



NEWBRIDGE NEWS

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Term 3

Monday 6th January

INSET Day

Tuesday 7th January

First day of Term 3

Wednesday 8th January

Year 4 Roman Baths
Workshop

Monday 13th January

Clubs start this week

Thursday 16th January

Year 4 Multiplication Meeting
at 3.30pm

Tuesday 21st January

NPSA Meeting at 7.30pm

Monday 27th January

Year 6 Assessment Week

Friday 31st January

NPSA Cake & Uniform Sale
Parents to look at books
3.15pm – 4pm

Monday 3rd February

Parents to look at books
3.15pm – 4pm

Tuesday 4th February

Parents to look at books
3.15pm – 4pm

Wednesday 5th February

Parent and Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 11th February

Parent and Teacher Meetings

Friday 14th February

End of Term 3

Inset Days 2024/25

Friday 27th June

Tuesday 22nd July

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

Everyone at
Newbridge
Primary School
wishes you a
very
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a truly brilliant term, it has been a joy to witness the children's progress, growing confidence, and their enjoyment of all that school life has to offer. We are immensely proud of our children and grateful for the energy, curiosity and enthusiasm they bring to our school community each day. What a term it has been.

This final week has been packed with festivities, including a Volunteers' Thank You, a Church Nativity, two Upper School Music Concerts, over 400 Christmas lunches, class parties, a special staff leavers' assembly, and... an Ofsted inspection! With all that excitement, I think we are all ready for some well-earned downtime before the celebrations continue at home.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of the parents for your continued support this term, and especially this week. Your involvement—whether helping with learning at home, volunteering in school or supporting the NPSA—makes a world of difference to our school. As a small gesture of gratitude, it was a pleasure to welcome our volunteers to a 'Music and Mince Pie' afternoon on Monday. It was lovely to celebrate their contributions with a school assembly, where they received a much-deserved round of applause and enjoyed some singing from the children.

Our staff deserve special recognition, too. Every member of our team has worked tirelessly to ensure school life has been fun, enriching and engaging. I feel truly privileged to work alongside a staff of such calibre who go above and beyond for our children, every day. The staffs' hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed, and the kind gifts from the parent body have been greatly appreciated – thank you.

Lower School Emmanuel Nativity: The Lower School children and parents visited Emmanuel Church on Wednesday morning. Everyone one was warmly welcomed by the vicar, Michael Farrier, and members of the church. The Year 2 children performed a beautiful nativity, and the other year groups joined in with their rousing singing. This is always a simple, yet very special, Newbridge tradition, and sadly, this year I had to miss it. Well done to all involved.

Christmas Lunch – what an extravaganza: One of their biggest challenges for the catering team this year took place on Wednesday. With seemingly little effort and stress, they prepared, cooked and served over 400 Christmas lunches! This was 100kg of roast potatoes – can you imagine?! Everything was under control, and with this, the children had a fun and memorable lunchtime. Our lunchtime supervisors and cooks work incredibly hard for our children, every day, and we are so very grateful for this and the care they offer.

Upper School Christmas Music Concert: I hope many of you had the pleasure of attending the annual Upper School Christmas Music Concert this week, either on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. It was an outstanding event. We were incredibly impressed by the children who participated—whether as part of the choir, the orchestra, the Year 5 ensembles or as soloists. Each performance was exceptional, and I couldn't be prouder of everyone who took part. Our staff also stepped into the spotlight, bringing plenty of fun and festive cheer for all to enjoy. A special mention goes to Mrs. Best, who single-handedly brought the whole performance together – even at 7 months pregnant! Her exceptional leadership of music across the school continues to inspire and nurture a love of music in our children. We are very grateful for her dedication and passion. Thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents who attended and supported the event. Your generous donations, along with those collected at the nativities, raised an incredible £450 for Cancer Research, Macmillan and the Ben Saunder's Foundation, in memory of Dawn Grabban a former pupil, parent and staff member. In addition £413 was donated for the NPSA.

Extra Curricular Activities: All extra-curricular activities have now finished for the term. Thank you to all the children who made the commitment to attend the activities and to all of the club leaders for providing these opportunities. A revised extra-curricular clubs list is available [here](#) for Term 3 and 4. Activities will commence from Monday 13th January 2025.

