

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term, with one week to go, it is safe to say the children are becoming a little wearier. They have all displayed such stamina in yet another long term, and with the learning and progress they have all achieved, there is little wonder that they are so tired now.

The staff continue to give their all, and will do so right up to the last day of term. The challenges presented this term are unprecedented. We are all used to working exceptionally hard in usual times and meeting the demands of our roles, but what has been asked of all those in education settings since September by far surpasses anything we have known before. As much as possible, school life has continued as normal, yet, on top of this, everyone has had to navigate and deliver on so many new measures and restrictions to keep everyone safe whilst ensuring a wide range of learning opportunities are planned and enjoyed. The staff deserve the upcoming break as much as anyone, and I have no doubt you will join with me in recognising all that that they have achieved and provided for the children and our school.

### Winter Windowland – SO extraordinary!

I really do hope you have had the opportunity to wander the local roads and take in the extraordinary array of Winter Windowland displays. They are all absolutely stunning! I was blown away by the effort, creativity and how beautifully they lit up the dark, gloomy evenings. Thank you, so much, to everyone who took part. Many designs were created by current school families, but many past families took part too. There is still time to enjoy them all – the displays will be in place until Sunday evening. Thank you also to Emmanuel Church for providing refreshments and collaborating with the school on this project. All of the organisers deserve a huge round of applause – Katherine Wellings, Hannah Williams, Hannah Lees, Kate Taylor, Kate Thomas and Charlotte Morris. If you enjoyed the event and would like to make a donation to the NPSA, please do so at this [link](#)

### Festive Activities

To bring some festive fun in the final week, there are some activities taking place for each class. On Tuesday afternoon, each class will watch an online pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk. This has very kindly been funded by the NPSA. On Thursday, the children are invited to wear appropriate mufti/party clothes (no football kits please) for a class party. This may involve games, watching the ‘school nativity’ and quite possibly a virtual visit from Father Christmas.

The staff and children have been working together across the classes to produce some festive performances for you to enjoy. Due to not being able to hold our traditional nativity in school, a virtual performance is near completion and the classes have recorded some poetry. These performances, along with a recording of the NGT finalists, will be made available to you next week.

### End of Term 2

You may have heard that the government has said schools can hold an Inset Day on Friday 18th December. In discussions with the Local Authority, it has been agreed that this will not be happening at our school and therefore the last day of term will Friday 18th December.

The children will all return to school on Tuesday 5th January, as Monday 4th January is an Inset Day.

### Well done, Mina!

Well done to Mina in Year 4, who now has her design from the Bath at Christmas Competition displayed in Southgate. You will find a photograph of this further in the newsletter.

### Parking Concerns

Having received more concerns about cars parking and stopping on the zig-zags and double yellow lines at the Newbridge Hill entrance, please can I again ask that you consider everyone’s safety and park responsibly. Please know that Newbridge Surgery car park should not be used for parking when collecting children from school.

**'Challenge 21'**

Please read on in the NPSA newsletter to hear about an exciting event for everyone to take part in, to launch the new year. Challenge 21 is about taking on a challenge, and raising funds for the NPSA at the same time. We all want a positive start to the new year and we are excited to get as many people involved as possible, and to celebrate all of the successes. The teachers will promote this in classes and support those who wish to be involved, to come up with some ideas.

**A Virtual Tour**

Please, if you have not watched our virtual tour, do so. We have received many positive comments about the film, recognising our brilliant children and the care that is evident in our school community. If you know of any prospective families who require a Reception place for 2021, please share this link with them <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/about-us/virtual-tour>

**Symptoms of Covid-19**

Any pupil or adult displaying symptoms of Covid-19 is not permitted to enter the premises.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough;
- a high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If anyone has any of the symptoms listed, they, and their household members should self-isolate at home and request a test. Whilst awaiting the test results, the household must continue to isolate. If the test is negative, and no other members of the household display symptoms, the isolation period will cease and children should return to school immediately.

