



NEWBRIDGE NEWS

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Dates Term 2

Tuesday 26th November

2R Forest School

Thursday 28th November

4BA Forest School

Tuesday 3rd December

2OG Forest School

Thursday 5th December

4B Forest School

Friday 6th Decemeber

Year 6 Choir to Stratton House

Non-Uniform for School Fair

Saturday 7th December

Santa's Grotto and Fair

Monday 9th December

Clubs finish this week

Tuesday 10th December

Lower School Nativity (2OG)

at 9.30am

2R Forest School

Wednesday 11th December

Lower School Nativity (2R) at

9.30am

Thursday 12th December

4BA Forest School

Monday 16th December

Volunteers' Thank You

2.20pm

Year 2 Emmanuel Church

Nativity Rehearsal

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Lunch

Upper School Christmas

Concert 6pm

Year 2 Emmanuel Church

Nativity

Thursday 19th December

Lower School Christmas

Parties

Upper School Christmas

Concert 10am

School Reports home

Friday 20th December

Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 6th January

INSET Day

Tuesday 7th January

First day of Term 3

Monday 13th January

Clubs start this week

Inset Days 2024/25

Monday 6th January

Friday 27th June

Tuesday 22nd July

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Speaking out: Over the past two weeks, we have been so proud of three children who have chosen to share some personal challenges faced. Each unprompted, yet with the support of key adults, presented to the whole school. Evie chose to tell the children about how she is diabetic and wished to raise awareness. Ava wanted the children to know that although she has dyslexia and dyscalculia, this does not stop her writing stories, by using her creativity and imagination to draw pictures instead of writing words. She read her short story to the whole school, and we were all wowed. On Wednesday, Naleen was keen for others to consider her safety, when she made everyone aware that she has glaucoma and that her eyes need to be protected. She told everyone that it is difficult for her to see people's faces, unless they are close to her. These children are incredible, in every way!

OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning: This week, we launched OPAL to the children in assembly on Wednesday. Mr Wallace explained the principles of OPAL and what we hope to achieve. With this came expectations and how everyone will need to work together to be responsible, respectful and safe when playing, and with new equipment. Newly created areas were opened on Thursday – Mud World, Mini-Mud World, Dance Zone and Small World. Plus, all children had access to music, chalks, dressing up and loose parts. As explained previously, this is an 18 month programme and we are starting with some small wins, before we review other areas of the site and create different play environments. It's exciting and fun. Thank you for all of the donations – please keep them coming – we especially need more pairs of wellies, and please remember that children need a waterproof coat every day. Thank you for the baseline survey data – the outcomes from parents, children and staff which will prove useful to informing next steps.

Julian House Visit: Year 4 have had a visit from Gavin Osborn, who works for the local charity, Julian House. The children were keen to know how the charity helps those who are homeless, which fits with this term's enquiry, 'Does charity begin at home?'. We have been long standing supporters of Julian House and hope that we will be able to offer our support, again.

Year 6 Bath Blitz Walk: Class 6N and Class 6KR each took part in a Bath Blitz Walk, this week. Having walked to the centre of Bath, the classes were received by Adrian, who is a Mayor's Guide. He took the children around Bath City Centre, explaining the impact of the Blitz on Bath and pointing out the damage caused to buildings, and the restoration in later years. This enhances the current Year 6 enquiry, 'How to cope in a crisis?'. The children were respectful and engaged, throughout.

NPSA Competition Winners: The winner of the Christmas Pudding label design is Alice, in Year 4, with runners-up Fleur D and Charlotte J, both of who are in Year 2.

Thank you for the donations for today's cake sale, which will be held after school in the Blue Room.

Thank you, Good Gym: Again, we were fortunate to have the volunteer help of Good Gym last Saturday. The team of six were keen to support the school with ongoing work and maintenance around the site, and enjoyed being able to give back to their community. If anyone is keen to get involved with the charity, please follow this link <https://www.goodgym.org/>

Our School's Governing Body: The Governing Body has a responsibility for the strategic management of the school and is made up of local people from varying backgrounds. We are pleased that recently we have appointed new members, bringing a range of experience and skill to the board. The Chair of Governors is Clare Moon, the Vice Chair is Eric Lucas, the Safeguarding Governor is Michael Farrier and the Clerk to the Governors is Gemma Phillips. Follow [this](#) link to see all members listed against the different committees.