Goodbyes: Today, it has been very difficult to say goodbye to Ms Rhodes, an outstanding teacher and school leader, who now commences her retirement after 33 years at NPS. Her work and dedication has been tireless and I wish to thank her for the legacy she has left on the lives of hundreds of young people, and our school. Good luck, Ms Rhodes, you deserve all that lies ahead. We also say goodbye to Miss Kitchener, our very able office administrator, who is relocating to Weymouth. Miss Kitchener's exceptional skills and friendly, helpful manner have always ensured smooth office runnings and plenty of help for parents. Good luck, Miss Kitchener. Sadly, we say goodbye to Khmani, in Year 1. He will attend a school closer to his home and we hope that he will be very happy there.

Autumn Term Reports: All pupils should have received an interim school report, yesterday. This report will have come home by hand, addressed to the parent/carer.

Google Classroom: Please read the 'blog' posted on Google Classroom today, telling you all about the learning and activities this week.

I wish you a restful holiday and a very happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2025,
Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ Bees – Rupert D, Attlee L

★ 1DO – Emily K, Luca V

★ 2OG – Bonnie HH, Toby D

★ 3DE – Leo D, Finlay H

★ 4B – Max S, Riya G

★ 5HK – Zach H, Ioan H

★ 6KR – Sam G, Shadan S

★ Ladybirds – Ziggy M H, Frankie S

★ 1G – Ayaz H, Tashveen R

★ 2R – Leo L, Everyone in 2R!

★ 3M – Alex B, Teddy O

★ 4BA – Ruben C, Aria S

★ 5F – Whole Class!

★ 6N – Barney P, Oliver A

PE Stars of the Week:

Sophia A, Class 3M Quinn H, Class 3DE

Music Stars of the Week:

Everyone who took part in the concert

Google Classroom

Please log on to read the class teacher's blog, posted today. It will tell you about key activities which have taken place this week. We welcome comments and posts which are in line with our school values.

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Lost Property

There remains to be a great deal of lost property in school, including many winter coats. 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.



Our Christmas Concert



A special mention for all of those who have contributed and committed to music in our school. Well done and thank you to all of the children who have taken part in the many events and activities in recent weeks, representing our school so well. You have brought a lot of joy, to a lot of people and should feel very proud – thank you.





Year 4 Christingles

Year 4 had a super time on Tuesday afternoon, learning all about the Christingle and the importance of each of its parts.

We think they are going to look great at Christmas for the whole family to enjoy.





Year 4 backwards advent calendar for



Our final donation, well done Year 4!
You have been so generous.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Emmanuel Church Nativity



The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed beautifully at Emmanuel Church for parents and carers to watch, this week.

Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to the parents and carers who came along to support.

Thank you to Michael Farrier for allowing this event to take place.

Santa's Grotto

Last weekend, our Outdoor Classroom was transformed into a magical wonderland, ready for Santa's very special visit.

Santa shared a funny story with everyone, answered some very interesting questions and ensured that Christmas spirit was at the top of everyone's list.

Many thanks to Joe Laishley for coordinating the whole event, Rachel Hughes for helping with the decorations, and the many volunteers and Elves (made up of present and past pupils) for making the whole event run smoothly.



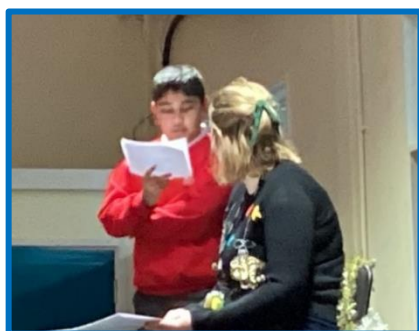
Christmas Lunch at School

What a feast that was provided by our fantastic chefs for all the children and staff on Wednesday. Christmas crackers, music and plenty of Christmas cheer filled the lunch hall and was enjoyed by everyone.



Celebration Leavers' Assembly

This morning, the whole school came together for our end of year Christmas Assembly and as part of that we celebrated pupils and staff who are moving on to new adventures in 2025. I think the photos show the level of support and celebration in the Upper School Hall, with the entire room joining in for a rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas.



Knife crime awareness events

Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership

Join us at

Newbridge Primary School
Wednesday 22nd January, 8.00pm to 8.00pm

Chew Valley School
Monday 10th February, 4.00pm to 8.00pm

Parents and carers in B&NES are invited to learn about the devastating impact of knife crime and how they can support young people to steer away from its dangers at a series of events. You will hear from a guest speaker with lived experience who has been personally affected by knife crime. There will be an opportunity to hear about the support available for children and families in B&NES and view a partnership film on county lines.

