

# NEWBRIDGE Suc 4.1 28.02.25

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Term 4 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March Class 2R Forest School Wednesday 5th March Year 4 Roman Baths Visit Thursday 6th March World Book Day Class 4BA Forest School Friday 7th March 'Books and Bagels' before school 'Dress as a Word' Day Tuesday 11th March Class 20G Forest School Wednesday 12th March Year 5 Residential Meeting 3:30pm Bags For Schools Collection Thursday 13th March 4B Forest School Friday 14th March Ladybird Class Assembly 2.40pm Tuesday 18th March **NPSA Meeting** Class 2R Forest School Thursday 20th March Class 4BA Forest School Friday 21st March Bee Class Assembly 2.40pm Monday 24th March Clubs finish this week Tuesday 25th March 20G Forest School Thursday 27th March 4B Forest School Friday 28th March Year 4 Assembly 2:30pm NPSA Cake and Uniform Day Monday 31st March Year 6 Dance Umbrella

**Term 5 Dates** 

Tuesday 1st April

Class 2R Forest School

Thursday 3rd April

4BA Forest School

Friday 4th April

'Express Yourself Day'

End of Term 4

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April
Term 5 begins

Inset Days 2024/25

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Please <u>click here</u> for the term dates. Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed and benefitted from the half term break. We are back, full of energy and looking forward to an excellent term.

The Masked Singer – what a show!: Reflecting on a fun event which happened on the last afternoon of Term 3, I would like to thank and celebrate our staff who pushed themselves out of their comfort zone, and honed their skills and talents, to put on a very entertaining show for the children. Inspired by Mrs Amor, and led by Mrs Bartlett, the children were treated to star performances by our very own celebrities. Making the event special and memorable. Michelle O'Doherty, the Mayor of Bath, was one of our expert judges. It was a privilege to welcome her along. Mrs Talley also made a surprise appearance as our second judge, and I am still trying to work out who the third, masked judge was! What a great team we have at Newbridge.

**EYFS Out and About:** Today, Ladybird and Bee Class took a coach ride into Bath, to visit the Egg Theatre. The coach trip alone brings much excitement, but visiting the theatre to watch 'There's A Bear On My Chair', was a highlight of the year so far. Staff report that the children were absolutely captivated by the performance.

Year 3 and Year 4 Football Tournament: On Tuesday, our Year 4 boys spent the morning at Odd Down Sports Ground for the Year 3 and 4 B&NES Football Tournament. As the champions of last year's event, they felt the pressure of keeping up the performance. With some skilful football played, and winning their group, the team reached the quarter finals. Their run came to an end then. The boys, however, were pleased with how they played, recognising that the team performance improved in each match. Again, they represented themselves and the school well – being true Newbridge ambassadors. Many thanks to Mr Farrier for preparing the team and leading them out on the day.

**Celebrating Books and Reading:** The travelling Book Fair will be in school until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This is situated in the Blue Room in the Upper School and will be open for the purchase of books after school. Activities will be planned around enjoying books and reading, next week, to celebrate World Book Day. Please see full details below of these activities below, including 'Books and Bagels' and an opportunity to dress-up on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Forest School is back!: Having given the Conservation Area a rest for Term 3, the in-school sessions are now back on the timetable. Claire leads our sessions and runs the after school Forest School Club. She instils a love of learning and respect for the environment in all of her sessions — which the children value greatly. We are most fortunate to be able to offer these high quality lessons on a school site which allows for opportunities such as these.

Class and Year Group Assemblies: Our assemblies for parents will soon commence, with Ladybird Class' being on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The children will perform to their parents and carers in the Lower School Hall at 2.40pm. This will be followed by Bee Class on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will perform as a Year group. Year 2 and Year 6 do not have year group assemblies due to the Nativity and the Year 6 Production.

**Welcome:** We are delighted that Esther has joined Class 1DO. Her family has recently moved into the area, and I know everyone will offer them all a warm Newbridge welcome.

Our NPSA: Below, you will note that roles for the NPSA Committee are published for September 2025. After diligent service and outstanding leadership, Mrs Derrien will step down as Chair. Ms Pollard has kept the NPSA on track with her organisation and secretarial skills for a number of years, and will also step down. The full details of what these volunteer roles entail are listed below. Please consider taking up one of these – they make a significant difference to our children, our families and our community – meaning you can be a part of something very special.