Punctuality: It is a legal requirement for children to attend school regularly and also for children to be at school on time. The children must be in class for registration at 8.55am, meaning they need to be through the gates by 8.53am, when they are closed. Children arriving after 8.55am are marked as Late (L). Children arriving after 9.10am are marked as Unauthorised (U). If you are late, please make sure you sign your child in at the office.

Google Classroom: Today, we have posted a video about being responsible, respectful and safe when using Google Classroom. It was posted shortly after the teacher's blog. Please watch it with your child/ren, so that we know the platform will be used responsibly when posting, and again enjoyed by all.

Welcome: This week we had the pleasure of welcoming Tashveen to Year 1. Tashveen's elder brother left at the end of Year 6, last year, and so we are delighted to see the family back at Newbridge.

Have a good weekend,

Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



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| ★ Bees – Miles B, Nancy H | Ladybirds – Ivy B, Charlie H | ★ |
| ★ IDO – Seb K-C, Leo H | 1G – Thea H, Ethan H | ★ |
| ★ 2OG – Zain O, Primrose H | 2R – Charlie B, Effie W | ★ |
| ★ 3DE – Ben W, Tessa G | 3M – Chloé B, Zeke S | ★ |
| ★ 4B – Arthur C, Georgie K | 4BA – Kashvi R, Alfie N | ★ |
| ★ 5HK – William B, Rory W | 5F – Harith A, Neula J | ★ |
| ★ 6KR – Chase D, Sofia H | 6N – Harry B, Magnus H | ★ |

PE Stars of the Week:
Sherhat Y, Class 4BA Rex R-B, Class 3DE

Music Stars of the Week:
Sarafina D, Class 4BA Erika G, Class 3DE



HEADTEACHER MENTION



Congratulations to Naleen Y (Class 5HK), Ava-Daisy A (Class 6N) and Evie H (Class 6N) on their amazing presentations to the whole school.

You were incredible and we are so very proud of you!



OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING



On Wednesday in a whole school assembly, we introduced the children to OPAL. OPAL stands for Outdoor Play and Learning. The children learnt all about the expectations, what the OPAL principles are, and how to be safe out on the playground.

With this in mind, on Thursday, we introduced OPAL in our playgrounds and these pictures are taken from our lunchtime evidence how much the children enjoyed the activities on offer.





Having a clear out? Your local school needs your help!

We are transforming 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!



B&NES Football Tournament – WINNERS!



The Team: Jake S, Rhed M, Sam R, William B, Barney P, Harry B, Flynn N, Tom C, Arthur L and Charlie R

Huge achievement for Newbridge Footballers!

Last Friday the Newbridge Football team entered the annual B&NES Football Tournament, held at Odd Down. This is a notoriously tough competition, contested by 16 primary schools from across the B&NES area. So, massive congratulations are due to the 10 boys of the football team for **WINNING** the tournament! This is a real achievement and builds on the success of Newbridge football, following our Year 4 Tournament win at the start of 2024.

To succeed in lifting the trophy the players had to overcome some tough opponents, including beating WASPS not once, but twice! And, of course, another encounter with our friendly-rivals from Moorlands.

The group stages saw Newbridge win 1-0 against WASPS, followed by further 1-0 and 5-0 victories against other local schools. This was followed in the Quarter-finals with a 2-0 victory over Saltford. Inevitably the semi-final was against Moorlands, who had knocked Newbridge out of the competition last year. The game was, as ever, very close and went to extra time. When it looked to all of us that we were heading for the dreaded penalties, a sublime shot was parried by the Moorlands GK and the rebound neatly tucked away by Newbridge to secure a 1-0 win and a place in the final – where the opponents were WASPS again!

Winning the final 2-0 meant that not only did the boys rack up an incredible 12 goals scored, but they also did not concede a single goal across 6 games, which is frankly remarkable. The prize, in addition to a trophy and individual medals, is representing BANES at the County Final, which will be held in January 2025.

Player of the Day: Sam, Rhed, Jake, William, Flynn, Harry, Tom, Barney, Charlie, and Arthur.

For playing and supporting each other as a team, for excellent sportsmanship, and for outstanding skill. A credit to Newbridge School.

