



NEWBRIDGE News

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Term 6

Monday 7th July

Last week of clubs

Tuesday 8th July

2OG Forest School

Year 6 Production 6pm

Thursday 10th July

Year 6 Choir to Stratton House

4B Forest School

Year 6 Production 6pm

Thursday 17th July 4.30pm to 6.00pm

Year 6 Leavers' Tea

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Monday 21st July 1.45pm

Last Day of the Year

Tuesday 22nd July

Inset Day – school closed to children

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Year 4 – Wednesday 3rd September

Year 3 – Thursday 4th September

Year 5 – Friday 5th September

Year 6 – Monday 8th September

Year 2 – Tuesday 9th September

Year 1 – Wednesday 10th September

Inset Days 2025/26

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 26th June 2026

Wednesday 22nd 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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a more challenging week in the heat, but we are keeping going with a wide range of learning activities. Please keep a check on the remaining dates [here](#).

Moving Up: Well done to everyone for 'moving up' on Thursday. With all classes moving to the next year group and the Year 6 pupils heading off to secondary school for the day, we were able to offer a very warm welcome to our new Bee and Ladybird classes, in EYFS. They all did brilliantly and showed everyone just how ready they are to start in September. Well done to our Year 6, too – this is a really big step; they are all ready, but after 7 years at primary school, the transition is not to be underestimated.

Meet the Teacher Meetings September 2025: So that parents get to know the class teachers and understand the routines and expectations, meetings have been planned for the start of September. They will be held between 2.45pm and 3.10pm. Year 4 Wednesday 3rd, Year 3 Thursday 4th, Year 5 Friday 5th, Year 6 Monday 8th, Year 2 Tuesday 9th and Year 1 Wednesday 10th September.

Staffing: We don't have many staffing changes for September. However, we are saying goodbye to three members of staff. Miss Williams who is currently teaching Class 2R will leave Newbridge at the end of the year. We all wish her well for her future role. Additionally, say a fond farewell to Mrs Morgan, who is retiring after over 25 years of dedicated service as a Teaching Assistant. Her calm, dependable nature and unwavering care for the children have left a lasting impact on our school community. She will be greatly missed, and we wish Mrs Morgan and her family every happiness in the future. Mr Silva leaves his role as a Teaching Assistant today, and we wish him luck for a new successful career in Dubai.

NPSA AGM: On Tuesday evening we held our NPSA meeting and annual AGM. We are fortunate to be able to move into next year with a full committee. We must take time to thank all of the members and class reps who have committed to the NPSA this year. The volunteers have ensured another terrific fundraising year, full of memorable community events and activities. Becca Whelen and David Phillips have held key committee roles, and will continue next year. Tracey Cadey has been our secretary for four years, and we thank her for her diligence as she steps down. This role will now kindly be taken on by Emma Baker. Fran Derrien now hangs up her hat as Chair. She has led with style, pizzazz, energy and 110% commitment. I think anyone who teaches a class of 30 children and pulls off a circus on the same day, is a hero – and this is Fran. We offer her huge gratitude for all she has brought to our children, school and community. You are amazing! Following on, the Chair role will be shared over the year by Caroline Lovell, Kerri Theaker and Joe Laishley – thank you, each, for stepping forward.

Year 5 to Oldfield School: All of Year 5 spent this morning at Oldfield School. They were invited to take part in lessons and experience life at a secondary school. The children rose to the expectations set, and were excited to pretend to be secondary students. Thank you to Oldfield School for hosting us.

Year 6 Production: We are excited to see our Year 6 children perform 'Cinderella Rockafella' next week. The children have worked extremely hard and, as always, it's been a huge team effort. I know that everyone will enjoy every moment of the show, and the performances will be a lasting memory of the children's time at NPS. All of the school will watch the dress rehearsals, and families other than Year 6 are welcome to come along to either performance – tickets are available in the office. Good luck everyone!

Our NPSA Festival of Football: A huge thank you to Sarah Cowey who is taking on the colossal task of organising this afternoon's Upper School Festival of Football. Many children will have great fun, as they compete against each other in this notorious Newbridge event. Good luck, everyone!

Downloading from Google Classroom: Soon, the Google Classrooms will close down, to organise next year's. Please take time to download any photographs you want, now.

Lost Property: There is lost property everywhere. I don't think we have ever seen so many unnamed sweatshirts and cardigans. It all needs to go, so parents need to look, please.

Nut Free Foods: We must ensure that no foods brought into school contain nuts. We have noticed wrappers around school of bars which contain nuts, and can only assume that these are being eaten after school at varying clubs. Foods containing nuts are not permitted on the school grounds, at any time.

Welcome: We offer a very warm welcome to Juan and his family. Juan will be with us for a short time, while his parents complete work in Bath. We hope they all enjoy the experience.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.
Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ Bees – Elliot AR, Rupert D

Ladybirds – Ellie E, Hamish B ★

★ 1DO – Daisy R, Juan GZ

1G – Elijah O, Pelagia D ★

★ 2OG – Oscar S, Phoebe H

2R – Rayan K, Teddy L ★

★ 3DE – Arlo B, Grace D

3M – Sophia D, Xanthi D ★

★ 4B – Bella T, Phoenix KG

4BA – Ivy C, Stanley M ★

★ 5HK – Ben W, Felix B

5F – Amelie S, Emma R ★

★ 6KR – Rufus O, Thai P

6N – Ella M, Nancy BJ, Ruby E ★

★ PE Stars of the Week:

Anouk H Class 4BA, Evie H Class 6N

★ Music Stars of the Week:

Ada H Class 4B, Jake S Class 6N

★ HEADTEACHER MENTION ★

Congratulations to all of the children who have moved on to their new classes this week. We are all so proud of how responsible and respectful you have been. Whether that has been moving to upper school, to your new secondary school or to a new classroom and teacher, you have all demonstrated how ready you are for this, well done to everyone.

