



NEWBRIDGE NEWS

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Dates Term 2

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

Wednesday 8th January
Year 4 Roman Baths
Workshop

Monday 13th January
Clubs start this week

Tuesday 21st January
NPSA Meeting at 7.30pm

Monday 27th January
Year 6 Assessment Week

Friday 31st January
NPSA Cake & Uniform Sale
Parents to look at books
3.15pm – 4pm

Monday 3rd February
Parents to look at books
3.15pm – 4pm

Inset Days 2024/25

Monday 6th January

Friday 27th June

Tuesday 22nd July

Please [click here](#) for the terms dates.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our School Choir: On Tuesday, our 121 strong pupil choir made their way to the RUH, where they performed to those visiting the hospital and to the RUH staff – including many of our parents. The intention was to put a smile on people's faces and to give something back to our community. This is just what they did and it was a special moment for everyone. Today, the Year 6 choir members visited Stratton House Residential Home. 25 pupils kindly took the time to provide the residents with some festive cheer when they sang a number of Christmas songs. This is all good practice for a very special event which is looming in January. The choir will travel to Birmingham to perform at Young Voices at the NEC. This is a huge undertaking, but we know from previous years that it is worth it for the joy and confidence it provides the children. Thank you choir members for your commitment and enthusiasm, to Mrs Best for all the energy you bring, and to our parent volunteers who have accompanied recent visits.

Our NPSA – supporting our children, our families and our community: Sadly, we have had to make the difficult decision not to hold the Christmas Fair and Grotto tomorrow. Due to the concerning red weather warning, we have had to prioritise everyone's safety, as I am sure you will appreciate. It is hoped that we can find another time between now and the end of term to run some of the stalls, as we know that the Christmas Fair is so enjoyed by the children and families. Thank you, sincerely, to all of the volunteers who had put time into planning the event – I know how disappointed they will be that it can't go ahead as planned. Thank you, also, to all of the families for the generous donations brought to school this morning. I can assure you that these will be used in an upcoming event.

OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning: Thank you for the continued support with our OPAL Programme. The children are continuing to enjoy and benefit from the variety of play they can access. To keep moving through the programme, our OPAL mentor is meeting next week to think more about our school site and how we will utilise more spaces – this is also exciting. Please keep the cardboard boxes coming, name shoes if possible and send a waterproof coat to school each day – thank you!

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 that parents and carers are welcome at either performance.

A tribute to Dawn Grabban: This week we paid our respects at the funeral of a former pupil, parent and staff member who sadly lost her battle against cancer. Dawn was very much a part of the school and local community, and was highly thought of by many. Our thoughts are with her son, Mason, and Dawn's family and friends at this difficult time. For anyone who would like to make a donation following the Nativities and Christmas concerts, half of these will go to Cancer Research, Macmillan and the Ben Saunder's Foundation, in Dawn's memory.

Thank you for your continued support, have a good and safe weekend,
Gill Kennaugh

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★



★ **Bees** – Eddison P, Peter S **Ladybirds** – Jasper B-J, Teddy L ★

★ **IDO** – Christopher B, Hugo T **1G** – Lyra C, Isabelle U ★

★ **2OG** – Duncan C, Rowan T **2R** – Samantha J, Etta C ★

★ **3DE** – Anna C, Marc R B **3M** – Hugo S, Finola S ★

★ **4B** – Matilda B-J, Bella T **4BA** – Joe M, Sarafina D ★

★ **5HK** – Ella R, Jacob H **5F** – Mabel C, Niki P ★

★ **6KR** – Romi H, Alice S **6N** – Flora K, Cerys L ★

★ **PE Stars of the Week:** ★

George R, Class 4BA Mabel C, Class 5F

★ **Music Stars of the Week:** ★

Grace B, Class 5HK Beatrix B, Class 4BA



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. We welcome comments and posts which are in line with our school values.

Extra Curricular Activities

All extra-curricular activities will finish the week ending 13th December. Thank you to all the children who made the commitment to attend activities and to all of the club leaders for providing these opportunities. A revised extra-curricular clubs list will be issued at 7pm on Monday 9th December, with a view to all activities commencing from Monday 13th January 2025.

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.

RUH Choir Carol Singing

On Tuesday, a whopping 117 children from the Upper School Choir made their way up to the RUH to sing some carols and help raise money for the hospital. We were very lucky with the weather, granting us ideal conditions to be singing outside.

We gathered outside the main atrium and were delighted to see so many parents and carers, as well as a few hospital staff and patients, had come to support us.

Despite a technical malfunction (!) the children sung beautifully and we even managed to get our audience to join in for the final rendition of 'Jingle Bells'.

We later found out that we had raised an incredible £155.74 in just 20 minutes! This money will be donated to RUH oncology services.

I would personally like to say a huge thank you to every child who came and sung their heart out, to all the amazing staff and parent volunteers who escorted us there and back and finally to all the parents and carers who came to support us, giving so generously to a wonderful cause.

