

NEWBRIDGE

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Term 6

Tuesday 22nd July Inset Day – school closed to children

Term 1 2025/26

ITuesday 2nd September Inset Day

Wednesday 3rd September First day for all pupils Monday 8th September Extracurricular Clubs Begin Tuesday 9th September

Forest School 4AB

Thursday 11th September
Forest School 2KO

Tuesday 16th September 4N Forest School

Thursday 18th September 20G Forest School

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Year 4 – Wednesday 3rd
September
Year 3 – Thursday 4th
September
Year 5 – Friday 5th
September
Year 6 – Monday 8th
September
Year 2 – Tuesday 9th
September
Year 1 – Wednesday 10th
September

Inset Days 2025/26

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 Friday 24th October 2025 Monday 5th January 2026 Friday 26th June 2026 Wednesday 22nd July. 2026

All of the dates for the remainder of the year can be found on the calendar on the website, <u>here</u>.

Please click <u>here</u> for the term dates for 25/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the academic year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a brilliant year—packed full of rich, varied learning opportunities and shared successes. We always set out to achieve a great deal, but this year has truly surpassed expectations, and for that, every member of our school community deserves recognition.

Our Children: I am incredibly proud of all our children and all they have achieved this year. Their commitment to their learning and to our school community has been exceptional. A special well done goes to our Ladybird and Bee Class pupils, who have completed their very first year at school—what a milestone. Today, we also say goodbye to a few children outside of our Year 6 cohort, as they move on to new schools and homes. We send our warmest wishes to Ivy, Rosa, Stella and Afek —and to their families—as they begin this next chapter. And also to Juan, who has been a guest in Year 1 for a short while. Last week, we held a special assemblies where teachers and classmates shared kind words about what makes these children so special and how much they will be missed.

Our Year 6 Pupils: Today is all about our Year 6 children, who are "flying the nest" after as many as seven years with us. From their first steps into Reception at four years old to the confident young people they are today, ready for secondary school, it has been a privilege to witness their growth. This cohort has faced challenges that we all know too well, but the resilience and determination they have shown—particularly in their final year—has been remarkable. Last Thursday's Year 6 Leavers' Tea and Silent Disco was a lovely celebration, complete with a photo booth, glitter, pizza, cake and some very enthusiastic dancing! A huge thank you to the Year 6 parents who planned and organised the event. Today's Leavers' Assembly was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate each and every pupil with their families. Every child received a special Leavers' 2025 hoody, generously subsidised by the NPSA. Year 6—we are so proud of you, and we wish you all the luck and happiness in the world.

Our Parents and Carers: As we say goodbye to our Year 6s, we also say farewell 35 families who are leaving today. Many of these families have been part of our community for a long time, with siblings passing through our doors over the years. Some parents have made invaluable contributions as school governors or through their tireless work with the NPSA. We are also grateful to our parent reps and volunteers—your commitment has helped shape the inclusive, vibrant school we are proud to be. Thank you for all you've done, and we wish you the very best.

Our NPSA: Our incredible NPSA, led this year by Fran Derrien, continues to be a cornerstone of our school community. Their energy, dedication and ability to bring people together is greatly appreciated. This year alone, they have raised over £25,000 to support our school and children directly— this is an amazing achievement. Thank you for everything.

Our Governors and Volunteers: To our governing body—thank you for your guidance and support throughout the year, helping to steer the ship, and being fully engaged in an Ofsted inspection. And to our many volunteers—whether you have been reading with children, supporting school trips, helping in the allotment, or anything in between—your time and energy have made a genuine difference.

Our Staff: Finally, to our staff team of over 75 exceptional individuals: thank you. Your dedication, care and enthusiasm are what make our school such a special place. In a climate that continues to be challenging, you give your very best to every child, every day. The range of opportunities you provide—both within the curriculum and beyond—are testament to your talent and commitment. You should be proud of all you have achieved this year, and your holiday is very well deserved.

Goodbyes: Today we say goodbye to four valued members of staff: Mrs Morgan, Mrs Foulds, Miss Williams and Mrs Foster. We thank them for their service to our school and wish them the very best for their new ventures and retirement.

Key Stage 2 SATs Results 2025: We have now received the provisional Year 6 SATs results, and we are very pleased with these. These are published below for your information.

Lower School Choir perform: The Year 1 and 2 choir treated families to a stunning performance last Friday. The choir has inspired and encouraged so many children – thank you Mrs Edmunds and Miss Hill.

