



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Today brings Term 2 to an end. For fifteen weeks, since September, the school has been open and we are delighted to know, and say, that we have delivered on everything we had planned, and more. Whilst we have not completed all of our usual events by far, we have achieved so much, and again, I am very grateful to every staff member for making our systems work, for caring for the children and for enabling them to be happy in their learning. The children have been just brilliant – true Newbridge citizens, who have demonstrated great resilience and a love for learning. Thank you, also, to the parents and carers for being behind us and beside us; for supporting our decisions, and for encouraging the children to return with confidence to their learning and friends.

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to thank you for the very kind, thoughtful and generous gifts and donations that have been received. There has also been a large volume of appreciative emails received this week too, which has brought a lot of joy to many. All of this means more than ever, at the end of a very difficult year. After a good rest, we will all look forward to Term 3, and we will continue in the same vein; completing our job and doing our very best by all of the children and families.

Please can I ask you to read, at the bottom of the section, the details on when and how to report positive Covid-19 results to the school, up to the 24th December. This is important in tracing contacts of positive cases.

Festive Activities for you to enjoy

From today, on the school website, you will find three new videos – this is exciting! The first, is the Year 2 pupils performing their Nativity. Mrs Titchener and Miss Gatton have worked hard on this task, and have enjoyed the challenge of a first virtual event. All of the children watched it yesterday, and loved it. We know that you will too! The second, is a recording of all of the other classes performing 'Twas a Night Before Christmas. You will enjoy this too. Thirdly, the finalists from Newbridge's Got Talent, have had their performances put together, on one video. This is another treat. Thank you to everyone who performed and took part, and to the staff who completed the videos for everyone to watch. Please click on the following link to view them - <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/school-life/festive-videos> Details of how to view the Nativity were included on the newsletter Parentmail.

Our friends at Emmanuel Church

I wish to express a special thank you to our friends at Emmanuel Church. Since March, Michael, the vicar, has sent positive and encouraging messages, recognising our work. Over the past two weekends, the Church community has worked with the NPSA, in support of Winter Windowland and provided refreshments. Yesterday, individually handmade and wrapped chocolates and brownies were delivered to school by Michael and Susannah, who is the assistant minister, for every single member of staff. This was so incredibly thoughtful and heartfelt.

Goodbye Ismene

Today, Ismene, in Year 4 will leave our school. Her family are relocating to Cyprus. We wish them all well in their new venture and thank them for all they have contributed to the Newbridge community.

Well done, Abigail!

Last week, we learnt that Mina had her design from the Bath at Christmas Competition displayed in the centre of Bath and now we know that Abigail, in Year 2 did too! Well done Abigail – a photo of your design is published further in the newsletter.

Best wishes to Mrs Shaw-Butt

Mrs Shaw-Butt, a teaching assistant in the upper school, commences her maternity leave today. We all send our best wishes to her and her husband and we look forward to hearing some exciting news soon. Following interviews, Mrs Macey-Cross has been appointed to replace Mrs Shaw-Butt. We look forward to welcoming her to our team, when she starts in Term 3.

Thank you, NPSA

Another thank you, this time to our simply incredible NPSA, and all of the volunteers who have supported so many brilliant events and activities this term. I recognise just how fortunate we are to have this charity running alongside us, championing all of our aims and vision for our pupils, our families and our community. I am sure that everyone would agree and can recognise how it puts Newbridge Primary School on the map.

'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.

Updated School Menu for Term 3

The school catering menu has been revised for Term 3. Please find a link below to the new menu.

<https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/key-information/school-meals>

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 regarding positive cases in the holidays.

If any of the below points relate to your child, and it is necessary to contact the school, please can you email newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk as soon as possible.

- 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.

Online Safety

In this holiday period, it may be that more children will spend more time online. Please see [Support to stay safe online](#) which includes information on security and privacy settings.

Mental health and wellbeing

Public Health England has launched a campaign to support children and young people called Better Health Every Mind Matters. This is a part of the wider Every Mind Matters campaign that is already available for adults. The aim of the campaign is to:

- Equip parents/carers and young people to take action to protect and improve children and young people's mental wellbeing
- Build mental resilience to navigate the Covid-19 outbreak and evolving mental health challenges
- Provide support for those children at greater risk of worsening mental health

The [Better Health Every Mind Matters](#) website is for young people aged 13 - 18 and the parents/carers of children and young people from 5-18.

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.

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

The children will all return to school on Tuesday 5th January, as Monday 4th January is an Inset Day. We look forward to seeing you then.

Meanwhile, I wish you all a very peaceful holiday period and Christmas.

