



# NEWBRIDGE News

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## Dates

### Term 1 2023/2024

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Inset Day for staff

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Start of term for all children

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Meet the Teacher Y3 2.45pm

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Meet the Teacher Y4 2.45pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Meet the Teacher Y5 2.45pm

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Meet the Teacher Y6 2.45pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Meet the Teacher Y1 2.45pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Meet the Teacher Y2 2.45pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

NPSA Family Picnic

A full calendar for the  
year will follow in  
Term 1

### Inset Days 23/24

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### Term Dates 23/24

You can view the Bath  
and North East  
Somerset term dates  
[here](#) for 2023/24

Dear Parents and Carers

That's the academic year completed and it has been a brilliant one. In fact, it has been the first full, normal year since 2018/19! We absolutely made the most of it and are very proud of all we have achieved, with fantastic learning activities and a wide and varied range of opportunities for all.

### Our children

I am proud of all that our children across the school have each achieved this year and thank them for their commitment to their learning and to our school community. They are wonderful Newbridge citizens. A very special well done is to be given to our Ladybird and Bee Class pupils, who have completed their very first year at school. There were some slightly teary parents this morning at drop off – recognising all that their children have achieved this year, and before moving to Year 1.

Sadly, a number of children will leave our school today, other than our Year 6 cohort. We wish Lucy, Finlay, Jess and Artem every success and happiness as they move to new areas and new schools. We had a special goodbye assembly on Wednesday when the teachers and children spoke about their qualities and how they will be missed.

### Our Year 6 pupils

Today is all about our Year 6 pupils as they fly the nest after up to seven years in our care. From four year olds in Reception to, today, as confident and caring young people who will actively and responsibly make a difference to our world, they make us all feel so proud. From start to finish, it has been an incredible journey. There have been challenges along the way, but how the children have navigated these, and how, this week, they risen to the occasion of the Year 6 events, demonstrates that they are ready for the next steps in their school career.

On Monday and Tuesday evening, all of the children were afforded the opportunity to showcase their talents in their Year 6 production – Oliver. It was a night all of the parents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and grandparents will remember, forever. It was the show of the year. The togetherness of the year group stood out, with every child playing their part; fully invested and incredibly enthusiastic. The acting and singing, throughout, was exceptional. I still don't know how, at the age of ten and eleven years old, the children are able to learn their lines and deliver them with such fluency and confidence. These were two very special nights, which confirmed the children will go far, and that anything is possible. Many, many congratulations to every child and to all of those at home and in school who supported the children to achieve great success.

Following this, last night, the children had their Year 6 Leavers' Tea and Disco. More fun was had with a photo booth, glitter designs, tattoos, pizza, cake and some very energetic dancing. Thank you to the Year 6 parents who planned and organised this, making it another memorable night.

Finally, today was the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. The last time we, along with families, had the opportunity to recognise and celebrate each and every Year 6 pupil. The hall was jam packed and was full of recognition and pride. Each child was presented with a Newbridge Leavers' 2023 hoody, kindly purchased by the NPSA. We wished all of the children well and sent them off on the next stage of their journey. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege, Year 6, we are very proud of you all.

With the pupils leaving, I need to acknowledge the families who will leave Newbridge, today. Remarkably, there are thirty five families who will move on to pastures new. Some of these parents have had long associations with our school, having had multiple children attend. Some parents have played significant roles in the school's development and success, particularly as school governors or, and as, long serving members of the NPSA. One of these is Emma Puzey, who undoubtedly has given her all to our school. It would not be all that it is without such support – many tireless hours of commitment, all with a desire to help, give back and make our community stronger. Thank you, I am extremely grateful for your skill and support. I wish you all well for the future.

### Our community

Our NPSA is a stalwart of support and continues to cement together all that our school stands for. After another bumper year, I wish to express my gratitude to the many, many volunteers who have planned events, run stalls, organised cake sales, made posters, gathered prizes, sold uniform, written newsletters, led on social media....the list is endless. And without the coordination and support of the class representatives, none of this would likely get off the ground – thank you to you all.

I am also very grateful to our governing body who has again helped to steer and shape our future. In particular, my thanks is expressed to Sarah Evans, our Chair of Governors, for her leadership and support.

