



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Term 1 2025/26

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**  
4N Forest School  
Flu Vaccines

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
2OG Forest School

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Year 6 Fleet Air Arm Museum  
Open Classrooms 3.20pm

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
NPSA Scarecrow Trail

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
Open Classrooms 3.20pm

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
Open Classrooms 3.20pm

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
School photographs

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
Online Parent/Teacher  
Meetings from 2.30pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
Harvest Festival  
NPSA Cake Sale

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
Online Parent Teacher  
Meetings from 2.30pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
End of Term 1

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
Inset Day for staff

**Term 2**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Return to school

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
Forest School 4AB

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
Forest School 2KO  
NPSA Fireworks

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
Forest School 4N  
Virtual NPSA Meeting 7.30pm

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
Bath Blitz Walk 6B

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
Forest School 2OG  
Bath Blitz Walk 6KR

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
5HK Herschel Museum

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
5F Herschel Museum

## Inset Days 2025/26

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.  
2026

All of the dates for the remainder of the year can be found on the calendar on the website, [here](#).

Please click [here](#) for the term dates for 25/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

**NPSA Picnic – what a lovely evening it was:** If you were able to come along to the NPSA Picnic last Friday, I am sure you will have had a lovely time. It was all about community, with many families enjoying the weather, refreshments and music. Thank you very much to all involved in making the evening possible, and a big shout-out to The Electric Bear who generously loaned their pop-up bar for the evening.

Our first NPSA meeting of the year took place on Tuesday led by Caroline Lovell, our new Chair. There was a good turnout both in person and remotely. The NPSA is hugely important to our school – it is the glue that holds us together, so that we thrive as a very special community. So, thank you to all who attended. The next event is next weekend, with a Scarecrow Trail organised for next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. A QR code will be available next week to access the map. Sincere thanks to all of the families who are busy making scarecrows, and to Helen Slade and Stuart Matthews for organising this fun event.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings:** A letter was sent out today informing parents how to sign-up for an online Parent/Teacher Meeting via School Cloud. The meetings are being held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, and we encourage every family to make one appointment per child. Mr Bacon, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, will be available on one of the evenings. The booking system will be live from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm and will close at 7pm on 8<sup>th</sup> October. There are reasons for the meetings being online – parents can join from different locations, every parent's meeting is the same length and this system supports teacher workload. Again, please know that parents and carers do not need to wait until the parent/teacher meeting to raise concerns, an appointment can be requested with the teacher at any time, via the school office.

**Open Classrooms:** On 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October the classrooms will be open after school from 3.20pm to 4.00pm. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to view pupil books and the classroom environment. There is no need to book for these sessions, we just ask that all visitors are respectful of the class environment and resources.

**Attendance Matters:** Parents and Carers have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school, on time, each day, and there are only a small number of circumstances when missing a school day is permitted, e.g. sickness. School leaders will decide what counts as an exceptional circumstance when authorising absence, however holidays are rarely an acceptable reason for an absence and are very unlikely to be treated as an exceptional circumstance. Please read below for when fixed penalty notices may be issued for school absence.

**Phonics Workshop and Book Fair:** On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September a Phonics and Early Reading Workshop was held for parents. Thank you to all who came – we were pleased with the turn-out. If you were not able to attend, the information shared has been uploaded to our school website [here](#) and to Google Classroom.

**Correspondence:** The school office continues to receive a very high number of emails each day. While we always aim to respond within three school days, there may be times when it takes a little longer. To help manage responses more efficiently, we kindly ask parents to check the school website and newsletter first, as common questions and updates are shared here. Thank you for your patience and understanding; we appreciate your support as the office staff work hard to respond to everyone as quickly as possible.

**Tours for prospective Reception children 2026:** Looking ahead to our Reception intake for September 2026, thank you to everyone who has booked a session. We have now added more dates so please book on via on the school [website](#)

**OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning:** We are delighted to be on our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey, transforming playtimes for all our children. This week, staff took part in further training, with three more sessions planned this term. The benefits of OPAL are so evident. Children are more active, creative and collaborative in their play. They are developing social skills, building resilience and discovering new ways to enjoy the outdoors together. Most importantly, they are having fun – playtimes have never been so enjoyable! We are delighted with the positive impact OPAL is having on our school community and we look forward to sharing more updates as the journey continues.