A week in Year 4



Music at Newbridge



Here are Jack, Precious and Elizabeth from Year 5 who performed during assembly - this is something we have introduced on Mondays.



Rebecca and Ruth O'Shea who performed a concert of music from around the world.

It was amazing for the children to see live musicians and learn about the violin and viola.



Forest School in Class 4BA

The children were absolutely amazing conservationists and each took roles to protect the forest- litter picking, bramble cutting, area sorting to ensure safety and so many more. Claire was amazed by everyone's attitude and care for nature. I was so proud too! As a reward, they played the 'Deer Ear' game where the class had to move silently to avoid being squirted by water pistol.



Books and Bagels



Thanks again to everyone who attended our summer Books and Bagels event. It was fantastic to see so many of you there! We can't wait to host another one in the Autumn Term.

Another huge thank you to those parents who have already bought books from our Amazon Wishlist. The QR code will take you directly to the list if you would like to continue to stock up our classrooms.

Please see Mrs Berridge if you have any further questions about this. Thank you.



Governors' Corner

Your School Needs You! - Parent Governor Election

I am writing to inform you of a vacancy for the role of parent governor on our Governing Body. You will learn about how decisions are made at the school and the pressures that school leaders face. It's a unique opportunity to see how the school is managed while playing an integral role in deciding what happens next. We are keen to hear from parents who have a keen interest in the school and are prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.

We encourage applications from all parents/carers, regardless of background, gender, ethnicity, disability or age (as long as you're over 18).

The role of the Governing Body

The school's Governing Body is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The body is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor

As a parent governor you'll work with the body to make sure it effectively carries out its duties. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing body, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parents.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good interpersonal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills

Expectations of governors:

Meetings: About eight committee and full governing body meetings a year (normally between 6pm and 8pm on a Tuesday) plus any working group meetings

Link roles with teaching staff: Review the work of leaders in the school development plan and submit a report 2-3 times a year

Policy review: Reviewing policies and procedures as required

Visiting school: Monitoring visits and liaison with staff

Training: Several courses throughout the year, including New Governor Induction Training to introduce you to the role and mandatory safeguarding training.

Time: On average governance usually requires about 6 to 8 hours per month (term time only).

Maintaining confidentiality: We expect all governors to maintain confidentiality, both during their term and after they have left.

Term of office: The term of office is typically 4 years and can extend beyond your child's time at the school.

How to apply: If you are interested in applying for the role, please request a candidate form from the Clerk to the Governing Body (Sarah Thornber) sarah.thornber@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk and return it to the school no later than **Friday 18th July 2025**. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Clare Moon
Chair of Governors

We had a fantastic turnout at the allotment on Tuesday evening – thank you to all the families who came along to help. With everyone's efforts, we strimmed the paths, weeded the beds, and even managed to fill a whole water butt doing watering can relays from the Year 2 tap!

A special thank you to Wessex Water for generously donating a water butt to the allotment, and to the parents who helped make it happen. It's already making a big difference in the heat, and we're now hoping to install a shed to collect rainwater from the roof.

Next up: we're planning to add signs around the allotment so children can spot what's growing and what's ready to harvest – watch this space!

Allotment Progress



Little Theatre Cinema are screening of the fun-filled, song-packed *CBeebies Musical: The Great Ice Cream Hunt*.



Sat 19 & Sun 20 July, 10.45

Adult / Child tickets: £5.85

When all the ice creams go missing, Lolly the cow and Pinecone the hedgehog team up for a musical road trip to save the Empress of Storyland's Summer Send-Off!

During their adventure, Lolly and Pinecone get to know the Storyland Rangers at Coconut Cove, learn some magical moves at Mermaid Falls and help a stressed-out caterpillar find his voice at the Summer Fruits Festival. Eventually, Lolly and Pinecone track down their main suspect, the rain loving Professor Raindrop – but was he really the one who took the ice creams?

Bursting with songs, laughter and all your CBeebies favourites, The Great Ice Cream Hunt is the perfect CBeebies summer treat!

Booking Link: [CBeebies Musical: The Great Ice Cream Hunt](#) | [Showtimes and Tickets](#)



Skipping workshops next week

All children in the school will have the opportunity to take part in skipping workshops on either Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

The aim is to introduce modern and traditional skipping games including individual rope tricks, speed skills and Double Dutch, back into the playground and into the PE curriculum.

As well as great fun, skipping is a brilliant form of fitness - especially useful with the summer holidays around the corner.

Parents / Children will also have the opportunity to purchase their own ropes after school on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The same high quality 'speed ropes' as used by the international team, will be available to buy for £6. The ropes are British made to a high standard, are light and turn easily to allow children and adults to progress rapidly. Colour change solar ropes are £7. Adult ropes are also available for taller children and your personal fitness/weight loss etc at £7 each, 4m 'family ropes' at £9 each and 2 x 4m Double Dutch set for £16.

Ropes will be on sale after school. Card and cash payments accepted. Ropes can also be purchased through our website www.skipping-workshops.co.uk