Thank you to all the parents who came to support, and to Mr Brook, William's dad, for supporting the coaching on the day.

Mr Farrier – Football Coach

Year 4 Julian House Visit

On Friday 15th November, Year 4 were lucky enough to have a visit from Gavin Osborn, who works for the charity Julian House. He talked to the children about the great work they do in the city to support homelessness and explained how the charity can be supported by taking part in different events they organise. It was incredibly interesting and the children asked excellent questions.



Year 2 Forest School

Class 2OG had Forest School on Tuesday and it was cold but such fun. How magical that when we first went out it was snowing (ish) This didn't stop us however as we played some games to warm us up. We are so lucky to have the outdoor classroom as it meant we could learn all about how animals keep themselves warm in winter. We had free play which saw some of us playing in the mud kitchen, some making dens, some playing on the rope swing and we even had a fab rendition of Believe by Imagine Dragon sung brilliantly by Gethin and Olly! Clare showed us how to light a fire safely and we thought about this how this linked to The Great Fire of London. Can you believe we had hot chocolate by the fire?! Forest School is so much fun, and we feel so lucky to have the opportunity to do this at Newbridge.



Year 6 Bath Blitz Walk

Year 6 took part in the Bath Blitz Walk this week. It was a great success and everyone really enjoyed learning about the history of the city during WW2. When Y6 visit these significant parts of Bath in the future, they will be able to share their knowledge and reflect on the changes that have occurred over the past 80 years.



EYFS CARNIVAL

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) had a carnival this morning. They created hats and paraded around the school site with their whistles and musical instruments. What a fantastic carnival for the children to be a part of.





'500 Words' Writing Competition

We have reached the deadline for the BBC's 500 Words Competition and are so proud of all the budding writers from our school who have entered.

Here is one last entry from Rose Y, in Class 3DE. Enjoy reading another fabulous adventure!

Mrs Edmunds

The Painting Robbers by Rose Y, Class 3DE

Meet Elsa, Nicky, Mya, Rich and Ed.

When it was the holidays Ed, Nicky, Mya met at sea cottage. Elsa and Rich were waiting for them to come. Once they arrived they had to decide where to go for the holidays. Nicky suggested Pocken Hill. The others said 'yes yes of course'!

So they packed all their things and off they went that Monday. Once Ed and Nicky had set up camp they went to visit an old local Museum. There they saw two familiar faces. But they can't be! They looked like they were villains from their last adventure, but hadn't the police arrested them?

They went back to it camp to talk it over. Rich said 'they can't be!'

Ed had a good idea. 'We can go undercover.'

'Great!' said Mya 'but what can we wear?'

'I bought some big clothes with me. Elsa and Mya could wear them' said Rich

'I brought hair dye' said Nicky.

'So that's settled' said Ed,'

'We're going tomorrow?' asked Elsa

'Yes' said Rich decisively.

'I'm hungry' said Mya, 'I'll fetch some beef from the fridge.'

So they will go the next day when Elsa and Mya prepared breakfast. At the old museum, sure enough the two villains were telling some tourists about the museum.

'Let's follow them.' said Ed.

'Good idea,' said Rich

'Well hello there,' said Gideon, one of the men.

'Oh Hello' replied Rich. Ed whispered 'split up! Mya you're with me. Rich you are with Elsa and Nicky. Go to the bottom of the corridor. I will go at the back to watch old Len and Nicky you're at The front watching old Gideon.'

But as Rich and Elsa moved to the end of the corridor, Gideon said 'where are you going?'

'I'll just see the Art gallery.'

'Oh! Well sightseers are not allowed in that area.'

'That's odd.' Elsa said when the five grouped up and told what they heard. Ed and Maya reported that they also saw Len say tourists are not to go to the gallery.

'Odd' said Nicky. 'I vote to keep watch over night.'

'Good idea,' said Rich 'but where can we sleep?'

Ed replied 'next to the gallery behind the tables and mat.'

At midnight they spotted Gideon and Len. They were saying 'let's get the painting now.'

Ed turned around and just then the manager appeared saying 'why are you here?' He marched Ed and Rich to his office ignoring their protests about the robbers. The manager called the police to come and collect the two boys.