**B&NES Term dates 25/26:** We follow the term dates set by B&NES. Within these, we set 5 training days. The only one agreed at this time is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025. The B&NES dates for 25/26 can be found <u>here.</u>

**Lost Property:** Please can all parents and carers check the mounds of lost property we hold in school, before going home today. For the Upper School, this is hung on the two rows of pegs immediately inside the Upper School Cloakroom. For the Lower School, this is in a red box in the Lower School Hall.

**Google Classroom:** Please read the 'blog' posted on Google Classroom today, telling you about the class learning and activities. This update is provided for parents and carers to continue conversations at home.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend. Gill Kennaugh

## TSTARS OF THE WEEK

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Bees - Jack W, Lara L

1DO – Esther D, Luca V

20G – Oscar S, Rowan T

3DE – Ava B, Elizabeth B

4B – Louis W, Mia Louise NI

**5HK** – Henry G, Iben G

6KR – Alessia Z, Poppy H 6N – Chloe G, Dylan B

Ladybirds – Whole Class!

1G - Whole Class!

2R -Etta C, Oscar BJ

3M – Arthur I, Ellis J

4BA – Ella E, Sarafina D

5F – Jack B, Leona K

PE Stars of the Week:

Luke W Class 3DE, Bella C Class 3M

Music Stars of the Week:

Scarlett- Rose F Class 3DE, William B Class 6N

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### **HEADTEACHER MENTION**



Amelie and Georgie from Class 4B decided to make craft items to sell to raise money for OPAL. They worked hard making bookmarks, fidgets out of paper, bracelets and Hama bead items. Thank you, girls - what caring and giving Newbridge citizens you

We will put this money towards our next OPAL project.



During the holiday, Olivia K from Class 5F and her cousin held a bracelet and bake sale to raise money for the charity Ski Inclusive, which provides opportunities for people with disabilities to experience skiing. They raised £90 at the sale and Olivia donated an additional £20 from her own money. Thank you girls, for helping others and again demonstrating the importance of giving back. What brilliant role models.

## Celebrating a love of books and reading – next week

We love reading at Newbridge and we're excited that in the coming weeks we have lots of exciting activities and events planned to celebrate books, reading and storytelling.

Firstly, the Book Fair is back! The Book Fair will remain in school until Monday 3rd March. It will be held after school each day until 4pm in the Blue Room area so make sure you come along and buy some fantastic books! Payment will all be online via QR codes which will be displayed around the Upper School Foyer. You will need your physical credit/debit card as well as your device to scan the QR codes so make sure you bring both with you. We look forward to seeing you there!

Secondly, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. The children will complete a range of activities in class on these days. Please see below for some additional events that are happening that we hope you are able to enjoy.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March there will be a storytelling session in the library after school with stories aimed at pre-schoolers and Key Stage 1 children read by members of staff.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we are inviting the children to 'Dress as a Word' for the day. This could be anything from 'aardvark' to 'zoo' or any nouns or adjectives in between. Our aim is for you to be creative but not at a cost. We can't wait to see what the children decide to be!

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March we are also having a 'Books and Bagels' event. You are invited to come to the Blue Room from 8.15-8.45am for light refreshments and a chance to share some books with your child. After school there will be another storytelling session in the library, this time aimed at Key Stage 2 children.

Finally, we would love to gather a snapshot of all the books that are read in a week at Newbridge.

Please keep an eye out for a 'Reading Log' sheet in your child's bag which will come home today. We would love your child to record anything they read, or have read to them between Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please return this to your child's teacher on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Best wishes, The Newbridge English Team



## EYFS first school trip

What an exciting start to the day for our EYFS Classes today, with their first school trip to The Egg Theatre. More photos will follow next week, but we couldn't resisit capturing their excitement on the walk up the coach!











### The newly elected JLT



This announcement isn't intending to focus on the pupils that have been selected - although congratulations to you all and welcome to the JLT! - because I want to talk about all of the other applications and the incredible high standard throughout.

Each year these get better and better, and the job of the existing JLT to choose their successors gets harder and harder\*.