Gill Kennaugh

STARS OF THE WEEK



Bee Whole Class

1K Lyla R-B, Ronnie H

2T Edward S, Chase D

3OG Daniel P, Bea V

4C Ismene L

5B Samuel W, Henry B

6B Whole Class

Ladybird Whole Class

1R Rory W, Benjamin W

2G Elsa W, Dylan B

3KR Matija P, Spike F

4H Macie H, George E

5H Matthew D, Tilly G

6A Lilia H, Raihan A



CURRICULUM CORNER

Super Spellings!

Christmas Alphabet!

Can you think of a Christmas themed word
for every letter of the alphabet?

Eg. A = antler

B = bells

NPSA NEWS

A Message from the Committee

We've finally made it to the end of this extraordinary term – hooray! From a fundraising point of view, we started in September with high hopes but limited expectations: we desperately needed to try and make up for a lack of fundraising over the spring and summer, but we knew that we would have to be creative in finding ways to do it, and we recognised that the pandemic had hit a lot of people hard financially as well as in other ways, so we really didn't know what might be possible. Well, Newbridge, you showed us. Together we have raised an extraordinary £8,590: £6,821 from events and activities, as well as £1,690 from matched giving, and £79 from Amazon Smile & The Giving Machine. You are phenomenal. THANK YOU and Merry Christmas!

Christmas Raffle

Our first online Christmas raffle raised a staggering **£1,972!** The winning numbers were drawn on Monday and the winners are listed below. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, and congratulations to our lucky winners!

Raffle winners: *Emma Puzey; Miriam Wharf; Sarah Smith; Louise Broom; Will Giles; Lesley Goode; John Dimberline; Amie Touhy-Barter; Phil Ennor; Owen Thornton; Kristina Chapman; Lorna Jackson; Amy Swinburne-Goode; Katherine Wellings; Rachel Rogers; Jean White; Jennie Attah; Antoni Salamon; Carole Bayliss; Alfonso Caso; Kirsty Button; Janet Slade.*



100 Club

The first draw of our new 100 Club takes place on 6th January. Everyone who applied and set up a standing order in time has now been notified, so you know if you're in the draw (do check your junk mail if you think you should have received a message from us and haven't). If you missed out this time, but would like to

be included in February's draw, please contact us at npsabath@gmail.com with '100 Club' in the subject line, and we'll send you a link to the application form. If you've applied and been allocated numbers, but not yet set up your standing order, please email us and we'll let you know what to do.

Winter Windowland

To all our windowmakers: this is where we run out of superlatives. Your creativity, commitment and community spirit have totally blown us away. We've been told that we're better than Stourhead, Westonbirt and Longleat, our hot chocolate is the best ever, and many people have said that this event brought tears to their eyes. Truly, you are all amazing. Thank you.

And, errrr... thanks for making the job of picking winners REALLY, REALLY difficult. So difficult, in fact, that we had to ask the lovely Neil Clews and the team at Anglepoise if we could please have a few more prizes, because we simply could not narrow it down to three winners. **So below and on the next page you will find SEVEN winners** in our entirely - made-up categories. But honestly, we'd love to give every single one of you an award – you were all brilliant.

As well as our wonderful windowmakers, we need to say thank you to: everyone who made a donation; our friends at Emmanuel Church for organising the horsebox; everyone who took part in the trail and contributed to the lovely atmosphere; to Pascale Dilger for the beautiful map; to Neil Clews and Anglepoise lamps for the prizes; and finally to Winkworth Estate Agents for their sponsorship of this event.

Altogether Winter Windowland has raised £1,250*. See you next year?!

**so far – you can still donate [here](#)!*

The winners!



Milly Greenslade – “Small But Perfectly Formed”



Jo Atkins – “Go Big or Go Home”

Liz Rayner – “Artistic Achievement”



Louise Slowgrove – “Festive Feelgood Factor”



Ros Hopwood – “Scissor Skillz”



Rachel Rogers –
“Original Idea”



Hannah Cheek – “Community Window”

Challenge 21

As you'll know from Ms Kennaugh's message last week, as well as the NPSA newsletter, this exciting new event launches at the start of the new year.

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. We want to

use this as a way to put 2020 behind us and start the new year in the most positive way that we can.



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?***

We'd love it if every child took part, even if not everyone chooses to be sponsored, and came up with a challenge. We know lots of the staff plan to get involved too, and we're excited to share your efforts in the newsletters next year.

Our fundraising target for this event is £2,021 – approximately £5 per child. We'll share a link to a sponsorship form and details about how to transfer money in the new year. For now, you just need to come up with those challenges.