With being able to have volunteers in school, all year, we express our appreciation for the support you have been able to give; whether it be with reading, cooking, making, school visits, gardening....it has all been so greatly appreciated and has made a difference to our children and our school.

### Our staff

Finally, our staff. Each member of the staffing team of seventy has worked tirelessly for our children and families. Their commitment, care and enthusiasm is second to none and I thank each one for making our school so special and so successful; providing outstanding opportunities for the children across the curriculum and beyond. These are challenging times in education, yet, each day, they are committed to providing their very best to every child.

Yesterday, we had to say goodbye in an uplifting, yet emotional, assembly to five of these staff members - Mrs Evered, Mrs Titchener, Mrs Cavill, Mrs Hill and Mrs Bateman who will leave today. We wish them well, along with Mrs Gould, as they either commence retirement or start new roles.

For September, we offer Mrs Bishop a very warm welcome, who will join our team as a teaching assistant.

### Parental Questionnaire 2023

Thank you for completing the recent parental questionnaire. 156 responses were received. I have included the percentage outcomes of each response over the page. We will continue to study the detail of the responses and offer reflections on these, in September.

### Key Stage 2 SATS Results 2023

Following the Year 6 pupils completing the statutory assessments in May, we now have access to the outcomes and the national provisional results. These are detailed overleaf.

### Google Classroom

We are in the process of setting up the new Google Classrooms for next year. Please log in to the current Google Classroom for your child and accept the request to join the new 'classroom', so that all accounts are enabled for September.

### Meet the Teacher Meetings

We have planned for Year 1 to Year 6 parents to meet the class teacher on sessions during the first two weeks of term. For those unable to make it, the information will be published for you. The dates are on the first page of the newsletter.

Finally, thank you. To have your continued support has helped tremendously - our work is impossible without you being behind us and beside us. Thank you, also, on behalf of staff members for the generous end of year gifts; these too are greatly appreciated.

We wish you and your family a restful Summer.

Yours sincerely

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## Year 2 Out and About

As part of their enquiry, 'What makes Bath beautiful?', Year 2 journeyed into town to visit No. 1 Royal Crescent. Once there, the children had the opportunity to dress up like a Georgian, take part in a Georgian dance, and view how the city of Bath has grown and changed over time. They also loved taking part in a tour of the building, getting to grips with how different the day-to-day life of a wealthy Georgian person was. All of the children were immaculately behaved throughout, were respectful, and listened to the adults at all times. They are definitely ready for Year 3.

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers, without whom the trip would not have happened, and to Mrs Giles and her team, who provided such a fun, enriching day for the children.



### Parental Questionnaire 2023

156 responses received	Agree/ Strongly Agree	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not applicable
My child is happy at school	98.1%	1.3%	0.6%	N/A
My child feels safe at school	99.4%	0%	0.6%	N/A
The school ensures its pupils are well behaved	96.0%	1.0%	3.0%	N/A
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with it quickly and effectively	15.4%	4.5%	5.8%	74.4%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn throughout the term/year.	89.1%	7.1%	3.8%	N/A
Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)	Yes – 10.9%	No – 89.1%	N/A	N/A
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	88.2% (15)	11.8% (2)	N/A	N/A
The school has high expectations of my child	84.0%	4.5%	11.5%	N/A
My child does well at Newbridge Primary School	95.5%	0.6%	3.8%	N/A
The school lets me know how my child is doing	87.2%	9.6%	3.2%	N/A
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	93.6%	1.9%	4.5%	N/A
My child in Year 1 to Year 6 can take part in clubs and activities at this school	84.0%	1.3%	0.6%	14.1%
I would recommend this school to another parent	Yes – 99.4%	No - 0.6%	N/A	N/A

### Key Stage 2 SATs Results 2023 (Year 6)

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard		Average Scaled Score	
	School	National <sub>1</sub>	School <sub>2</sub>	National <sub>3</sub>
<b>Reading</b>	74% (with 40% GD)	73%	106	105
<b>Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling</b>	78% (with 34% GD)	72%	105	105
<b>Maths</b>	76% (with 24% GD)	73%	104	104
<b>Writing</b>	75% (with 19% GD)	71%	N/A	N/A
<b>Science</b>	75%	80%	N/A	N/A

- Percentages for Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Maths, and Writing teacher assessment (TA) are based on provisional information on the 2023 national curriculum assessments.
- Scaled scores guidance: [www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores-at-key-stage-2](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores-at-key-stage-2)
- Average scaled scores for Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths are based on provisional headline information on the 2023 national curriculum assessments.

