



NEWBRIDGE NEWS

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Dates Term 2

Tuesday 3rd December
2OG Forest School

Thursday 5th December
4B Forest School

Friday 6th December
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

Tuesday 21st January
NPSA Meeting at 7.30pm

Monday 27th January
Year 6 Assessment 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,

OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning: Due to all of the implemented changes, lunchtimes are a big hit! The children are engaged and happy in all types of play and the atmosphere created on the playground is magical. Thank you for all of the donations – please keep them coming. This week we are particularly in need of large cardboard boxes and large paint brushes. Again, we need more pairs of wellies, and spare waterproof trousers, if you have any. Please can parents consider naming their child's shoes, and send a waterproof coat to school each day. Thank you for all of your support – it is greatly appreciated.

First match for Year 4: There was a first on Tuesday, when the Year 4 Football Team played away to Oldfield Park Junior School in their inaugural match. Many parents went along to support and enjoyed celebrating the success and victory with the boys. Well done, everyone, and thank you to Mr Farrier for all the time he gives to coaching at Newbridge and creating such valuable opportunities.

Sports Hall Athletics: Year 5 and Year 6 pupils travelled to Wellsway School, yesterday, to compete in the B&NES Sports Hall Athletics Competition. We have become regular attenders at this event, which again brought the usual excitement of fast-paced activities. Well done to everybody who took part in the event and for securing the first place spot. Newbridge will now go forwards to the County Finals in February. A write up for the event will be in next week's newsletter.

Multi-Skills Event: This morning, the mini-bus set off for its third trip of the week, this time to University of Bath Sports Village. Well done to all of those who represented the school with pride and as outstanding ambassadors. More news of this event will follow next week.

The NPSA: The Christmas Fair is held on Saturday 7th December from 1pm to 3pm. From 10.30am to 3.30pm, Father Christmas will be visiting the school and will be in the Outdoor Classroom, ready to greet the children and read a story. Tickets need to be booked in advance via this [link](#).

Lower School Nativity Arrangements: On Tuesday 10th December and Wednesday 11th December we will hold the Lower School Nativity performances. Each year, Year 2 pupils lead the performance and act out a short play, with plenty of singing. On Tuesday Class 2OG will be the actors and Class 2R will be the choir. This arrangement will reverse for the Wednesday. At each performance, the Year 1 and Reception classes will join in by singing a song or performing a dance. Therefore, for Reception and Year 1 parents, it will not matter which performance you attend, unless you have a child in Year 2, and wish to come on the day they are acting. Tickets will not be issued for these performances - instead, parents should wait after drop off or return to queue at the back door of the Upper School Hall, for a 9.30am start. The play will be approximately one hour. On Wednesday 18th December, the Lower School will visit Emmanuel Church on Apsley Road. Year 2 children will complete a simple nativity and all of the Lower School will join in with Christmas songs. Parents are welcome to attend, but please know it will be a bit of a squeeze. This performance starts at 9.30am.

Thank you to our Volunteers: We would like to invite all volunteers who have helped our school, since September, to join us for a 'coffee and mince pie thank you' on Monday 16th December at 2.20pm. This will be held in the Blue Room and children will play some musical items. Please complete this form, if you have volunteered and are able to come [Volunteers' Thank you](#).

Upper School Christmas Music Concert: The Upper School Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 6pm and on Thursday 19th December at 10am. In this, the choir will perform along with other musical items. More details about these concerts will follow, but please know parents and carers are welcome at either performance.

Staffing: Mrs Best will be taking maternity absence in Term 3. We are fortunate to have appointed Mrs Keep, a musician, to the PPA role, Mrs Keep has been teaching Class 5HK, covering Mrs Berridge's maternity absence, and she will return to work in Term 3. In other staffing news, Ms Rhodes will retire from the teaching profession at the end of Term 2. At this point, she will have taught for 33 years at Newbridge Primary School. I know you will join with me in recognising what an incredible achievement this is, and secondly, in thanking Ms Rhodes for her unwavering dedication to the profession and to the education of hundreds of children. We will miss her greatly, but of course we all wish her a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

Google Classroom: Please log on to read the class teacher's blog, posted today. It will tell you about key activities which have taken place this week. If you have not already done so, please watch the video posted last Friday about the responsible, respectful and safe use of Google Classroom.