2021

The first NPSA meeting of the new year will be held via Zoom in early January. We'll send the details out via class reps at the start of term. Please do come along if you can.

We have a couple of new ideas in the pipeline, and we're looking at ways to adapt some of our usual events so they can work in a socially-distanced way, but we'd really love to hear about any ideas you have for the new year. If you'd rather send an email than join the meeting, please contact the Committee at npsabath@gmail.com

Free money for the NPSA

When you dash online to buy that last-minute present, please don't forget to use Amazon Smile or The Giving Machine so you can raise money for the NPSA at the same time!



For Amazon Smile, simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk or shop with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon shopping app, and Amazon will make a donation to the NPSA.

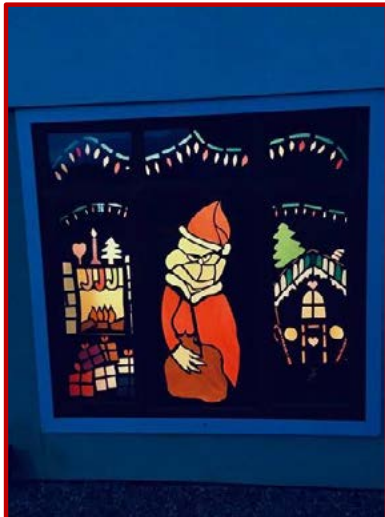


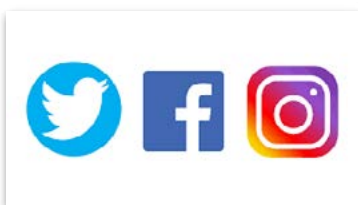
If you're shopping with other retailers, including Argos, M&S, Etsy, H&M (and lots more!), you can support the NPSA by starting your shopping from our Giving Machine page [here](#), and a percentage of what you spend will come directly to the NPSA, without costing you a penny extra.

Winter Windowland highlights

On the next two pages are just some of the wonderful designs on display during Winter Windowland. There will be more photos on the NPSA website soon too. If you didn't get round to donating during the event, you can still do that [here](#) or scan the QR code on the right. Thank you.







Find us on social media

Instagram: @newbridgenpsa_bath
 Facebook: @NewbridgeNPSA
 Twitter: @Newbridge_NPSA

SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK



This week
Ladybird and
Bee Class made
Christmas
candles from
recycled and
natural materials
to take home for
their families as
a gift!





**We found
holly and ivy in
Forest School
and used them
to make our
wonderful
creations!**

**Have a
very Happy
Christmas!**

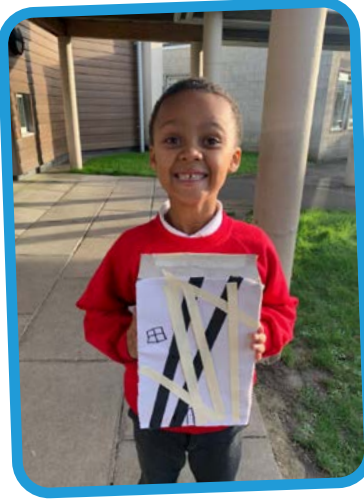
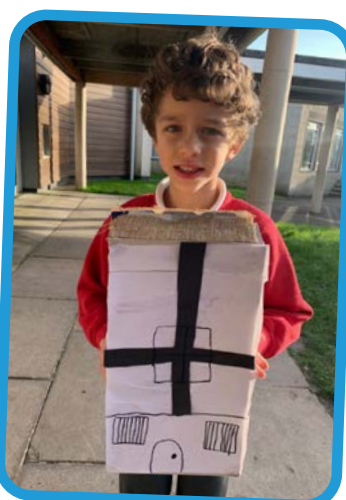


Year 1 in their Christmas party outfits!



Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London. They made Tudor style houses during their Design Technology lesson. Then as part of their learning, they set fire to the houses and watched the flames spread rapidly from house to house. This taught the children how deadly the fire was back in 1666. How exciting!







Well done to **Abigail** in **2G** who also got her design from the Bath at Christmas competition displayed in the centre of Bath.

