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#### Term 1 2025/26

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September Extracurricular Clubs Begin

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September Forest School 4AB

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September Forest School 2KO

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**Jonathan Jungle Visit to
Year 4

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 4N Forest School

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 20G Forest School

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 4AB Forest School

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2KO Forest School

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

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 20G Forest School Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Year 6 Fleet Air Arm Museum Trip

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October Online Parent Teacher Meetings

#### Meet the Teacher Meetings

Year 6 – Monday 8th September Year 2 – Tuesday 9th September

Year 1 – Wednesday 10th September

#### 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 22nd July. 2026

All of the dates for the remainder of the year can be found on the calendar on the website, <u>here</u>.

Please click <u>here</u> for the term dates for 25/26

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

A very warm welcome: Welcome back to school. I hope you are well and are getting into the swing of the school routines. We are extremely pleased with the positive start to the term, the children's attitudes to learning and meeting our expectations have been evident throughout the whole school. Of course, we are thrilled to welcome our children starting school for the first time in Bee and Ladybird Class. We hope they will be very happy and successful in our care. The settling in period can be quite an adjustment, but it certainly seems as if the children are already comfortable in their new setting and are taking it all in their stride. Thank you to all of the parents for preparing the children for school; you should be very proud.

In addition, we welcome Ela, Julia and Daisy to Year 1, Ushnik to Year 3 and Enzo to Year 4. We hope that they and their families will also be very happy in our school community.

We also welcome Mrs Buchinger- Jones and Mrs Rogers who are joining our staff team as Teaching Assistants.

**Back to school information:** Last Friday, I sent a letter to all parents with many school expectations and routines. This may be useful to refer to, and so you can find it on this page on the school website.

In line with the information shared at the Meet the Teacher meetings, you will find helpful documents on each Class page on the website. These documents will all be uploaded by next week, and can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Spelling Lists for Year 2 to Year 6 will also be available on the same Class page next week.

**Summer Works:** School life didn't stop at the end of the Summer Term. Throughout the entire holiday period, the school site has been a hive of activity. Mr Clark ensured all of the teams on site kept to timescale, meaning we were ready for the start of term. The works mainly were to ensure safety compliance with regards to water and electrical checks, and a deep clean of the school kitchen.

We are delighted that the Upper School Hall has been redecorated! This was long overdue as funding constraints had not allowed it. However, with the full and generous support of the NPSA, this has been achieved. The next step is to install new blinds, and in time hopefully improve the flooring. Beyond this, we hope that the Blue Room can also be redecorated.

We had hoped to complete the new sandpit, and whilst further work has taken place, we are awaiting the sand delivery. It is hoped this will all be finished by the end of September.

Medication kept in School: If your child requires medication during school hours this needs to be prescribed by a GP and a Medical Indemnity Form filled in and handed into the office. Please do not send in medication with your child. If you have yet to return inhalers and other prescribed medication, please can you do so as soon as possible.

**School Uniform Reminders:** It is important that everyone upholds the school dress code. Children are not permitted to wear boots. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back at all times, with no elaborate hair pieces. The only jewellery permitted are stud earrings – no bracelets, rings, necklaces or hoop earrings. Nail varnish is not allowed. Uniform items should be grey and not black for trousers, shorts and pinafores. Socks should not be coloured - only black, white or grey. Trainers can be worn on PE days, only.

**No Mobile Phone Policy**: In line with DfE guidance, the school operates a 'no mobile phone policy' for all children, at all times. This policy is fully supported by the governing body. Please can parents and carers not use their mobile phones inside the school building.

**Punctuality:** It is a legal requirement for children to attend school regularly and also for children to be at school on time. The children must be in class for registration at 8.55am, meaning they need to be through the gates by 8.53am. Children arriving after 8.55am are marked as Late (L). Children arriving after 9.10am are marked as Unauthorised (U). If you are late, please make sure you sign your child in at the office.

Extra-Curricular Activities Term 1 and Term 2 – 2025/26: The office staff worked hard to organise all of the extra-curricular activities at the end of last year, to start next week. In order for the registers to be drawn up and places offered, the deadline for signing up must be adhered to. For activities in Term 3 and 4, these will be offered in December, and spaces will not be allocated beyond the deadline as this causes too much additional work for the staff and club providers.

Our School Development Plan 2025 – 2026: Below, you will see a poster, which outlines our School Development Plan this year. It lists two key priorities and two ongoing-priorities, building on the successes of last year and areas which require ongoig development.