**Government guidance about contact tracing at the end of term and in the holiday period**

The government recommends that all parents and carers are aware of the following information and arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- Where a pupil tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after 18th December, when school closes, if a pupil tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school will need to be informed so that close contacts can be identified and advised to self-isolate, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- The school does not need to be contacted to conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. In our case, there will be no pupil contact tracing beyond Thursday 24th December.
- Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after Thursday 24th December, the school does not need to be informed about the pupil's absence until the first day of the new term.

**Eligibility for Free School Meals**

If you are in receipt of, or are currently applying for, any of the below listed benefits, your child(ren) may be entitled to free school meals. This is different to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receiving the government funded school meals. The qualifying benefits are: Income Support; Job Seekers Allowance; Employment Support Allowance; Child Tax Credit; Pension Credit; Working Tax Credit run-on; Asylum Seeker or Universal Credit. I have attached the application form which provides further information. If you are not able to access this form, have any queries or would like to register by telephone, please contact: (01225) 394317 or email [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk)

**School Nursing**

Our school nursing team are available to support you with any concerns. Please contact the Bath Area on 01225 831666 or the Norton Radstock Area on 01761 408111. This service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

Have a good weekend.



Gill Kennaugh

# STARS OF THE WEEK



**Bee** Phoenix K, Georgie K

**1K** Kameron B, Neula J

**2T** Deniz T, Sam G

**3OG** Henry B and Millie M

**4C** Ryan S, Fred S

**5B** Vincent P, Charlotte M

**6B** Raphael F, Nat W, Spencer C

**Ladybird** Alice L, Aria S

**1R** Billy F, Anisa G

**2G** Gracie A, Abigail B

**3KR** Ernie L-S, Seb S

**4H** Chantelle M, Mason C

**5H** Marlie G, Bill G

**6A** Sam W, Adam M



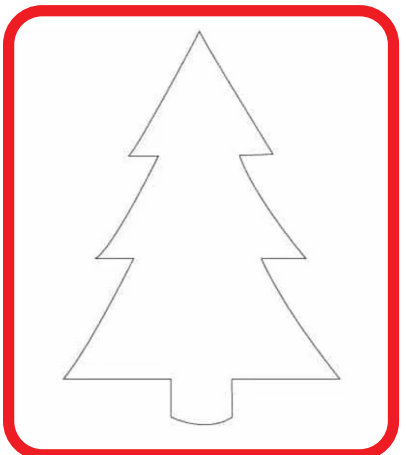
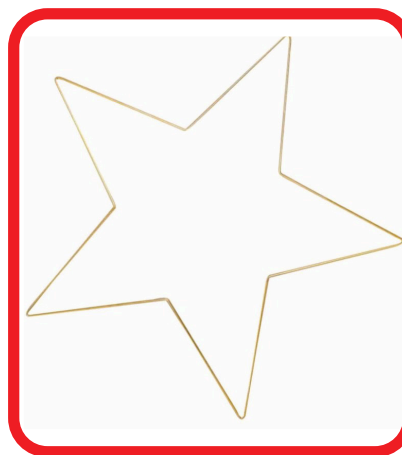
## CURRICULUM CORNER

### Super Spellings

Practise your spellings as  
Word Art this week.

Write your spellings inside  
the Christmas shape until  
it is full.

Here are some examples  
of Christmas templates  
you can use.





# NPSA NEWS

It's nearly the end of term – our Christmas Raffle and Winter Windowland close on Sunday night, so this is your last weekend to get involved! – and our thoughts are turning to 2021. We have an exciting event planned for January that we hope every family will want to be a part of, to help us raise more money for our school and to get the new year off to a fun and positive start. Read on to find out more about **Challenge 21!**

# Calendars

Thank you to everyone who ordered an NPSA calendar, you should have received yours this week. If not, please contact [npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com)

If you didn't manage to order one before the deadline, we do have a few spares, so get in touch if you would like to buy one – they cost just £7. We'd like to say an enormous thank you to all the local businesses who sponsored the calendar, as well as to Amy Osborn for taking the photographs, and to Carmen Betteridge, Helen Clarke and Bradley Bailey for putting together the whole project. Together you helped us raise over £900!