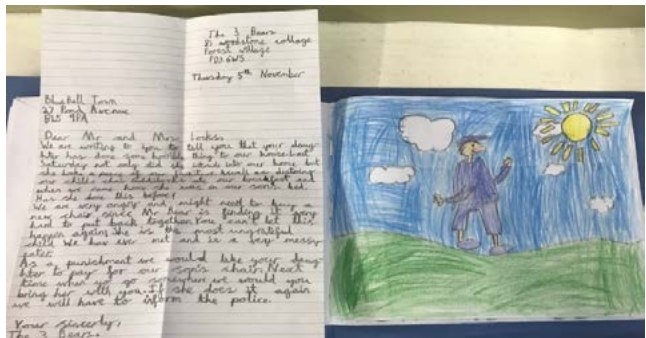
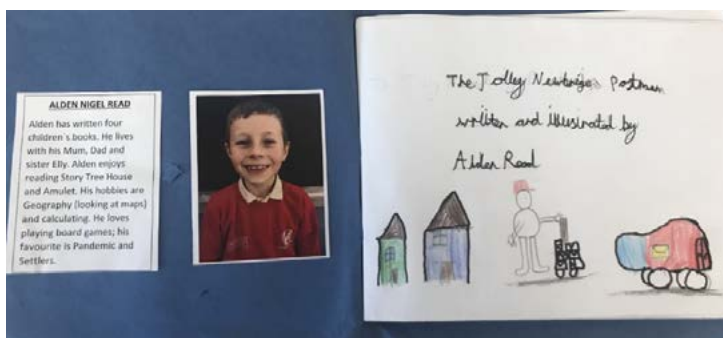
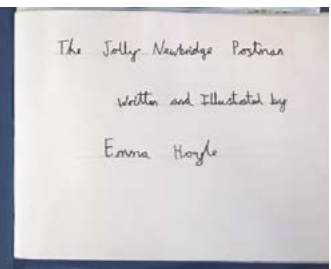
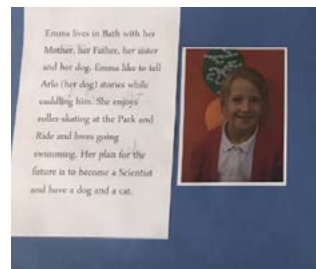


Year 3

Newbridge

THE JOLLY POSTMAN

In Art, Year 3 have become illustrators and have been drawing pictures in the style of Janet and Allan Ahlberg. They have enjoyed designing the features of their books.



Year 3 enjoyed a morning of Forest School! They made a Christmas table decoration to take home. It was great fun!



Year 4 making eco-friendly Christmas decorations in Forest School



In **Year 4** the litter team have been at work.



On Friday, **Year 5** spent the day completing astronaut training with Commander Handson and Commander Bartlett. They were put through rigorous tests such as origami, physical training and general knowledge. Both Commanders were very impressed and were pleased to announce that everyone passed and are now fully fledged astronauts.





Year 6
enjoyed
watching the
pantomime
'Jack and the
Beanstalk'
especially
booing at the
villain!

**They have also enjoyed designing and making prototype
kites as part of their Design Technology project.**





DOODLE MATHS LEADER BOARD
















Wow 4H, what an achievement.... 73% of you on target and topping the leader board again. A big well done to 3KR who also have shot up the leader board into second place.

Remember, we'd like everyone to do the daily questions on Doodle Maths as it has been proven that a little practice every day makes a huge difference to your understanding.

LET'S SEE WHICH CLASS WILL TOP THE LEADER BOARD AT THE BEGINNING OF 2021!

Name	% on target (last 7 days)
Ladybirds	52%
Bees	52%
1K	55%
1R	29%
2G	19%
2T	29%
3KR	62%
3OG	18%
4C	19%
4H	73%
5B	34%
5H	18%
6A	19%
6B	25%

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

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <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>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <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>	EXERCISE  <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>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <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>	LARGE EVENTS  <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

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus



HANDS

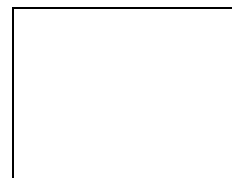


FACE



SPACE

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 to download and complete a form online.
- Email registration form or any query to 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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Current Address including postcode			Previous Address including postcode (If you have moved in the last year)		
Email:			Date of Move (dd/mm/yy) / /		
Telephone:					

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 only) <input type="checkbox"/>	Employment Support Allowance (Income Related only) <input type="checkbox"/>	Child Tax Credit <input type="checkbox"/> (without any Working Tax Credit and have and annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190)
Pension Credit (Guaranteed Element only) <input type="checkbox"/>	4 Week Run on Working Tax Credit <input type="checkbox"/> (which is only paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for WTC)	Asylum Seeker <input type="checkbox"/> (Support under PartV1 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999)	Universal Credit <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

or: **Free School Meals** (Postal Address)
People & Communities Finance
Bath & North East Somerset Council
Lewis House
Manvers Street
Bath
BA1 1JG

If you have any queries or would like to register by telephone, please contact us:
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CTC LINE	FSM HUB	Eligibility CONFIRMED

INITIALS	DATE