**Google Classroom:** Your child's class teacher will post a short 'blog' on their Google Classroom page each Friday. Please take time to have a read so that you are up to speed with what your child is learning. You are welcome to leave a simple message or a thumbs-up, should you wish to.

With best wishes for a good weekend.

Gill Kennaugh

# ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

1DB – Ela S, Euan O'B

1H – Dimitris B, Teddy H

2OG – Jessica T, Orla H

2KO – Freddie S, Myron L

3DE – Evie O'B, Rayan K

3M – Ava LR, Toby D

4AB – Isaac H, Zeke S

4N – Erika G, Maya P

5HK – Beatrix B, Dura Nia C

5F – Katie H, Ollie G

6KR – Jacob H, Sam R

6B – Jem C, Niki P

## PE Stars of the Week

Amelie S Class 6B Freja K Class 6B

## Music Stars of the Week

Alice S Class 6B, Isaiah P Class 3M

## NPSA Back to School BBQ







# CLASS AMBASSADORS



Bee – Soloman

IDE – Ezra, Nancy

2OG – Eartha, Max

3DE – Oscar B, Praise

4N – Darcy, Finlay

5HK – Beatrix, Benji

6KR – Izzy, Chloe, Audrey  
Audrey, William

Ladybird – Amelia

1H – Charlie, Betty

2KO – Sophia, Tashveen

3M – Phoebe, Kipp

4AB – Bella, Jonny

5F – Lucy, Roly

6B – Ellie, Freja,  
Jack, Harith

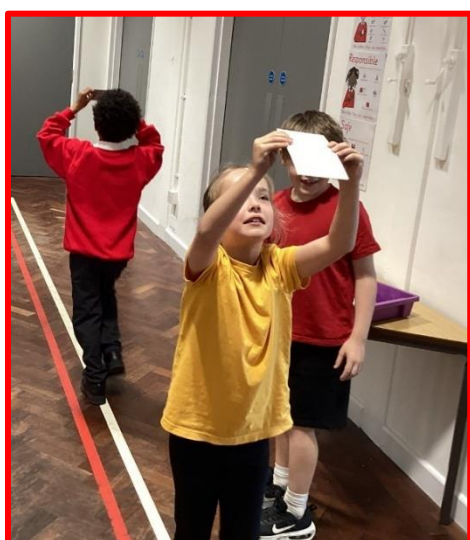


These are our Upper School Class Ambassadors.  
Next week, we will publish an image of the Lower School Ambassadors.



# Around School This Week

This week in Year 3, we have been out and about around school in science lessons, using mirrors to learn all about reflections. It was tricky to navigate the hall without looking directly, but we had a lot of fun trying to find our way around.





# Around School This Week

In science, Year 6 explored the fascinating topic of light and busted the myth that it travels in wavy lines! Through hands-on experiments that the children designed themselves, they discovered that light actually travels in straight lines. It was brilliant to see their curiosity and teamwork shine through in this practical learning.





## Year 5 go swimming

This week, Class 5HK have been enjoying their lessons at the Sports Centre in Bath. Thank you to the many parent volunteers for giving up your time to support us with transporting the children. Next week 5F will have their turn!



# Our Newbridge Curriculum

We believe the Newbridge Curriculum should provide our children with an **engaging, creative and purposeful** opportunity to make **connections** in their knowledge alongside developing each of them as future citizens of our community and beyond. The **progressive** and **sequenced** nature of our **broad** and **relevant** curriculum allows for children to be **challenged at all levels** and is inherently based on our values of **Learning and Communication**, **Creativity and Imagination**, **Personal Development**, **Collaboration** and **Citizenship**.

Subject Leaders have worked on 'Curriculum Progression Threads' for each of their subjects. 'Threads' are the golden, traceable pieces of learning and skills that develop over time. They are evident in each subject, each year. For example, in History, Chronology (ordering things by time) is one of the 'Threads' - using our new approach you can track how this skill is developed year on year. These documents are available on our school website. From now on, foundation subject lessons will link to these 'Threads' and will become a common language for the children.

You can see all of the Curriculum Thread documents [here](#) on the school website.

Mr Newman

## 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.





# Moving House?



Having a clear out?

