



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Dates this Term

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
Volunteers' Thank you at  
2.15pm

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Lower School to Emmanuel  
Church 10am  
Christmas Lunch  
Upper School Christmas  
Concert at 7.00pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Upper School Christmas  
Concert at 10.00am  
Lower School Parties pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
End of Term 2

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**  
Inset Day

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
Children return to school

## We need you to be part of our Team

We are looking for  
someone kind,  
supportive and  
hardworking, to join  
our lunchtime team.  
We have a vacancy for  
a School Meals  
Supervisory Assistant  
from 11.45am to  
1.15pm either  
three or five days  
per week.  
Please contact the  
school office for  
further details.

Dear Parents and Carers

With the change in temperature, the parade of nativity costumes around school, the multiple Christmas trees popping up in classrooms and the sound of carols being sung by the choir....it's starting to feel a lot like Christmas. And with this, the curriculum remains full-on...

### Lower School Nativity

The Lower School Nativity, 'Hey Ewe!', performed on Thursday 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, laughter and a few tears, to their audience of proud parents, carers and grandparents. Class 2M and Class 2R led the acting and the singing. They had all worked hard to learn their lines and deliver them with growing confidence to a hall full to capacity. Reception and Year 1, as Christmas trees, stars, sheep and kings warmed our hearts. These children have not had the chance to perform a nativity to an audience in the hall before, due to all restrictions in recent years, and so this made their performances even more special. Well done to everyone and of course to our teachers, teaching assistants and Norlanders – who coordinated nearly 180 children playing a part in one nativity – no mean feat, at all! A very special mention must go to Mr Mullee, who had to take the reins today, and did so brilliantly. Thank you also to our audiences for willing the children on and celebrating their success.

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

The NPSA has had a very busy period. The Christmas Fair, last Friday, was a great success – just like old times. Thank you, so much, to all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly and to Amy Osborn, Gemma Phillips and Anns Beeton who coordinated the event. Thank you also to the choir, for opening the evening with a number of Christmas songs and carols. Santa's Grotto was magical on Saturday. Sincere thanks to Hannah Brownell for making this happen and to the volunteers who made goodie bags and transformed the outside classroom. None of it would have been possible with Santa, and we thank him for fitting us in to his busy schedule.

Winter Windowland is still taking place. The displays will be on show each evening, until 11<sup>th</sup> December, between 4.30pm and 8.00pm. Please download a map from this link <https://npsabath.org/events/> so that you can enjoy it all. Many thanks to Liz Rayner who has led on this community event and to those who have supported her.

Thank you also to Laura Pincock for organising the sale of Newbridge Christmas Puddings and to Liz Rayner and Alex Hazleton for the incredible amount of work put into producing the Newbridge Calendar. We are so fortunate to have such an amazing team of support behind our school and community. To catch up in full, please read this week's NPSA newsletter [here](#).

### Year 3 – Out and About

It's been a very busy week for Year 3. On Monday, they visited Emmanuel Church, learning about the real meaning of Christmas. The Reverend Michael Farrier welcomed everyone and we would like to thank him for this. Today, all 60 children went a bit further afield to Cheddar Gorge. Wrapped up for the chilly conditions, they were considering, 'What makes our world amazing?' We look forward to hearing all about it, next week.

### The Choir to Stratton House

The choir has been in action today; giving back to our community. The Year 6 members walked to Stratton House Care Home on Weston Lane, to perform for the residents. Everyone enjoyed the visit, greatly. Thank you to Mrs Best and the parent volunteers for enabling this to happen.

### Boys' Cup Match

Our boys' football team played in a cup match against Moorlands Junior School on Monday. We knew this would be a hard fought match, but this did not dampen spirits or deter the team from giving their all. The team had been prepared by Mr Farrier and Mr Seaborne, with training sessions after school this term. Mr Farrier is a great support to our school and we are most grateful for this. Please read on for his great match report. Well done boys – yet again you were a credit to our school.

### The Great Fire of London comes to Newbridge

Year 2 were very much immersed in their learning, last Friday, when they set light to the Tudor houses they has made as part of learning about the Great Fire of London. Excitement built as the houses took light – just like in 1666. This really did bring their learning alive – and cemented knowledge about this period in history. Read on for the exciting images.

### Thank you to our Volunteers

We would like to invite all volunteers, who have helped our school, since September, to come for a 'coffee and mince pie thank you' on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm. This will be held in the Blue Room , with a musical accompaniment from some of our children. Please complete this form, if you have volunteered and are able to come [Volunteers' Thank you](#) .

### 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.

### Upper School Christmas Music Concerts

These will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. The choir will perform, along with a Newbridge mini-orchestra and pupils from Year 5, with a composition they have been practising. If you are following the World Cup, you will know that if England beat France on Saturday, they will play in the semi-finals at 7pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>.....therefore, we are starting to consider if it might be feasible to bring the concert forward to 5.45pm (if England win on Saturday!) – no decisions have been made yet, but we think it is worthwhile trying to avoid torn loyalties!