Online Safety: The school continues to focus, importantly, on online safety for all. Updates have been shared with staff at the Inset Day, and Mrs Derrien is attending further training in the coming weeks to support our

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work. We are also planning workshops for both children and parents. Meanwhile, a parent has shared this video, to support all parents when posting images of their children on social media. The same video was shared at the SWGL training held by the school for parents last year. Please be advised that the video contains strong language and is a very stark message. <a href="https://youtu.be/F4WZ">https://youtu.be/F4WZ</a> k0vUDM

Sing Up: We are delighted to be able to share the In Me I Trust Sing Up Day 2025 Digichoir video with you. You can find the video here.

**OPAL** — **Outdoor Play and Learning:** OPAL remains an ongoing priority on our school development plan this year, which is all about improving the quality of play activities for all children. This is now the second year of our 18 month programme, and we hope to achieve our accreditation before the end of the year. Thank you very much for all of the donations received so far, we could not run the programme without them. If you have any loose parts, small world toys, dressing up clothes, etc, please continue to donate them. We request that all parents send their child to school with a waterproof coat with a hood, each day, so that we can play outside in all weathers. We will keep you updated on further plans.

Our NPSA – supporting our children, our families and our community: With a continued commitment to our school community, the NPSA (Newbridge Primary School Association) has drawn up some dates for events and activities this year. The first event is a Family Picnic on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 5pm until 7.30pm on the school field. More information to follow.

Our School Allotment: With the very dry summer we offer huge thanks to Lucy Anderson and Stephanie Meats for ensuring the allotment was watered. This will have taken a great deal of work, and it looks fantastic.

**Tours for prospective Reception children September 2026:** Looking ahead to our Reception intake for September 2026, please know, and share with friends, that we are offering tours on a number of mornings and afternoons in the Autumn Term. Bookings can be made via the website here.

**Booking Breakfast Club and After School Club:** From this year the school office will no longer take bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club. All bookings must be made via the IPal website, in advance, to ensure correct staffing ratios.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend, Gill Kennaugh

#### Newbridge Primary School

#### Newbridge Primary School Development Plan 2025-2026

- · Ensure correct provision
- Undertake research around EYFS outcomes and Y6/7 transition
- Improve attendance
- Improve speaking and listening with Voice 21
- Develop staff knowledge
- Encourage parental partnership
- Develop enriching experiences
- Be strategic and evaluative
- Embed KS2 Twink! Phonics Intervention
- Continual embedding and monitoring of Twinkl Phonics
- Align assessment tools with Twinkl Phonics
- Review and monitor interventions for writing
- Moderation and assessment of Greater Depth writers
- Update the curriculum objectives and assessment of Writing in October 2025

Our aim is to offer a safe and inclusive environment, with the highest standards of teaching and the most inspiring opportunities for learning, facilitated by the whole school community working together.

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.

#### Key Priority

To improve outcomes for children entitled to Pupil Premium funding

Ongoing Priority
To continue our
OPAL journey

#### Ongoing Priority

To consolidate high quality planning and teaching for Writing and Phonics

#### **Key Priority**

To embed a consistent school-wide approach to curriculum assessment

Our Learning Values

Learning and Communication

Creativity and Imagination

Personal Development Collaboration

Citizenship

- Complete the OPAL training course
- Provide mixed age play opportunities
- Complete the large sandpit
- · Access the school field for play
- Improve play opportunities at playtime
- Introduce roaming supervision
- Host a parent Open Day
- Hold a whole school Play Day
- Improve curriculum access and equity for disadvantaged children
- Embed retrieval practice across the curriculum
- Develop oracy across the curriculum
- Assess foundation subjects
- Strengthen teacher use of assessment to identify and close knowledge gaps

### Responsible Newbridge Citizens







Isla, Georgie, April and Emily completed a litter pick just before the return to school, so that all families would have a clean and tidy walk along the pavements. What superstar citizens, they are – thank you, so much!

Did anyone complete the Summer Reading Challenge? Well done if you did!







## **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!



#### 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





The ideal candidate would have to: Be patient and caring Be dedicated to all children achieving the best they can Be 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 01225 421675

To apply please visit our website for an application pack





## **Everyone Active**

Sessions will continue each Friday morning at 8.10am until 8.40am

We are looking forward to our first, free, dance session of the year next Friday with Cheryl from Mojo Moves. 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



#### **Neurodevelopmental Pathway Support Line**



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

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

**B&NES Parent Carer Forum** 

B&NES Parent Carer Forum is free to join. Just go to

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 Neurodevelopmental Pathway
Support Line is

now open

Wednesdays 9am - 1pm

Thursdays 1pm - 5pm

01761502515

or email

ndsupport@banespcf.co.uk

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