When the police showed the two thieves were still in the building. The rest of the children went and told them about Len and Gideon. They were just in time because at that moment the two robbers ran out of the museum carrying a priceless painting. The police captured and arrested them and Rich and Ed were released by the thankful manager. Another adventure completed with a successful ending!

Christmas Pudding Label Design

A big congratulations to Alice L, from Class 4BA, Fleur D and Charlotte J, from Class 2R and Class 2OG, who have won and came runners up in the Christmas Pudding Label Design competition.



Fixed Penalty Notice

If your child misses school because of an unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (or 5 days), the school may issue penalty notices.

Penalty notices will be issued separately to each parent, and for each child. The fine for each penalty notice is £120, with 28 days to pay. If you pay within 21 days, the fine is reduced to £60 for each penalty notice.

For example, a family with two parents (1&2) and two children (A&B) taking unauthorised absence would receive the following penalties:

- **Parent 1** = 1 penalty for child A plus 1 penalty for child B = 2 penalties
- **Parent 2** = 1 penalty for child A plus 1 penalty for child B = 2 penalties

Total payable by the family = 4 penalties (or £480).

If the family in this example had paid their fine within 21 days of being issued the penalty notice, they would have had to pay £240.

For further information:

B&NES Website for parents – Penalty Notice code of conduct.

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/pay-penalty-notice-non-attendance-school>

[Information for Parents and Carers August 2024 \(1\).docx \(live.com\)](#)

GIFT CARD APPEAL

GIVE WITH US FOR CHRISTMAS 2024

Here at The Nest Project we want to make every child feel special this Christmas. We have partnered with The Entertainer toy shop to provide gift cards, for children aged 0-5, to families experiencing financial hardship in BANES.

We will turn your generous donation into discounted gift cards that we will give to children in time for Christmas so their families can choose a gift for them.

The more we raise, the more we can give and the more children we can provide for!



Scan the QR code or head to bit.ly/nestchristmas2024 to get involved and find out more.

THANK YOU!

the nest project

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Peter Pan Preschool Christmas Craft Morning



Saturday 23rd November
11.00 - 12.00
£5.00 per child
Payable on the door cash or card
All crafts included
Tea, coffee, hot chocolate & cakes available too!

U9 - U12 LOVE RUGBY FESTIVAL

For girls in school years four to seven, with any level of rugby experience. Join us for a morning of fun, friendship and skills.



Scan here to register and view more information



1ST DECEMBER 2024
10:30 - 12:30
BATH RFC

Previous festivals have highlighted the importance of assembling these age groups to promote self-confidence, team building and the opportunity for girls to connect, forming friendships around the game of rugby.

TRY RUGBY WITH US!
Visit findrugby.com

Contact oliviagjenkins@bathrfc.com for more information

JOIN RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES!



Scan here to register to join our unit. We are the 25th Bath Rainbows and Brownies!

Come and join your local Rainbows and Brownies Unit!

We meet every Saturday morning (10-11am) at Twerton Village Hall for an hour of fun, games, crafts, baking and earning badges!

Rainbows is for girls aged 4-7 and Brownies is for girls aged 7-10. Both groups meet at the same time so no need to make two trips if your daughters are different ages!

£17.50 per half term
(Financing and grants available to ensure that any girl who wants to can join!)

No waitlist, register and your child can start straight away!

Message Kate at 07962 891448, email 25thbrownies@girlguidingbath.org.uk or use the QR code above to join!

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

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.

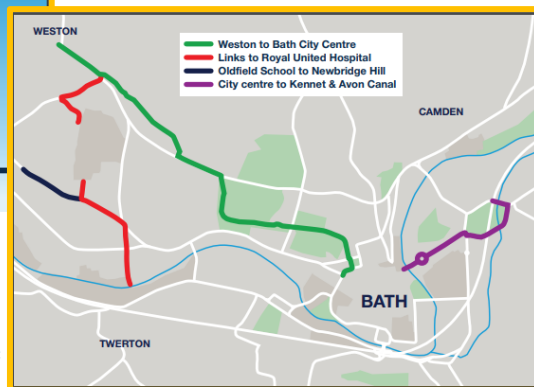
Weston to Bath City Centre
Links to Royal United Hospital
Oldfield School to Newbridge Hill
City centre to Kennet & Avon Canal



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WEST OF ENGLAND



MEN'S CAFÉ

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



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

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