# Christmas Raffle

If you haven't bought your tickets yet, this weekend is your last chance. There are 16 fabulous hampers to be won, as well as six funky anglepoise lamps and a pottery session with local ceramicist Lorna Bode. Tickets cost just £1 each (minimum purchase two tickets) and you can buy them [here](#)



**RAFFLE  
CLOSES  
13TH  
DEC!**



# Winter Windowland

This wonderful community event closes at 8pm on Sunday, so if you haven't yet had a chance to look at some of - or all of - the fantastic windows on display, you've got three nights left to do it. The map is available to download [here](http://thyg.uk/CUR013629) If you've already enjoyed this event but haven't yet got round to making a donation, you can do that [here](http://thyg.uk/CUR013629). Huge thanks to Charlotte Morris, Hannah Lees, Hannah Williams, Kate Taylor, Kate Thomas and Katherine Wellings for organising this event, and to all of you who created a window. It really has shown everyone the very best of Newbridge.



## Challenge 21

During the month of January we will be inviting everyone in school, and all our families, to blast their way into 2021 by completing a challenge related to the number 21.

The challenge could be related to learning, to mental or physical wellbeing, to a hobby, or to something in the local community... it is up to →



→ each child to come up with their own challenge. It would be great to see family members getting involved too, or perhaps families enjoying a joint challenge and seeing who does the best!

- ***How about walking 21km in a week, or cycling 21 miles in a day?***
- ***Or reading for 21 minutes every day for a week?***
- ***Or picking up 21 pieces of litter in your local area?***

For those who would like to, it would be brilliant if you could ask one or two family members or friends to sponsor you. **Our aim is to raise £2,021 for the NPSA by the end of January** – that's the equivalent of £4.99 for every child in school – which would be a fantastic start to the new year!

We will be sending out more information after the Christmas break, so for now all you need to do is come up with a great idea for your challenge.



## Free money for the NPSA

If you are shopping online this Christmas, please do consider using The Giving Machine or Amazon Smile, and generating FREE MONEY for the NPSA.



For Amazon Smile. simply go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) or shop with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon shopping app, and Amazon will make a donation to the NPSA.



If you're shopping with other retailers, including Argos, M&S, Etsy, H&M (and lots more!), you can support the NPSA by starting your shopping from our Giving Machine page [here](#), and a percentage of what you spend will come directly to the NPSA, without costing you a penny extra.