(GD - Greater Depth)





## Creative Twerton

The regular creative sessions at 'Creative Twerton' are free to attend and the group provides free lunch and refreshments. All of the sessions are run by professional artists and creative producers. Drop in to learn new skills, start a new creative project of your own, or simply make and chat in good company.

<https://lostrobot.org/creative-twerton/>

107 High St, Twerton

**HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & TEENS**

This summer Clarion Call Arts Academy is partnering with The Forum, Bath to provide some exciting performing arts workshops.

**CREATIVE FEST DAYS**  
WORKSHOPS, MASTERCLASSES AND MORE...  
AT THE FORUM BATH | FOR AGES 6-12 & 13-17

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
27TH JULY	9AM-4PM	VOCALS
28TH JULY	9AM-4PM	ACTING
29TH JULY	9AM-4PM	DRUMS & PERCUSSION
29TH JULY	9AM-4PM	DANCE

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL BATH BOX OFFICE ON 01225 463362 & FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT - [WWW.CLARIONCALLARTSACADEMY.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CLARIONCALLARTSACADEMY.ORG.UK)

**HOLIDAY EVENT**

THIS SUMMER CLARION CALL ARTS ACADEMY IS PARTNERING WITH THE FORUM, BATH TO PROVIDE AN EXCITING MUSICAL THEATRE STYLE EXPERIENCE...

A perfect opportunity for children & teens interested in exploring the performing arts...

**SHOW IN 3 DAYS**

INCLUDING WORKSHOPS IN

**MUSIC DANCE ACTING**

with experienced practitioners all culminating in a performance for family & friends at the end!

**Thursday 31st August - Saturday 2nd September**

**The Forum, Bath | Ages 6-12 & 13-17 | 9AM- 4PM**

FOR BOOKING PLEASE VISIT [WWW.BATHBOXOFFICE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.BATHBOXOFFICE.ORG.UK) & FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT [WWW.CLARIONCALLARTSACADEMY.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CLARIONCALLARTSACADEMY.ORG.UK)



## Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Simply sign up to the challenge at the Bath Central Library from 8<sup>th</sup> July or create an account online at: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

If you create an account online, children will create their own avatar and set a goal for how many books they would like to read.

All they then have to do is log all the books they have read when they have read them and leave a review. There is also the chance to unlock special online badges and a certificate to print at home when they reach their challenge goal.

If you'd rather take part in person, then children can sign up at the Bath Central Library and they will be given a special collector folder, stickers and other incentives as well as help you find books to read for the challenge.

The Bath Central Library is also hosting many fun and free activities over the summer, go to the following website to book:

[Bath Library Summer Reading Events](#)

We hope you have lots of fun and enjoy reading this summer!



## OUTDOOR HOLIDAY CLUB AT NEWBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our Summer 2023 holiday club days provide 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

JULY	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	*Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>
AUGUST	*Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	*Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> FULL	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> FULL	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>
	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> FULL	*Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>

- **Indicates no more space for Unders 8's**
- **We operate awaiting list for those dates that are full**

**Time:** 9.00am – 4.00pm

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

**Cost:** 1 day booking: £40 per day – siblings £38 per child per day  
2 day booking: £76 per child  
3 + days booking: £ 37 per child per day

Sessions will be led by Sarah Webb, Claire Pickman and Jonny Houston, all experienced Forest School leaders based in and around Bath, with DBS disclosure, First Aid training and public liability insurance. The site and all activities are risk/benefit-assessed.

Booking essential, please email [valair1@hotmail.com](mailto:valair1@hotmail.com) or call on 07825 610145 for a booking form. Spaces are limited to 20-25 children per day and there are limited spaces for under 8's in line with required ratios



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