Mrs Best – Music Coordinator



Multi Activity Day at The University of Bath



The Team: Chase D, Rufus O, Dylan B, Larrel S, Magnus H, Adam A, Tymofii L, Thai P, Rakib K, Oscar D and Marley G

Last Friday, 12 children from Year 6 spent the day at University of Bath Training Village for a multi activity day of sporting fun. During the morning, children had the opportunity to meet other children from local schools and take part in Team Building, Tennis, Benchball and Dodgeball activities.

In the afternoon they had a full tour of the Training Village which included seeing many sports halls, tennis courts, gyms, outside athletics track and massive 50 metre indoor swimming pool. Then they were taken to the indoor running track to take part in Athletics events that included relays and the long jump. After clearing the sand out of their trainers, they finished with a visit to the Trampoline hall where they had the opportunity to have a go on the full Olympic sized trampolines with expert coaching from university coaches.

Great fun was had by all and I'm sure everyone involved slept soundly on Friday night. Thank you to Ms Foulds for coming along and supporting the trip.

Mr Wallace – PE Lead



Year 1 Enquiry - Keeping Safe

This term our enquiry is all about keeping safe.

On Monday, we talked about road safety and the importance of stop, look, listen and think. We discussed how bikes, scooters and sometimes even cars can approach very quietly so it is always necessary to use both our eyes and ears when crossing roads. The children were able to demonstrate these skills brilliantly on our replica road!



Year 5 & 6 Book Club

As we approach the end of our second term of Y5/6 Book Club, I wanted to say a huge thank you to all the children for such an enjoyable time reading and talking books!

Last term we read 'Skellig' by David Almond and this term we have been reading 'Arctic Star' by Tom Palmer.

Please sign up for next term if you think your child would be interested.



Year 2 Great Fire of London

There was much excitement in Year 2, when the Tudor houses the children made in DT were used to recreate Pudding Lane.

Thanks to help from Mr Clark, there was a huge blaze just like the Great Fire of London, and sadly all the houses were burnt to the ground!



Year 4- Support for



Following the Year 4 tradition set up by a Newbridge past pupil, Seb S, we are collecting toiletries for Julian House in our reverse advent calendar. The children have been so generous already and our hamper is looking very full.

Thank you to all the Year 4 families who have kindly donated to this great charity.



Year 4 Multi-Skills

Class 4BA had a brilliant afternoon at the Oldfield Sports Festival. They worked in small groups with children from St Mary's and St Andrews led by the Year 8 Sports Ambassadors. They rotated between a number of fun activities involving throwing, jumping and running.

The Year 9 Sports Leaders set and up and demonstrated the activities, and were really encouraging. The children could achieve bronze, silver and gold at each event and some children even celebrated with their names on the board for sporting ability or for having a brilliant attitude. It was a super event which was finished off with relays.

Well done to Class 4BA for being such amazing stars!



Year 4 Forest School

Class 4B had their last Forest School session with Claire on Thursday. Even though the weather was not at its best, they all had a super time in the woods, it felt very festive. The children made Christmas decorations, magic string and necklaces with conkers. The session finished with a wonderful warm fire and toasted marshmallows, what a treat! Year 4 have had a great time at Forest School, they will miss it next term but will really look forward to starting again in Term 4.



Year 2 Forest School

Forest School was such good fun and what a way to end our allocated time in the woods until Term 4. We had lots of free play where the children chose to either do some Christmas craft, make dens, bug hunt or play in the mud kitchen. I was fascinated by the toad eggs that some of the boys found. Rowan told me all about them. During winter, it spends much of its time burrowed in mud or compost conserving energy, but will emerge to forage in milder spells. Everyday I learn so much from 2OG!

Mrs O’Gara – Class Teacher



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!

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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.

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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.

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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.

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM THE ROYAL NAVY

JOIN RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES!

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

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.

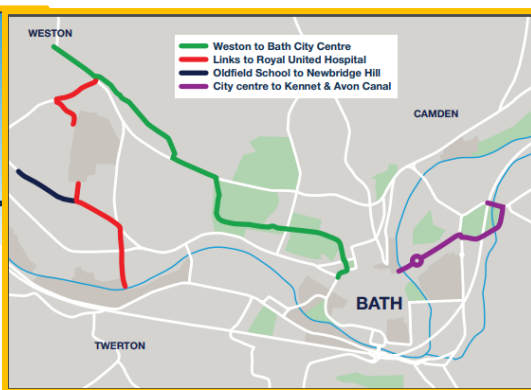
The four routes will create more than 6.2km of cycling routes across Bath through advisory lanes, dedicated spaces and quiet routes. It will also provide significant walking and wheeling improvements, such as upgraded crossings and more convenient and safer options.

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Links to Royal United Hospital
Oldfield School to Newbridge Hill
City centre to Kennet & Avon Canal

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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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