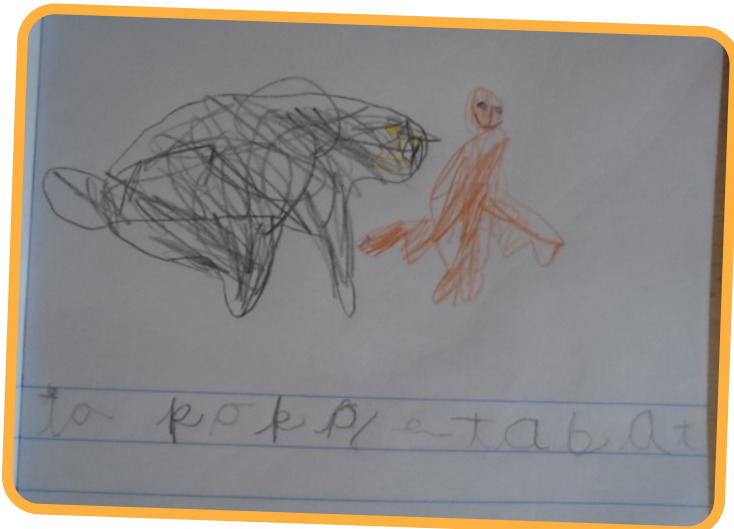
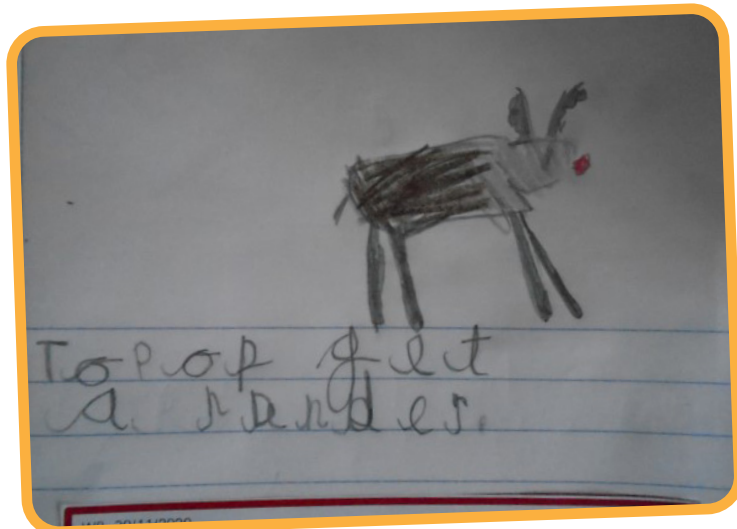
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Facebook:	@NewbridgeNPSA
Twitter:	@Newbridge_NPSA



# SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK

Last week in **Reception**, Pop the Elf wrote that he wants to get a pet. The children wrote back to Pop and told him which pet he should get. Here is some of their writing.



This week, **Bee Class** and **Ladybird Class** have been getting festive, decorating trees in lots of different ways!





In **Year 1** in maths, we are learning about the teen numbers and how to partition them into ten and ones.





**Year 2** opened their own supermarket. They had the chance to buy items and find the correct change.





**Year 3** have been reflecting on what Christmas means to them. They have created word art to share their thoughts and ideas and this is their Christmas display outside the classrooms!





This week, **Year 4** finished making their greenhouses and now look forward to planting seedlings in Spring and seeing which greenhouse is the most successful.





# by Mina in Year 4





This week, **Year 5** have been thinking about random acts of kindness and how we can put a smile on our friends' faces, including those at Newbridge Towers Residential Care Home.



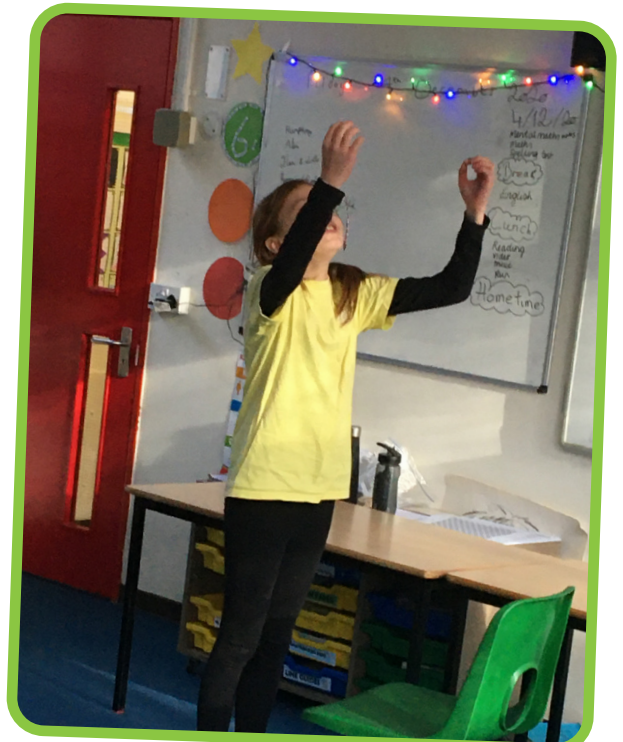


As part of their enquiry 'Where in the World ' **Year 6** have found out all about The Silk Road. They then looked at different spices - that we use today - which were traded along the route.