Lunch Boxes and Lost Property: Please can all parents and carers check for lost items .Please look at the racks on the left and right immediately inside the Upper School Cloakroom and in the red box in the Lower School Hall.

Clubs for Term 1 and 2 2025–26: Thank you to everyone who has attended the extra-curricular clubs this term, and the staff and providers for leading them. A full list of clubs for next termhas been shared on the school website. All parents must sign up by 1st September. Clubs will begin the week of 8th September.

To support the school's financial situation, from September, we will be asking for a voluntary donation of £2.50 per week, for clubs which are lead by school staff. Those eligible for free school meals by benefit will not be expected to make a donation.

Meet the Teacher Meetings September 2025: So that parents get to meet the class teachers and understand the routines and expectations, meetings have been planned for the start of September. They will be held between 2.45pm and 3.10pm. Year 4 Wednesday 3rd, Year 3 Thursday 4th, Year 5 Friday 5th, Year 6 Monday 8th, Year 2 Tuesday 9th and Year 1 Wednesday 10th September.

Thank you for your continued support this year and for the many generous gifts and kind messages the staff have received—these are valued and reatly appreciated.

And so, it's over and out, for now. I will send a letter towards the end of the holiday, with reminders of school systems for 2025/26.

We all wish you a safe, happy and restful summer holiday.

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LOST PROPERTY

We have too much lost property in school and it all needs to go home.

Please look at the racks on the left and right immediately inside the

Upper School Cloakroom and in the blue box in the Lower School Hall, today.

Learning and Communication Creativity and Imagination Personal Development Collaboration Citizenship Key Stage 2 SATs Results 2025 (provisional)

Subject	Percentage of pupils achi expected standar	Average Scaled Score		
	School	National	School	National
Reading	87% (with 47% at greater depth)	75%	108	106
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	80% (with 47% at greater depth)	73%	108	105
Maths	88% (with 42 % at greater depth)	74%	108	105
Writing	72% (with 0% at greater depth)	62%	N/A	N/A
Science	ience 82% (N/A at greater depth)		N/A	N/A
Combined subjects – Reading, Writing and Maths	72%	62%		

PE and Forest School Days 2025/2026

Terms 1 - 3		PE		Forest School/ Outdoor Explore	Children come to school in their PE kit on
Monday	Year 2	Year 3		EYFS	the PE day. Children also wear PE kit when they have a sport extra-curricular activity.
Tuesday	Year 1	Year 4		Year 4	
		PE and FS take place alternate weeks for Y4 classes			For Forest School,
Wednesday	EYFS	Year 4	Year 5		children come to school in long sleeved tops and trousers, and bring wellies and waterproofs with them. Week 2 4AB 2KO Week 3 4N 2OG
Thursday	Year 3	Year 6	Year 5	Year 2 FS takes place alternate weeks for Y2 classes	
Friday	Year 1	Year 2	Year 6		

Learning and Communication Creativity and Imagination Personal Development Collaboration Citizenship







































Leavers' Assembly











Year 2 in the Forest School















A week in Year 4

























Play Day for EYFS













Learning and Communication Creativity and Imagination Personal Development Collaboration Citizenship

Year 5 Cricket Tournament



Thank you so much for organising your pupils into teams after short notice of this event. I'd also like to thank the staff who accompanied the children. The day was a great success!

It was incredibly rewarding to see the children applying their cricket skills to inter-school competitive games. What I enjoyed was observing their confidence grow as each game went on, learning as they went. This is why it was so important to me to get this event on as the skills they apply suddenly have more meaning.

Some highlights of the day below:

Thomas B from UAE: Excellent captaincy. UAE vs. Fish Sauce: Good sportsmanship.

Stingers: Excellent calling to bowler's end and keeper's end. UAE vs. Stingers: Good fielding and captaincy from Otis. Fish Sauce vs. Stingers: Wicket on the first ball of the innings.

ASP vs. Preppy Dino Lemons: Improved calling, fantastic on-field coaching, and support.

Blobfish vs. Angry Spinach Pancakes: Improved calling and fielding support.

ASP vs. Preppy Dino Lemons: Great coaching, support among players, and a wicket maiden by Izzy SG

Preppy Dino Lemons Batting: Great cover drives by Audrey, excellent fielding by Leona, and overall strong boundary support.

There were certainly many more moments to celebrate from skills to great sportsmanship.

Working with Year 5 and Year 1 consistently throughout Term 5 and 6 has been incredible. Watching their skills progress into games, confidently playing with each other independently, was incredibly rewarding. All the children should be so proud of theirselves.