Happy weekend, everyone, Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

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★ **Bees** – Henry B, Jack W

★ **IDO** – Ottilie R, Ruby H

★ **2OG** – Louella P, Isla H

★ **3DE** – Maya P, Lucy C

★ **4B** – Amelie R, Olivier F

★ **5HK** – Ben W, Iben G

★ **6KR** – Chloe H, Patrick W

★ **Ladybirds** – Betty H, Dnaiel R B

★ **1G** – Jacob S, Phoebe P

★ **2R** – Oscar W, Oscar L

★ **3M** – Sophia D, Sophia A

★ **4BA** – Hetty R, Stanley M

★ **5F** – Amelie S, Afek H

★ **6N** – Ruby E, Rumel H

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★ **PE Stars of the Week:**

Ben T, Class 4B Louis W, Class 4B

★ **Player of the day:**

Finn C, Class 4B

★ **Music Stars of the Week:**

Jacob S-G, Class 3M Etta H, Class 3M

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Lost Property

There remains to be a great deal of lost property in school,
including many winter coats.

For Upper School, please check the pegs immediately inside the
cloakroom. For the Lower School, please check the red box in the
Lower School Hall.

Severe Weather

Please be advised, that if it is necessary to close the school in the
event of severe weather, parents and carers will be notified by
email. This decision will be made as early as possible and will be
determined by understanding the safety of the school site and
which staff are able to travel to and from work.



OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING



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, microphones.

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

Wellies - please donate any unwanted paired children's wellies

Year 4 Homelessness Poem

Year 4 have been reading the book 'The Invisible by Tom Percivale' which has inspired Amelie to write a brilliant poem about people who are homeless.



Unnoticed by Amelie R, Class 4B

All the homeless people tired and hungry
All fighting hard to stay alive
Everyone every day
just seems to walk on by
Life is not fair for them
They are stuck in a circle of tragic and guilt
Yet again, the people will just walk on by
And the homeless are unnoticed.
WE should make difference
And they should be as noticed as us!

Year 4 Newbridge Boys v Oldfield Park - WINNERS!



The Team: Sherhat Y, Flynn B, Fin C, Albie S, Javier W, Beau G, Louis L, William C, Louis W, Ben T, Ernie B, Stanley M and Angus P

Year 4 Footballers off to Winning Start

Thirteen of our year 4 boys played their first match for Newbridge School on Tuesday, away to Oldfield Park Junior School. It was an entertaining game and although Newbridge went behind twice, the boys never gave up and by the final whistle had earned a 5-3 victory.

It was a nervy start, as all the boys from both schools stepped out in school kits for their debut appearances. Those nerves soon went away though, and the action became end to end. OPJ took the lead, but Newbridge responded immediately scoring within seconds of the restart. OPJ came right back again, and by the end of the first quarter they led 2-1.

The second quarter was a dominant display from Newbridge, and two well worked team goals and some good defensive work meant at half time the team was comfortably in the lead. Credit to OPJ though, they kept coming back, and going into the last quarter the game was finely poised at 4-3 to Newbridge.

Some fine saves from goalkeeper Javier and another late goal meant a winning start for our year 4 players. A great team effort and a really good game to watch, played in front of an enthusiastic crowd. Very well done to all involved.

Player of the Day: Findley, for playing with a big smile and always encouraging the other players in the squad.

Michael Farrier - Coach

NPSA Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th Dec
Newbridge Primary School

SANTAS GROTTO 10:30-4pm

TICKETS

CRAFT FAIR 10:30-4pm

BLUE ROOM
 CRAFTS, FUSED GLASS,
 JEWELLERY, CARDS, LOCAL
 HONEY, REFRESHMENTS AND SO
 MUCH MORE!