**Year 6** became story tellers and entertained everyone with their amazing performances. They rehearsed and then performed without any scripts! What a wonderful afternoon they had recreating a theatre to watch them.





**Thank you for all the brilliant entries we  
have received for NGT.**

**Look out for all the winners from  
each class, as there will be a special  
montage for you all to view to start your  
Christmas holidays.**

**From Mrs Bartlett**





**TIER 2****HIGH ALERT****FROM 2 DEC**

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b>  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b>  <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	<b>RETAIL</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b>  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>  <p>Open.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b>  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b>  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b>  <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	<b>EXERCISE</b>  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b>  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b>  <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

**Find out what support you can get**

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

**If you have any coronavirus symptoms:**

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough  
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**Get a test and stay at home**

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## TIER 3

## VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b>  <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b>  <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<b>RETAIL</b>  <p>Open.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b>  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b>  <p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>  <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>  <p>Open.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>  <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b>  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>  <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b>  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b>  <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	<b>EXERCISE</b>  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b>  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b>  <p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

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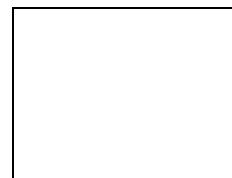


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## Free School Meal Registration Form Eligible by Benefit (EBB)



All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state funded schools in England qualify for Universal Infant Free School meals (UIFSM), please contact the School.

**Please register all primary and secondary aged pupils for Free School Meals - Eligible By Benefit (EBB) if you are in receipt of qualifying benefits as registration will attract additional funding for your child's school for Pupil Premium (£1,345 per Primary pupil and £955 per Secondary pupil for the financial year 2020-21).**

You can register your entitlement for Free School Meals if:

- you have children who attend a school in Bath and North East Somerset or The Mendip School, Shepton Mallet, **and**
- you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits listed overleaf.

How to register

- Call 01225 394317 to make a telephone registration.
- Complete this form and return it to the address overleaf.
- Visit [www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to download and complete a form online.
- Email registration form or any query to [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk)

Parent/Guardian(s) Details					
Title	Surname	First Name	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	National Insurance or NASS number	Relationship to child(ren)
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<b>Current Address</b> including postcode			<b>Previous Address</b> including postcode (If you have moved in the last year)		
<b>Email:</b>			<b>Date of Move</b> (dd/mm/yy)    /    /		
<b>Telephone:</b>					

Dependent Children	Please list all school age children who you wish to make a claim for.		
Surname	First Name	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	Name of School(s) and Start Date
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## Qualifying Benefits

Which benefit(s) do you receive? Please tick this box if you have claimed in the last month ☐

The date you expect your first Universal Credit Payment if known?

Income Support <input type="checkbox"/>	Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based <b>only</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/>	Employment Support Allowance (Income Related <b>only</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/>	Child Tax Credit <input type="checkbox"/> ( <b>without any</b> Working Tax Credit <b>and</b> have and annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190)
Pension Credit (Guaranteed Element only) <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>4 Week Run on</b> Working Tax Credit <input type="checkbox"/> (which is <b>only</b> paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for WTC)	Asylum Seeker <input type="checkbox"/> (Support under PartV1 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999)	<b>Universal Credit</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Provided you have an annual net earned income (take home pay) of no more than £7,400 (as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of your most recent assessment periods).

Have you previously received Free School Meals?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Additional Comments:

The Local Authority will check your eligibility to qualifying benefits on your behalf using the DFE online Free School Meal Eligibility checking service. Your National Insurance or National Asylum Seeker Support Number and Date of Birth must be completed clearly and accurately.

**Declaration:** The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. I agree to the local authority using this information to process my application for free school meals and share with other Council departments to offer other benefits and services. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date     /     /

Send your completed form to: [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk)

or: **Free School Meals** (Postal Address)  
People & Communities Finance  
Bath & North East Somerset Council  
Lewis House  
Manvers Street  
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INITIALS	DATE