Your local school needs your help!

We have transformed 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!







# WE ARE HIRING

## Join Our Team!



**DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN, CARING FOR AND SUPERVISING THEM AT LUNCHTIME IN YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL?**

**JOB POSITION: SCHOOL MEAL SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT**

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  
£12.85 per hour  
Permanent Contract

The ideal candidate would have to be:

- Patient and caring
- Dedicated to all children achieving the best they can
- 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 all appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

**To find out more, please contact Newbridge Primary School**

**[enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk)**

**01225 421675**

**To apply please visit our website for an [application pack](#)**

# JOIN US!

## Bath Elfins

### WOODCRAFT FOLK group

Woodcraft Folk runs local groups where young people learn about big ideas through fun activities like camping, games, music, craft and debating with a big emphasis on spending time outdoors.

Grow in confidence, develop skills, make new friends and try exciting experiences with Woodcraft Folk!

Get in touch for a trial session.

<https://woodcraft.org.uk/>

#### Group details

Elfins 6-9 years

Newbridge Primary School

Thursdays 6:15 -7:30pm

£35 for 2 terms

 elfinsbath@gmail.com



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## NPSA Hundred Club

Sarah Milne  
Stuart Matthews  
Jane Hurle

## Congratulations!!





# Everyone Active

Each Friday morning at 8.10am until 8.40am

It was so lovely to see so many children and parents at our session this morning – please all come again, next week.

Our free dance session is held every Friday morning in the Upper School Hall from 8.10am to 8.40am.

All ages are most welcome, pre-schoolers through to grandparents – there is no need to book, just turn up.

Upper School children can come unaccompanied, but must stay in the Hall for the duration of the session. Lower School children must be accompanied.

Upper School children should put their belongings in their cloakroom before the start of the session and Lower School children leave their belongings in the Upper School Foyer.

Children should wear school PE kit and everyone should bring a filled water bottle.

It is a fun and positive start to the day - supporting everyone's well-being and health.



## Neurodevelopmental Pathway Support Line



**B&NES Parent Carer Forum**

B&NES Parent Carer Forum is free to join. Just go to [www.banespcf.co.uk/membership](http://www.banespcf.co.uk/membership)

Members get priority booking at all events, advance notice of activities, opportunities to meet other parent carers and much more.

**Facebook: Banes Parent Carer Forum and BANES PCF Talk**

**Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/banespcf/?hl=en>**

**The voice  
of parent carers  
of young people  
(0-25 years)  
with SEND**

- Workshops
- Cafes
- Family events
- Events for parent carers
- ND Helpline
- Peer to Peer Support

**The Neurodevelopmental Pathway  
Support Line is  
now open**

**Wednesdays 9am - 1pm**

**Thursdays 1pm - 5pm**

**01761502515**

**or email**

**[ndsupport@banespcf.co.uk](mailto:ndsupport@banespcf.co.uk)**

**MORE SUPPORT LINES OPENING SOON, JOIN TO FIND OUT MORE**



# THE NEST PROJECT

We are a local charity in Bath helping families who are struggling financially by providing their 0-5 year olds with free clothing, equipment and essentials.

## DONATE ITEMS

We rely on donations to have items to give to our clients. We love that we are reusing and recycling clothing and equipment that are already in our community and are able to pass them on to those who need them.

If you have items to donate please email [donations@thenestproject.co.uk](mailto:donations@thenestproject.co.uk). You can also check out our socials to find a list of what we're looking for at the moment or donate directly via our Amazon Wishlist.

## SUPPORT US FINANCIALLY

If you'd like to support us in running this essential service for local families in need, please consider financially contributing to the work that we do. You can give as a one-off or set up regular giving by scanning the QR code on the reverse or heading to [www.thenestproject.co.uk/give](http://www.thenestproject.co.uk/give).

## VOLUNTEER

The Nest Project relies on incredible volunteers! If you've got some time to spare we have a number of volunteering opportunities, get in touch with us to find out more.

For more information about the project visit our website or follow us on social media. Alternatively, please turn over and scan the QR code to find out more.



Scan here to find out how to donate items, support us financially and volunteer.





## Open Evening 2025

Thursday 25 September 6-8pm



## Open Morning 2025

Tuesday 30 September 9am - 10.30pm

Everyone Welcome

To book, please visit [oldfieldschool.com](http://oldfieldschool.com)





### St Mark's School BATH

**A School full of  
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**OPEN EVENING**  
Tuesday 16th September 6:30 - 8:30pm  
Presentation at 6:30pm  
Doors open at 6:00pm

**OPEN MORNING**  
Friday 26th September 9:00 - 11:00am

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**Let your light shine**

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Website: <https://www.st-marks.org.uk> Email: [info@st-marks.org.uk](mailto:info@st-marks.org.uk)

Unfortunately, Forest School is unable to run this October half term at our school, however we have other options available here at school, and nearby. Please keep a look out for the return of Forest School later in the school year.



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## OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025

What's on?

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your specific camps activities

  
**REVOLUTING R•B•TICS**

  
**EERIE ENGINEERING**

  
**MYSTERY MINECRAFT**

  
**Spooky FILM MAKING**

  
**TERRIFYING TECH FUN**

**NEW Take Home Inventions**







**27th - 31st October LIMITED SPACES**

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

This October, children will explore micro-robots, video game design, LEGO WeDo2, animation, augmented reality, 3D pens, movie making, VR, Minecraft Marvel, and even launch their own science rockets — with a Spooky Dress-Up Friday to finish the week!

★★★★★

"My son LOVED camp — he came home buzzing, with the things he made!"

Katie Simpson - Google Review

★★★★★

"My son had a wonderful time and was begging to go again."

Gill Coleman - Google Review

★★★★★

"Staff who truly care about children and will ensure that they enjoy the camp."

Wina Simmonds - Google Review

**LIMITED SPACES, BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY!**  
W: [www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education) T: 01442 873150

**BRISTOL SOCCER PROJECT**

## NEWBRIDGE SOCCER CAMP

**Dates:**  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Timings:**  
drop off from 8:30

Camp Start 9:00  
Camp Finish 3:00

**TRICK & TREAT**

- ✓ Skill Development Sessions
- ✓ Team-Building Activities
- ✓ Fun engaging SSG
- ✓ Afternoon Tournament

**Price:**  
1 day: £25.00  
2 days: £45.00  
3 days: £60.00

**Location:**  
Newbridge Primary School  
(for primary age students only years 1 - 6)

**SIGN UP**



# OCTOBER HALF TERM

## FESTIVAL OF SPORT

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October (4 days)**

**9am to 4pm | Open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 - 15.**

The Cricket programme is the perfect holiday club for the cricket mad youngster, whatever their ability! The course will be fun, challenging and improve skills and techniques through a combination of small sided games, coaching sessions and our special version of the 100!

The Multi Sports programme will involve a fantastic variety of sports, including: Laser Tag, Archery, Mini Olympics, Tennis, Handball, Ultimate Frisbee, Tag Rugby, Dodgeball, Lacrosse, Archery & Team Building Challenges.

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## Unique Voice

You are warmly invited to an online event introducing *Safer Together*, a new film and conversation resource created by young people in Bristol, designed to help families and communities talk about the realities and risks of knife crime, and how to move from these concerns towards hope and change.

### About *Safer Together*:

In the wake of devastating losses in our local community and across the country, young people have come together through creativity and film to share their feelings, fears and hopes. The *Safer Together* film is a powerful piece created by young people, for young people, and aims to open up honest, informed conversations at home and in the community.

### Session details:

📅 Tuesday 14th October

🕒 Online - 12.30-13.15

🗣️ Open to parents, carers and guardians of young people

This supportive and informative session will: Introduce the film and accompanying conversation resource. Offer ideas for how to speak with your child about knife crime in a trauma-informed way. Signpost helpful organisations such as Crimestoppers and Fearless

If you would like to attend you can register for your space [HERE](#)

Any questions you may have about the event please feel free to contact me at [jenni@uniquevoice.org](mailto:jenni@uniquevoice.org).



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**U7 GIRLS YEAR 2 / MONDAY EVENING TRAINING / SATURDAY MATCHES**  
**U8 GIRLS YEAR 3 / MONDAY EVENING TRAINING / SUNDAY MATCHES**

For more information email:  
[team@bathcityyouthffc.com](mailto:team@bathcityyouthffc.com) and complete registration



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