We had some incredible written submissions in the form of letters or PowerPoint presentations, and videos that featured news reports, trampolines, trips to Bristol Museum, dream sequences and much more besides.

I hope that the pupils who weren't picked on this occasion aren't too disappointed.

For all of you, there is at least one more opportunity in 2026, and before then, I would also like to make you another offer....

We are so pleased that you want to take on positions of responsibility at Newbridge as this is integral to our Values and Vision as a school:

#### **Our Vision**

Our vision is that Newbridge Primary School pupils will be academically and socially confident and will take their next steps as caring, creative and healthy young people who will actively and responsibly make a difference to our world.

With this, and your passion and enthusiasm in mind, we would like to give all JLT applicants the chance to become involved in either the NET (Newbridge Equalities Team) or OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) projects that are currently ongoing.

\*JLT members are not permitted to vote for pupils in their own Year Group or on classes where they have sibling.

#### Year 4 Football Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 4 footballers who took part in the B&NES Tournament at Odd Down on Tuesday.

It was a tough competition between 16 schools, and the Newbridge players did themselves and the school proud with some great football, played with energy and enthusiasm. Reaching the Quarter Finals was a brilliant achievement for the boys, who should be proud of the way they played and supported each other as a team.

The group was a tough draw, which included Oldfield Park, The Meadows and the team that would go on to win the tournament, Pensford. In the opening game the boys had to work very hard against a strong OPJS team. It was tight right until the end, and it was only a wonder-goal from Louis L, off the underside of the crossbar, that was the difference.

Despite working hard, the game against Pensford ended in a loss, but the Newbridge boys bounced back in our final group game to beat The Meadows 1-0, a lovely finish from Ben B. That set up a QF match against Widcombe, and in yet another tight game our opponents managed to score with the last kick of the game, from a corner, to win 1-0.

It was really good fun and a great experience. Well done to every player who took part, and many thanks to the supports who came to cheer us on!

**Player of the Day**: Flynn B, for staying positive, always trying his hardest and working for the team.









The Team: Angus P, Ben T, Ben B, Flynn B, Javier W, Louis L, Louis W, Roland H, Sherhat Y and Albie S



#### The Masked Singer comes to Newbridge











#### Forest School for Class 20G

The highlight of Class 2OG's week was, of course, Forest School. We were so lucky that we were out in the sunshine, whilst we looked for signs of Spring. We searched for the toads and newts in the pond on the newly completed viewing deck, and had some time for 'free play'. We are so lucky to have this space and can't wait for the changes that we might see in two weeks as nature does its magical thing!













Are you looking for a way to make a positive impact in your child's school community? The NPSA need YOU! We're looking for a new Chair and Secretary, beginning September 2025.



#### Chair

- Lead on fundraising with the support of the committee
- Liaise with school to develop shared objectives
- Have fun, thinking of new and exciting ways to bring our wonderful community together!

#### Secretary

- With the support of the committee, draw up agendas for meetings
- Attend meetings and take minutes (then circulate)
- Be the point of contact for the Charity Commission

For the full job specification or to ask any questions, please email npsabath@gmail.com



### Thinking about getting an e-bike?

Come and try one at our demo day in Bath

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Odd Down Cycle Track, Bath Sunday, 27th April for a ticket



100 Club Winners Herrick, Whiting, Gunthorpe





## Everyone, Mojo Moves is back!



It is a lot of fun, and a great way to start the day. It is open to all ages – parents, grandparents and toddlers, too.

There is no need to sign up, just come along at 8.10am on a Friday morning, in the Upper School Hall.





#### Information for Newbridge Parents from Landsdown Cricket Club

#### **CRICKET SUMMER TERM 2025**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am delighted to inform you that your local cricket club at Lansdown will continue its programme of cricket coaching in Newbridge over the summer term, again led by Ella Worthington, an ECB Level II coach.

Details will be sent to you all in due course prior to Term 5 commencing.