I'd like to give thanks to Dave Wallace for ensuring this project was possible. Also to our sponsors: Galadari Foundation, Gough's Solicitors and Mostly Media for providing the opportunity to provide coaching to the children of Newbridge Primary School. The Year 1 and 2 afterschool clubs were equally successful and again a pleasure to teach these children the sport I love so dearly. It would not have been possible without the support of Sport England and the National Lottery, proving funding alongside our sponsors. I look forward to representing Lansdown CC again next summer, continuing to inspire our young players and offer opportunities to access cricket.

For enquiries to continue the cricketing journey, please contact $\underline{lansdownccyouth@gmail.com} \text{ and } cc \\ \underline{ellaworthcricket@gmail.com}$

Ella Worthington Lansdown Cricket

Governors' Corner

Being a Governor at Newbridge is a rewarding experience. School governors come from varied backgrounds and take on a variety of roles. There are several types of Governors; Staff, Parent and co-opted, each taking a focus area such as safeguarding, finance, personnel and curriculum subjects.

As a Governor, my focus areas are in finance, online safety and computing. At first I questioned what I can offer as I am not a teacher or educational expert. I have quickly learned (with some shock!) that the schools leadership team manage far more than the education of our children. I learnt that I bring knowledge and an external perspective on the wide remit the school leadership team are expected to manage such as Financial Management, Human Resources, Health and Safety, Legal and Regulatory compliance, Premises and Facility Management, community relations and Risk management. I have come to realise our Head teacher is effectively a CEO of an organisation. My role therefore is to provide my skills to support, advise and essentially be a 'critical friend'.

A significant experience in my first year as a governor has been observing an Ofsted inspection with little notice in the last week of term before Christmas. Watching the school work together calmly and with confidence whilst maintaining the children's excitement and joy for all the planned Christmas activities showed me how deeply all the staff care for the children and their education.

More broadly I have been involved in strategic discussions, reviewed school policies, supported school improvements and supported the critical management of the school budget. I am also a link governor for computing, which has given me the opportunity to observe lessons first hand. It is great to see how IT is being used to support creativity, problem-solving and independent learning.

The role has definitely opened my eyes to the hard work that goes on in the background to ensure the smooth running of the school. I have seen first hand the dedication that goes into creating a positive and nurturing environment for our children. I've seen how critical the NPSA is in supporting school improvements and balancing the school budget to ensure the extra curricular activities the kids enjoy remain available. Most importantly I have learnt the vital role that parents, carers and local residents have in supporting and maintaining the school's values.

If you are curious on what we do as Governors or are interested in getting involved I would encourage you to consider it. You don't need to be an educational expert. All you need is a willingness to learn and a passion to help the school be its best and achieve its vision. If you want to know more, I would be happy to have a chat.

Claire Greenaway Governor since September 2024





Thanks to the amazing fundraising from the Newbridge Community, we have been able to support the school in the following ways...



Year 6 Life Skills and Leavers Hoodies



Play equipment and OPAL storage



Subsidising school trips

Forest School teaching and equipment

Canva



Resources and subscriptions



Redecoration







Dear Parents & Carers,

Instructor Nick here - Taekwon-Do is at **Newbridge Primary School** & we are offering a Month Free! It's on **Mondays, spaces will be limited and may be subject to a waiting list.** It's all about high performance freestyle Tae Kwon-Do & developing that Self-control and Confidence. Yes, we have the black belts, kicks and tricks, but it's all about:

F eamwork

Integrity

G rowth

E nergy

R espect

S elf-Control



The upcoming 4 week free trial will run at **Newbridge Primary School** starting **Monday 8th September** and will continue at that location going forward:

Infants/Juniors (School Yr 1-6): Mondays 6:30-7:15

Please do not enter the building on pickup, release will be outside.

Our classes are the lowest priced pro Tae Kwon-Do sessions in the area, all in. After the free trial, should you wish to continue, classes are just £35 a month, which includes all training, belts, gradings, replacement uniforms, patches, licensing & insurance. Siblings train at a huge £9 per month discount too!

To register your child, please fill out this short form ASAP: www.tigermartialarts.club/monthfree

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Kat, TMA admin by email: admin@tigermartialarts.club or by phone between 10am-3pm 07921855900.

Once booked, we'll contact you before the start to confirm details. To find out r

Thanks as always for your support,

Trutnutor Nick

Head Instructor - Tiger Martial Arts















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Run by teachers and yoga and art specialists Laura & Adele in Saltford near Bath/Bristol



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