### Severe Weather

We are currently reviewing the severe weather planning, in line with B&NES Health and Safety guidance. Please be advised, that if it is necessary to close the school, for safety reasons, this information will be sent to you by email. Please know that this has only happened twice in more recent years, and is highly unlikely. This decision will always be made as early as possible, but it will be determined by understanding the safety of the school site and which staff are able to travel to work.

### Group A Streptococcus (GAS)

Please know that a further case of a Strep A infection has been reported in Upper Key Stage 2. If your child has a diagnosed case of impetigo, scarlet fever, strep throat, chicken pox or flu, please report this to [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk) . Please remain vigilant and seek medical advice whenever you are concerned about your child's health, or your own. Please refer to the information I sent to all parents on Tuesday evening and a letter from Public Health and the UKHSA, reiterating all messaging, at the end of the newsletter.

### Contacting the school

For all correspondence, please can parents use the email address [enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk) .

Wishing you a restful weekend, in preparation for the final week of term.

Gill Kennaugh

# ★ ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★ ★



★	<b>Bee</b> – Whole Class	<b>Ladybird</b> – Whole Class	★
★	<b>IEO</b> – Whole Class	<b>1G</b> – Whole Class	★
★	<b>2M</b> – Whole Class	<b>2R</b> – Whole Class	★
★	<b>3OG</b> – Olivia K, Freya K	<b>3BA</b> – Rory W, Audrey E	★
★	<b>4B</b> – Jimmy L-A, Nancy B-J	<b>4H</b> – Chloe H, Oscar D	★
★	<b>5HB</b> – Elisabeth W, Henry H	<b>5G</b> – Elisa P, Archie P	★
★	<b>6KR</b> – Xavier S-G, Sophie G	<b>6N</b> – Fred S, Freddie H	★





Year 3 have been out and about this week...this is the first of their visits, to Emmanuel Church.



On Monday, we went to a beautiful, huge church on Apsley Road. We got to read the Bible and learnt the way Christians celebrate Christmas. Also, we walked around the building looking at Christian artefacts. They told us about Jesus and how he was the King of all Land and seas. We also now know why we put up trees at Christmas. We've learnt, in more detail, about the gifts the three wise men gave Jesus. They gave him Gold, Myrrh and Frankincense. We put on colourful, tissue paper crowns to pretend we were Kings and Queens. We also asked lots of questions about the story and the church. It was really, really fun!

Written by Alba and Emma from Class 3O'G



## ***Newbridge v Moorlands – Cup Match 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022***

*This was a tough match against the current B&NES Schools Cup holders, and the Newbridge team showed determination, strength and an amazing team ethic as they fought hard to the very end. Even though Moorlands won 3-1, we pushed them all the way and did Newbridge School proud.*

*It was 0-0 for most of the first half, and we matched them across the pitch. Harry A made some fantastic runs into the box and nearly scored. Moorlands took their chances in the end, and it was 2-0 to them at half-time, despite some great saves from goalkeeper Felix.*

*In the second half our hard work paid off when, from a corner, Xavier headed the ball to make it 2-1. With time running out we had to go for it, and we came close 3 times, but as we pushed forward, we were caught out toward the end and a third goal from Moorlands followed long spells of brilliant defending by Barney, Segev and George.*

*Our midfielders still didn't give up, with Flynn and James forcing the keeper into some good saves. Sam linked up with Louis on the left to create one final chance*

*Moorlands have a fantastic team who are unbeaten in a very long time, but two quotes from their coach shows how well the Newbridge players did today:*

*"Newbridge passed the ball better than we did" and "for good chunks of the game Newbridge looked like the better team".*

*Well done boys, you're a brilliant group to be working with - Mr Farrier (Newbridge Football Coach).*

Flynn N, Samuel E,  
Harry A, George E,  
Barney P,  
James W, Felix T,  
Xavier S-G, Segev  
H and Louis A



### ***Parents' Forum for SEND***

*We were able to have our first face to face meeting since 2019 in school this week. We were joined by Mrs Stock who is one of our Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSAs) to discuss the support that Newbridge has in place around Mental Health and Wellbeing. If you would like to receive a copy of the minutes from this meeting or learn more about the Parents' Forum, please contact Mr Bacon. There is another meeting planned for Term 3 and details will be shared via the Newsletter.*



# Year 2 - The Great Fire of London!





The Lower School children performed 'Hey Ewe!' for everyone to enjoy.









This morning, the Year 6 members of the school choir walked to Stratton House Care Home to sing some carols. It was a good 25 minute walk, there and back, but the children behaved impeccably and we were so proud of them. We sang a number of Christmas carols and some new, upbeat Christmas songs for the residents. Our singing was joyfully received, and the children were so sensitive and polite in their surroundings and with the elderly residents. A huge thank you to Mrs Stock, Mina's mum and two of our students who helped us get there and back safely. Well done everyone! – Mrs Best







Year 4 sewing  
Christmas stockings  
and making  
Christingles.