In the meantime, to those parents and guardians whose children enjoyed cricket last summer, the Lansdown club is inviting children from your school to join its development programmes as follows -

**ALL STARS**: A programme for **boys and girls 5-8 years old** (up to school year 3)

**STARTS**: Sunday morning May 11th for 8 sessions.

Register an expression of interest through the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) which will provide the detail you need.

https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars

DYNAMOS: A programme for girls only 9-11 years old

**STARTS** Sunday morning **April 27th** for 8 sessions

Register an expression of interest through the ECB which will provide the detail you need.

https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos-cricket

**CLUB HARD BALL CRICKET**: Year 5 and 6 hardball runs from **Friday April 11th** and, skipping the Easter weekend, goes on until the end of the summer term

**CLUB SOFT BALL CRICKET:** Year 4 softball cricket starts on Sunday April 27th and runs for 13 weeks

To apply for membership and further information: email <a href="mailto:lansdownccyouth@gmail.com">lansdownccyouth@gmail.com</a>

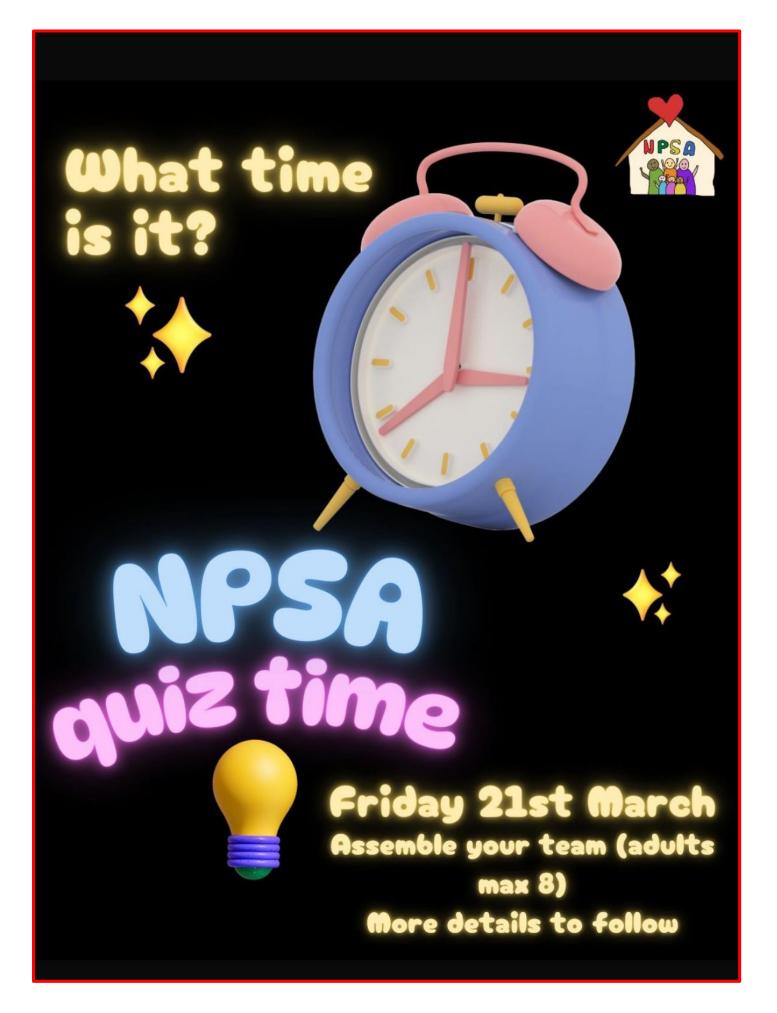
**Please note:** Registration of interest forms, required by the ECB for All Stars and Dynamos, have to be submitted on, or soon after, the 6th March.

Additionally - The club, in discussion with Sport England has agreed to offer reduced membership subscriptions for its own programmes in cases where financial difficulty might act as a barrier to participation.

Please contact Chris Godfrey, chrisgodfrey1974@gmail.com for advice if applicable.







**BATH CITY FC FOUNDATION** 









#### WILD CATS

Football sessions for girls aged 5-11

Tuesdays 4:15-5pm



#### **JUST PLAY**

Football sessions for women aged 18+

Tuesdays 7-8pm



#### SQUAD GIRLS

Football sessions for girls aged 12-16

Tuesdays 5:15-6pm



St Martins Garden Primary School Lympsham Green Odd Down Bath BA2 2UN

- Term time only
- FREE taster session for new participants



