet, you simply must. An epic fantasy adventure that will leave you desperate for the next book.

**The Ice Children**  
M.G. Leonard  
Macmillan Children 8+

The best adventures happen in books, but what if a book froze your brother? Well, Bianca expects that the sparkling book has something to do with her brother's situation but unfortunately the books has gone missing! Another classic from M.G. Leonard that will further cement her place in readers' hearts!

**Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year**  
Andrea Beaty & David Roberts  
Abrams 5+

Finally this brilliant series focuses on the best job on this planet! Teaching! Looking at the influence teachers have on young lives. A reminder of what teachers should be and should do - inspire the younger generation! If you've not got the complete set yet, you need to rectify that pronto!

**Cats React to Dinosaur Facts**  
Izzy Howell  
Wayland 7+

How to improve a non-fiction book? Add pictures of cats! How to improve a non-fiction series with pictures of cats? Add Dinosaur facts! A very simple solution that really pays off. We love this series and dinosaur facts live up to the high expectations that we've come to expect from this undeviated series. You'll be hooked from the first page.

**Minnie's Mission of Maximum Mischief**  
Craig Graham, Mike Stirling & Laura Howell  
Farrare 7+

It is no secret that we're huge fans of The Beano, but we've never really given their novels a chance. This is the seventh novel based around the Beantown characters and this time it's Minnie's turn to shine. This is a great story with familiar characters. A perfect first novel for fans of the comic books.

**One You Might Have Missed**  
The Cardboard Kingdom - Chad Sell  
Alfred A. Knopf - 9+ June 2018

An old favourite that has resurfaced in our house. A book celebrating friendship and creativity. A whole neighbourhood of children are inspired to create alter-egos using the left over cardboard in their houses. A brilliant story that will have a character for every child to connect with. Once you've read it, you'll need to save your own cardboard so that you can join in the fun!

# 9 New Books This Christmas

Christmas is a magical time of the year and we all know that one of the best things about Christmas (after the food) is the books! Take a look at the feast that is on offer this year!

1. Merry Whatmas? Tom McLoughlin & Patsy Dunbar
2. Burries on a Sleigh Philip Ardagh & Ben Mantle
3. Santa's Marvelous Mechanical Workshop Vashil Hardy & Kasia Cella
4. Juniper's Christmas Eoin Colfer
5. You Choose Christmas Nick Sharratt & Pipa Goughart
6. The Nutcracker Alex T. Smith
7. Operation Nativity Jenny Pearson
8. Dasher Can't Wait For Christmas Matt Tavers
9. 'Tis The Season Richard James

If you have any questions or have a book released soon that you feel deserves a place on the newsletter - Email us - [MissBobb@outlook.com](mailto:MissBobb@outlook.com)





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**SPOTTERS HOCKEY**  
BATH, SOMERSET

**DECEMBER 2023**

**2023**

**BOOK NOW! SPACES GOING!!**

**MAIN CAMP AGES 7-10** 18 & 19 DEC

PERFORMANCE CAMP AGES 12-16, DEVELOPERS AND PERFORMERS AGES 11-12, BEGINNERS, IMPROVERS AGES 7-10

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**HPC AGES 14-18** 20 DEC

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**1-2-1 & SMALL GROUP COACHING**  
THROUGHOUT TERM TIME AND HOLIDAYS

**BOOK HERE**

*Christmas wishlist*

Can you help support local families this Christmas?

- Chocolates
- Gravy powder
- Selection boxes
- Oil
- Hot Chocolate
- Tinned Custard
- Marshmallows
- Jars of coffee
- Biscuits
- Tinned fruit
- Jams & spreads
- Juice
- Yule Logs
- Washing up liquid
- Tinned ham
- Toiletries
- Tinned Salmon

Collection date : 13th December

For more information please scan this QR code for our website

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# CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

The Nest Project would love to invite you to put a smile on a child's face by joining us in our Christmas gift bag appeal.

With the cost of living rising, this time of year can put real financial pressure on families that are already struggling. Each gift bag will be given to local families with young children in BANES.

**THANK YOU!**

To sign up, scan the QR code!