XMAS FAIR 1-3pm

UPPER SCHOOL HALL
 GAMES, CRAFTS, LUCKY
 DIP, TOMBOLAS

NPSA (NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION) IS A CHARITY RUN BY VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING US IN ANY WAY THEN PLEASE EMAIL NPSABATH@GMAIL.COM

XMAS FAIR
Saturday 7th Dec 1-3pm

UPPER SCHOOL HALL

Lucky Dip	£1
Chocolate Tombola	£1/3 tickets
Adult Tombola	£1/3 tickets
Craft Table	£2.50 for 3 crafts
Candy Cane Toss	50p
Elf Skittles	50p
Adopt a Teddy	£1
Letter to Santa	Free
Festive Tattoos	50p
Snowbucks Cafe	Various prices

CRAFT FAIR 10:30 - 4 pm

BLUE ROOM
 HANDMADE CARDS AND
 GIFTS, FUSED GLASS,
 JEWELLERY

NEW! SNOWGLOBE PHOTO BOOTH!

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

On Saturday 7th December, the NPSA will be holding their annual Grotto and Christmas Fair. Come along and see how Forest School transforms into a magical wonderland where you get to meet Santa and his Elves. Sessions are 30 minutes (from 10:30am with last entry at 3:30pm) and tickets must be purchased before hand (<https://npsa.rallyup.com/santasgrotto/Campaign/Details>).

There will be an all day Craft Fair taking place in the Blue Room selling crafts, gifts, cards, honey and lots more!

The Christmas Fair will then take place 1-3pm in the Upper School Hall. There will be games, tombolas, tattoos, crafts and festive refreshments to enjoy.

On Friday 6th December, children are invited to wear non-school uniform in return for bringing in a tombola item.

Please could Reception, Yr1, Yr2 and 3M kindly bring in something for the chocolate tombola, and 3DE Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6 an item for the adult tombola.

Many for your support.

Fran Derrien – Chair of the NPSA

Year 2 Great Fire of London

This term Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London. Last Friday they had a DT day - the children had great fun designing and making Tudor Houses. Watch this space for what happens next.....



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!

Approved charity No. 1006299
 Registered office: The Nest Project, 171-185 Church Street, Bath, BA1 1LH, UK

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 identifying 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 oliviajenkins@rfu.com for more information

LOCAL RESIDENTS SAVE 30%

Enjoy 30% discount off all tickets for locals living in BA, TA, DT, SP & BS postcodes

Did you know that your ticket is valid for a year?

With your ticket you:

- Gain access to the museum for 12 months
- Get up close to 40 historical aircraft including the first British Concorde (002)
- Experience our interactive and immersive exhibitions
- Gain entry to a variety of additional activities throughout the year including our summer and half-term activities

Redeem your discount online OR in person at the museum. For full info on how to redeem your discount visit nrmn.org.uk/local-discount

Terms and Conditions apply. Tickets cannot be used for special ticketed events. This offer has no cash value and cannot be redeemed as cash. Offer expires 14th February 2025.

JOIN 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!



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

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

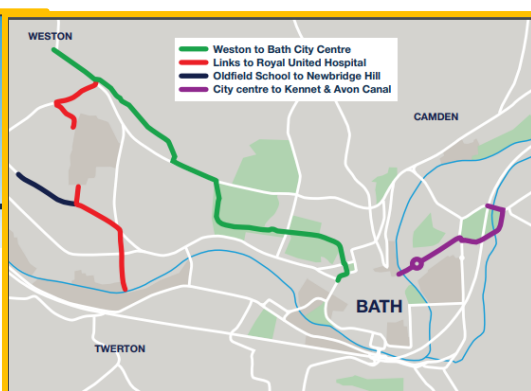
It only takes 10 minutes to have your say on four active travel routes across Bath.

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

Visit our website at: www.bathnes.gov.uk/bwwcl

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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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