There will also be a panel discussion with an opportunity to ask questions.

Free tickets can be booked in advance via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk), search for **B&NES VRP** to find your nearest event.

The event is organised by the Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership which aims to prevent and reduce violence in our area.

Any questions about the event can be emailed to
VRP_Events@bathnes.gov.uk

Or book your ticket now on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

For more information visit
[Bath & North East Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership \(VRP\)](https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/vrp)

[osvrp](https://www.facebook.com/osvrp) [@osvrp](https://twitter.com/osvrp) [CASP](https://www.cssp.org.uk)

Online, via Google Meet

For parents in Bristol & Bath

"I'D LIKE TO FEEL MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT MY PARENTING SKILLS."

"MORNING ROUTINES... BEDTIMES... HELP!"

"WHY WON'T SHE LISTEN AND FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS?"

"I WISH HE COULD BE MORE INDEPENDENT."

THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED FOR ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 3 - 12YRS.

EFFECTIVE, PRACTICAL, EVIDENCE-BASED

Bath & Bristol Parenting Hub
parentinghub.co.uk
contact@parentinghub.co.uk
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MEN'S CAFÉ

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

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

[facebook.com/westonmenscafe](https://www.facebook.com/westonmenscafe)
westonmenscafe@gmail.com

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

National Trust

12 Days of Christmas
at Prior Park

30 November - 15 December weekends only
21 December - 5 January daily (closed 24/25)

Find magical interpretations of this family-favourite carol dotted around the garden.

Regular admission applies. No parking. Festive treats available at the Tea Cabin.

nationaltrust.org.uk/prior-park-landscape-garden

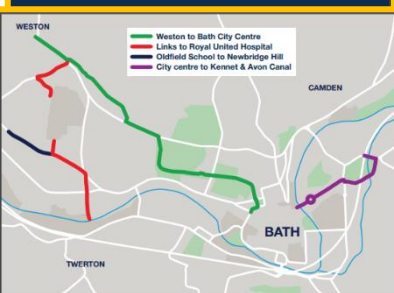
BATH WALKING, WHEELING & CYCLING LINKS

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



JUNIOR CHOIR DAY – HOLIDAY COURSE in KEYNSHAM Friday 3rd January

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to invite your child to join us for a Junior Choir Day 3rd January. This is a fantastic opportunity to join with other children in the area and have fun singing in a choir under the guidance of our highly skilled West of England Music and Arts teachers.

Did you know that singing in a choir is not only fun but develops musical skills, helps build social skills, improves self-confidence and relieves stress.

To be able to join this Junior Choir Day your child must be in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6.

WHERE: St Keyna, Primary School, Monmouth Road, Keynsham, BS31 2JP

WHEN: Friday 3rd January

TIME: 9am – 3.30pm. Parents / Carers are invited for a short performance at 3.15pm.

WHAT TO BRING: packed lunch and drinks for the day

WHAT TO WEAR: comfortable clothing

COST: £25 for the day. No charge if your child is eligible for pupil premium.

HOW TO SIGN UP AND PAY: Go to www.wema.org.uk/junior-choir-day

The deadline for applicants is: Monday 16th December

I do hope your young musician can join us for this exciting opportunity.

If you have any further questions, please email: music@wema.org.uk

Best wishes

Alice Bodiley

Programme Leader: Groups and Courses

West of England Music and Arts

WEST OF ENGLAND MUSIC

PARENTING COURSE

Positive Parenting Course

- Starts Fri 24th Jan 2025
- 12:30 - 2:30pm, online
- 8x group sessions + 2x 1:1s

Register your interest now. You'll then be offered a place, at which point you can confirm your intention to participate.

LOCAL RESIDENTS SAVE!

Enjoy 25% discount on all tickets for local living in BA, TA, DT, or a 35% discount.

Did you know that your ticket is valid for a year?

With your ticket you:
- Get access to the museum for 12 months
- Get an access to all historical exhibits including the 'The World of the Roman' (2025)
- Enjoy our interactive and immersive exhibitions
- Gain access to a variety of additional activities throughout the year including our summer and fall term activities.

Redeem your discount online OR in person at the museum. For full info on how to redeem your discount visit www.nationalmuseum.org.uk/local-discount

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM