



# NEWBRIDGE NEWS

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## Dates Term 1

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**  
2OG Forest School

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
4B Forest School

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
Parents to look at books

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
Year 6 Fleet Air Museum Trip

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
2R Forest School

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
EYFS/KS1 Phonics meeting for  
parents at 5pm – this is a  
repeated session

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
4BA Forest School  
Parent/Teacher Meeting  
from 2.30pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
Individual photographs

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
Parent/Teacher Meeting  
from 2.30pm  
2OG Forest School

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
Reading Meeting for KS2  
parents at 2.30pm  
4B Forest School

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
Harvest – Julian House  
End of Term 1 for children

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**  
INSET Day

## Term 2

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
2R Forest School

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
NPSA Fireworks  
4BA Forest School

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
Anti-Bullying Week

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
2OG Forest School  
NPSA Meeting at 7.30pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**  
4B Forest School

## Inset Days 2024/25

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## Term Dates 2024/25

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have so much to celebrate, every day – with the children at the top of the list; they are doing brilliantly.

**Roles and Responsibilities:** I have mentioned before the importance we place on the children having roles and responsibilities. Having applied for ‘jobs’ in Year 6, the teachers have been sifting through the many, many applications. There are all sorts of important roles, which help to make our school day run smoothly, such as helping in the dining hall at lunchtime. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to these areas of responsibility. House Captains and Sports Captains have also been identified in Year 6 and, across the school, Class Ambassadors have been selected. This role involves representing the class to visitors when they call at school and classroom. Thank you, and well done, everyone – I know you will complete your roles with pride.

**Our Curriculum:** Please find below a piece written by Mr Newman about the school’s curriculum. We wish to help parents understand more about what we teach and with this, the progression of objectives and skills taught across the subjects and year groups. The staff have produced Curriculum Thread documents which you can find on the school website [here](#) for each subject.

**Sporting events underway:** You may know that last year, with the purchase of our own school mini-bus we were able to enter and enjoy a vast number of sporting events and matches. Today, sees are first event of the year, with children from Year 6 attending a multi-skills event at Odd Down Playing Fields. Sporting our smart school kit, and new adult kit, Mr Wallace and the team set off – we look forward to hearing all about it next week. Our next event is a firm favourite on the sports calendar – the B&NES Schools’ Cross Country races – good luck to all those competing next Wednesday.

**Preparing our children for secondary school and the wider world:** We take this role very seriously and plan activities to support children with this transition throughout Year 6. On Wednesday, partnered with the B&NES Violent Crime Reduction Unit, SOLVE paid a visit to all of the oldest children. Whilst based on challenging real life experiences, the messages delivered to the children, at their age and stage, were clear and pertinent. Read on to see the children’s reflections.

**Open Classrooms:** The classrooms will be open to all parents from 3.20pm to 4.00pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. 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 and we politely ask that all visitors are respectful of the class environment and resources.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings:** A letter was sent out yesterday letting parents know how to sign-up for an online Parent/Teacher Meeting via School Cloud. The meetings are being held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, and we encourage every family to make one appointment per child. Mr Bacon, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, will be available on alternative dates which are Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The booking system will be live from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. The meetings are held on line so that 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 a concern, an appointment can be requested with the teacher at any time, via the school office.

**NPSA Meeting this week:** Our first NPSA meeting of the year was held on Tuesday. Unfortunately I could not attend due to a clash with another school meeting, but I know it was very well attended and new ideas, importantly, were brought forward. We are incredibly grateful that the NPSA agreed to fund new computing hardware and a charging trolley, so that Computing can be accessed across the school, and not just in the former ICT Suite. Thank you to everyone for the fundraising efforts which support all of the children’s learning and access to activities.

**Phonics Meeting for Parents:** Mrs O’Byrne led a meeting about Phonics and Early Reading on Wednesday. This meeting will be repeated on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm. This is aimed at EYFS/KS1 parents, though anyone is welcome. Another meeting, about reading, will held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm for KS2 parents. The slides shared at the meetings will be posted on Google Classroom.

**Goodbye and Welcome:** We said goodbye to Alaya-May from Year 3, as she has moved to a school closer to her home. We wish Alaya-May and her family so much luck. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Phillips to our staff team, as she has commenced a role in the school office.

Have a lovely weekend,

Gill Kennaugh

# ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Bees – Lily S, Tommy C

Ladybirds – Teddy H, Finn O

1DO – Ella J, Toby S

1G – April H, Walter A

2OG – Otis L-P, Charlotte J

2R – Stella N, Leia V

3DE – Mya W, Elizabeth B

3M – Bill H, Jacob S-G

4B – Oliver T, Audrey B

4BA – Matilda S, Leo T

5HK – Jacob J, Jack T

5F – Alice S, Leona K

6KR – Oscar D, James W

6N – Magnus H, Elsa W

## PE Stars of the Week

Tommy E, Class 5F Nell W, Class 4BA

## Music Stars of the Week

Ruairi H, Class 3M Ioan H, Class 5HK

## Fixed Penalty Notice

If your child misses school because of a 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 \(live.com\)](#)

# CLASS AMBASSADORS



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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| ★ Bees – Ina M, Euan O'B    | Ladybirds – Jasper B-J, Frankie | ★ |
| ★ IDO – Ivy W, Seb K-C      | 1G – Freddie S, Emily H         | ★ |
| ★ 2OG – Oscar S, Ava Mc     | 2R – Alfred P, Georgia S        | ★ |
| ★ 3DE – Rose Y, Rex R-B     | 3M – Sophia A, Issac H          | ★ |
| ★ 4B – Oliver T, Georgie K  | 4BA – Matilda S, Angus P        | ★ |
| ★ 5HK – Henry G, Paula F-C  | 5F – Charlie R, Mabel C         | ★ |
| ★ 6KR – Maddie H, Patrick W | 6N – Elsa W, Eli R              | ★ |



## HEADTEACHER MENTION

Anna, from Class 4B, impressed us all with her creativity and imagination, when she carefully modelled a Tarantula. She took this challenge on as part of learning about the Rainforest and being an explorer.



# HOUSE CAPTAINS



Poppy, Isla, Chloe, Evie, Cerys, Harry, Shadan and Romi

# SPORTS CAPTAINS



Alice, Amira, Clara, Barney, Rhed, James, Jake and William

# CLASS AMBASSADORS



# After School Club

Lots of exciting things have been happening in ASC this term so far. We have moved to our new home in the Lower School Hall and everyone is enjoying the new snack menu. Children have been engaged in some creative building with lots of different resources.

A range of craft activities have been enjoyed so far such as: water colour painting, weaving, collage making and origami, to name a few. There are many more planned for the coming weeks.

Outside play has seen the children practicing their skipping, with lots of challenges taking place as well as working together to work the ropes and share techniques. The children have enjoyed using the bats and balls, along with the hoops and other outdoor equipment.

A big thank you to Mr Wallace who has given us some equipment for table tennis, the boys, in particular are really enjoying it!

We are looking forward to the rest of the term and the fun activities that we have got



## Allotment Plea



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an allotment that is very messy and needs some TLC (tender loving care). Do you have the time and skills to help us? We would be very grateful if you could come every other Friday lunchtime between 12pm – 1pm.

We are Year 6 pupils who love gardening and we hope that with your kind help, the allotment is ship-shape before we leave Newbridge Primary School.

Please contact the School Office, if you are able to help us with this space.

Your sincerely,

The Eco-Team

## Year 6 Multi Skills at Odd Down

Eleven Year 6 children took part in a Multi Skills event at Odd Down, today. A report for this visit will be published in our newsletter next week.



# Extra Curricular Programme



The children at Newbridge love taking part in clubs this term. Pictured below are the Football Club ran by Michael Farrier and Dave Wallace; Cricket Club ran by Tom Baker; Rondo Drama Club ran by Paulo Baigent. If you would like any information on the clubs that we offer, [please click here](#).



## 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 eventually become a common language for the children.

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

Mr Newman

# Our New Library



We love spending more time in our new library during lesson time. Thank you to the NPSA for creating this beautiful space for us.

## Are you interested in volunteering in our school?

Our generous volunteers are incredible and complete a number of different roles within our classrooms.

We could not do all that we do, without you.

If you are inspired to volunteer in school, please contact the School Office:

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

# Everyone Active

Each Friday morning at 8.10am until 8.40am

Please come along to our free dance session next Friday morning. This will be held 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 come along.

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. Please come along.



In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

## Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!  
We will share the link with you privately.

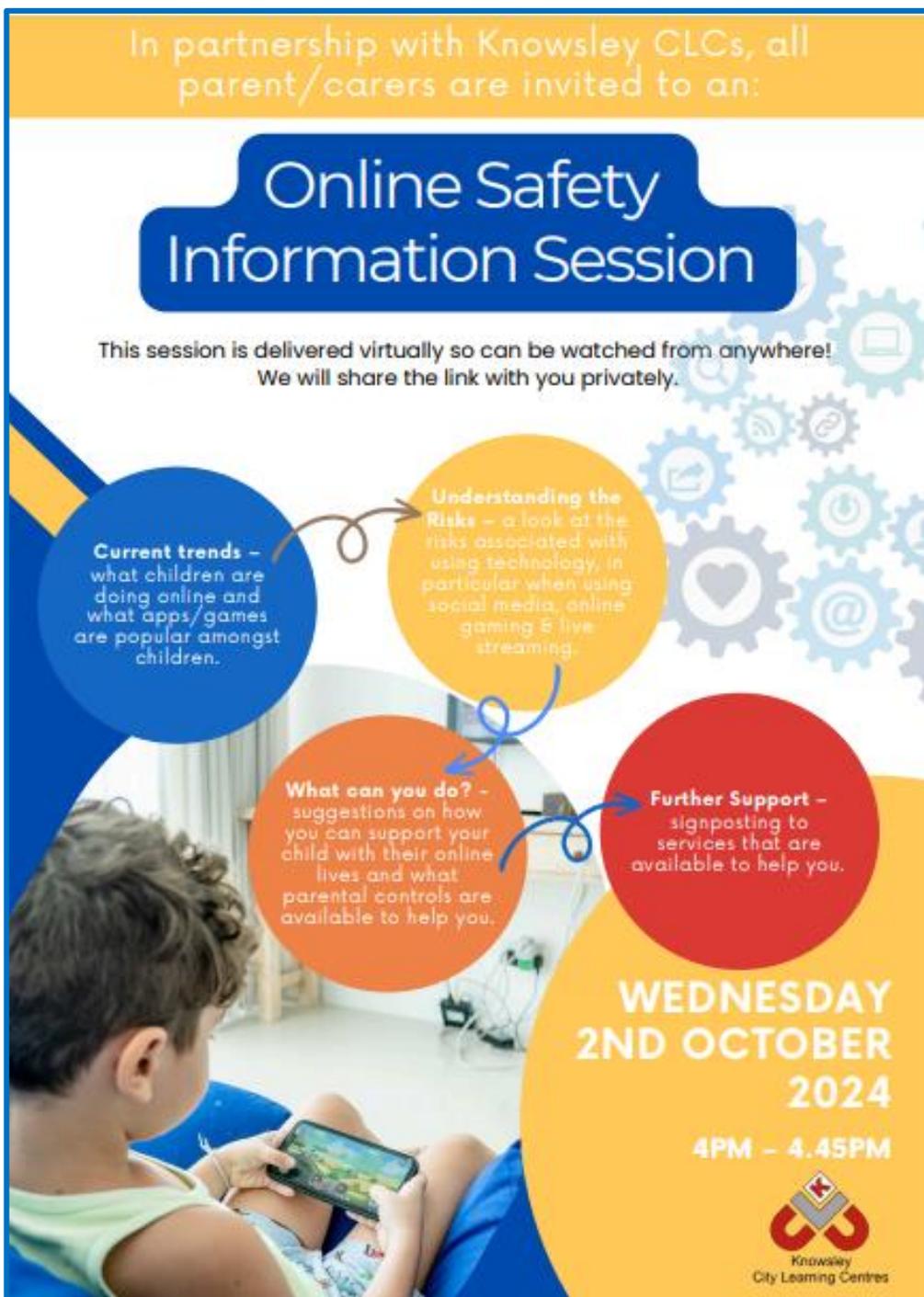
**Current trends** – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

**Understanding the Risks** – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

**What can you do?** – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

**Further Support** – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY  
2ND OCTOBER  
2024  
4PM – 4.45PM**



### Online Safety at Newbridge Primary School

Online safety can be a difficult field to navigate but it is really important in keeping our children safe. On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 4-4:45pm**, Knowsley City for Learning are streaming an event for parents and carers about Online Safety. No registration is needed and cameras and audio will be turned off for all attendees. To join simply follow the link:

[Online Safety Training](#)

On **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 5:30-7pm**, we will be hosting an in-person Parents and Carers Online Safety training run by South West Grid for Learning, in the Upper School Hall.

In association with this, we would like to invite you to complete a questionnaire in order for us to tailor the training to best fit the needs and desires of our families. To access the questionnaire, please follow this link <https://forms.gle/RiohwizyiTvRxHzv8>.

## OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Holiday Club provides a range of fun outdoor activities for children aged 5-11 including:**

*Den building Campfire cooking Environmental arts and crafts Bush craft  
Storytelling Games*

Plus plenty of opportunities for free range, child-led play and exploration

**Sessions will be led by either Jonny Houston or Claire Pickman, both experienced Forest School leaders, with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance. The site and all activities are risk-assessed.**

**Dates:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.  
Please note, no holiday club on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> as there is tree work planned

**Time:** 9.00am – 4.00pm

**Cost:** 1<sup>st</sup> day booking: £40  
2<sup>nd</sup> day or 2<sup>nd</sup> sibling £38

Please note, **payment will be asked for at time of booking.**

**Booking essential:** Please email Lesley on [musiclch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:musiclch@yahoo.co.uk) for a booking form. Spaces are limited to 20 children per day.  
**Your booking will be confirmed once your completed booking form and payment have been received.**

**Please bring:** weather appropriate clothing, morning snack, packed lunch and a water bottle. Campfire snacks will be provided in the afternoon



## Navigating parenthood PARENTKIND WEBINARS

From supporting your child's health and wellbeing to ensuring success at every stage of school, our expert-led Navigating Parenthood webinars have helped hundreds of parents face the challenges of the parenting journey. Our new season of parent webinars is waiting for you... we can't wait to see you there!

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|  <p><b>Helping your child achieve in school</b><br/>Liz Keable<br/>18/09/24   7.30 - 8.30pm</p>   |  <p><b>Caring for children with ADHD</b><br/>Gwendolyn Jones, Educating Matters<br/>22/10/24   7.30 - 8.30pm</p>                                |
|  <p><b>Autism and transitions into secondary school</b><br/>Carrie Caceres-Tagulang, Beyond Autism<br/>24/09/24   7.30 - 8.30pm</p>           |  <p><b>Helping your child succeed in KS2 maths</b><br/>Lisa McLeod<br/>08/11/24   12.30 - 1.30pm</p>  |
|  <p><b>Socialising in reception: Finding friends, falling out and everything in between</b><br/>Lisa McLeod<br/>03/10/24   12.30 - 1.30pm</p> |  <p><b>A nutritionist's guide to dealing with fussy eating</b><br/>Jenny Tschesche, Nutritionist<br/>15/11/24   12.30 - 1.30pm</p>              |
|  <p><b>Supporting an anxious child</b><br/>Jennifer Wyman, Bridge the Gap<br/>09/10/24   7.30 - 8.30pm</p>                                    |  <p><b>Managing your child's smartphone life</b><br/>Matthew Carlton, Shine Workplace Wellbeing<br/>19/11/24   7.30 - 8.15pm</p>                |
|  <p><b>Dealing with bullying</b><br/>Parenting Focus<br/>15/10/24   7.00 - 8.00pm</p>   | <p>Find out more and sign up to our webinars here:<br/><a href="https://parentkind.org/parent-training">parentkind.org/parent-training</a></p>  |

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## Open days at Oldfield School




We are pleased to invite you to our open events in September. You will get the opportunity to hear from our Headteacher, meet students and teachers, and see the school. Please visit [www.oldfieldschool.com](http://www.oldfieldschool.com) to book your place.

Join us

**Open Evening 2024**  
Thursday 26 September  
6-8.30pm

**Open Morning 2024**  
Tuesday 1 October  
9-10.45am

Scan the QR code to read our prospectus






**Open Events 2024** Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership **Let your light shine**

**OPEN EVENING**  
Tuesday 17th September 6:30 - 8:30pm  
Doors open at 6:00pm  
Presentation at 6:30pm

**OPEN MORNING**  
Friday 27th September 9:00 - 11:00am

We look forward to welcoming you!



# WE ARE HIRING

## Join Our Team!

**DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN CARING FOR AND SUPERVISING THEM AT LUNCHTIME?**

**JOB POSITION : SCHOOL MEALS 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 to access 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:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday  
11.45am – 1.15pm  
£11.79 per hour  
Permanent Contract




The ideal candidate will need 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 appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

**To find out more, please contact**  
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**Tinned Tomatoes**  
**Tinned Vegetarian Meals**  
**Tea Bags (40-80 size)**  
**Tinned Fruit**  
**Instant Mash**  
**Tinned Custard**  
**Tinned Rice Pudding**  
**Long Life Juice**  
**Milk (UHT)**  
**Pasta Sauce (Jars)**  
**Instant Coffee**

Bath Foodbank can only accept non-perishable food items (tinned and dried goods), which do not spoil or decay. All items should be unopened and in date. We have no storage facilities for fresh food so if you collect fresh food we would prefer you to arrange for it to go elsewhere. If you need any ideas of where to send it, we can help.

Thank you so much for your support!