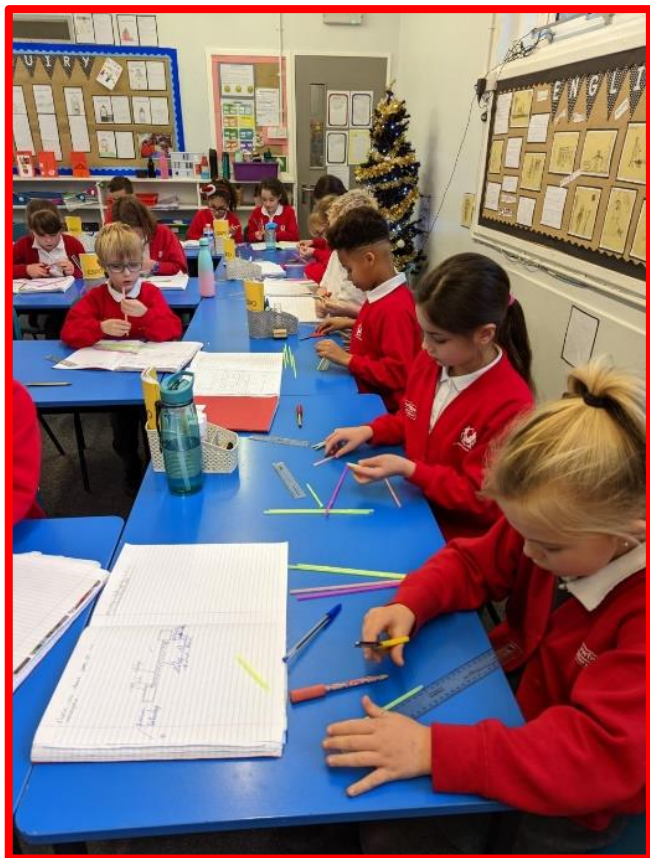




Year 3 combined Design  
Technology and Science –  
making fun Pneumatic  
Monsters!







Year 4 Science, making Christmas wreaths and keeping warm by the fire.







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Dear Parents/Carers

### Re: Scarlet fever and invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

As you will be aware, there are a number of infections currently circulating, including flu, Covid-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV, causes cold like symptoms), and chicken pox. We are writing to inform you of a recent increase in notifications of scarlet fever to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), above seasonal expected levels.

We also understand that parents and carers will be concerned about the recent rise in invasive Group A Streptococcus (iGAS) infection in children. Information about both scarlet fever and invasive Group A Strep infection and what to look out for are set out below.

#### Scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by Streptococcus pyogenes, or group A Streptococcus (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and be pale around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a bright red 'strawberry' tongue.

#### If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately.

#### Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

The same bacteria which cause scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as skin infections (impetigo) and sore throat. In very rare cases, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive group A strep (iGAS). Whilst still very uncommon, there has been an increase in iGAS cases this year, particularly in children under 10 years old. It is very rare for children with scarlet fever to develop iGAS infection.



As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:


- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable Call 999 or go to A&E if:
- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

### Stop the spread

During periods of high incidence of scarlet fever, there may also be an increase in outbreaks in schools, nurseries and other childcare settings. Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should stay off nursery / school / work until 24 hours after the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

Children should remain at home until they are well enough to return to an education setting. Useful guidance on when children can attend an education setting following a range of infections is available here.

Yours sincerely,



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Regional Deputy Director for South West  
UK Health Security Agency

Rebecca Reynolds



Director of Public Health & Prevention  
Bath & North East Somerset Council

### Resources

[NHS – Scarlet Fever](#)

[Scarlet fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment](#) [Health protection in education and childcare settings](#) [Hand hygiene resources for schools](#)

[Group A Strep Blog](#)

[How long should I keep my child off school checklist](#)





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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



If any families are able to let me know, that a hamper of goodies might help a little over the Christmas period, please complete the live form, below. Any information shared will be held confidentially – Gill Kennaugh

[A little help this Christmas](#)

## Travel to Young Voices

For those who may wish to travel on the coach, to Young Voices, organised by Mrs Lawson, please know there are three spaces available.

Please contact Jo Lawson at [sijo1999@gmail.com](mailto:sijo1999@gmail.com) for further details.

## WINTER WINDOWLAND

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## LOST PROPERTY

There is so much lost property in school, and it all needs to go home. It will be outside the School Office from Monday to Thursday next week.

## Google Classroom

Please read your child's Google Classroom 'blog' to find out about all of the learning and activities the class has completed this week. These 'blogs' give you further insight into your child's week and enable conversations about learning at home. If you could leave a message, in response to the blog, or simply a 'thumbs-up', we would love to hear from you.