

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has highlighted that we are dealing with a very real and serious situation and that at any moment a decision may need to be taken to close a class or year group, with children needing to learn from home. Our first class closure came on Wednesday, which proved upsetting for all staff. As a school we are so proud to have worked tirelessly and to have kept every class open for over eleven weeks, with an average attendance of 98%

Please know that we wish to avoid any closure and therefore ask you again to please comply with our safety procedures in support of this. Most importantly these are:

- When approaching the school, and when waiting, ensure that the 2 metre distancing rule is observed;
- Not gathering in groups at the school entrances and leaving promptly at drop off and collection;
- Arriving at the allocated collection times, ensuring there are not excess people waiting who have arrived too early;
- Giving way to others and moving to one side to allow parents/carers and children to leave safely;
- All children washing their hands when leaving home and before entering school;
- Parents and carers, whenever possible, wearing face coverings at both the Charmouth Road gate and Newbridge Hill gate when dropping off and collecting;
- Only using Breakfast Club and After School Club when absolutely necessary, and
- That parents form a childcare bubble with only one other household for the purposes of informal childcare, when absolutely necessary.

If your child's class is closed and therefore isolating, please can parents and carers contact the school office to notify of any Covid-19 symptoms and if a test is being sought.

Please see a poster attached, from Public Health, which provides you with information of what to do in the event of displaying symptoms of Covid-19, having had contact with a positive case of Covid-19 or testing positive for Covid-19.

### Feel Good Friday

Today celebrated our monthly Feel Good Friday, with the theme again based on Anti-Bullying Week and the puzzle piece metaphor that, none of us are the same but we all fit together, and all play a part. We will share images next week.

### Planting Trees

We received a donation of twenty trees from the Woodland Trust and Year 4 has worked hard to plant these in the Conservation Area. They have planted Dog Wood, Dog Rose, Hazel and Hawthorn. Please see photographs further in the newsletter.

### Thank you NPSA

Thank you very much indeed to the NPSA, and all those who support our events, as the Trustees have very kindly agreed to purchase two more interactive screens for a further two classrooms. Our interactive whiteboards are outdated and the screens are very much needed to enhance teaching and learning. This means we will soon have seven classrooms fitted with the new style screens, and we are therefore half way to the whole school having these.

### Newbridge's Got Talent

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to upload videos to Google Classroom for Newbridge's Got Talent. I have heard about a number of these and we are excited to see and share these with classes, and look forward to the finale.

### Christmas cards this year

This is a difficult message to deliver, but I have had to make the decision that Christmas cards cannot be brought in, to give to others, from outside school. Of course, I don't want it to be this way; however, again, this is about being as safe as possible. I hope you understand.

### Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a School Meal Supervisory Assistant. Please see the advert further in the newsletter, and email [newbridge\\_pri@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk) if you are interested.

### The School Allotment

Through Mrs Rutherford's determined hard work, the school allotment is taking shape again. She has been able to harvest a range of winter vegetables and fantastically these have been delivered to the Food Club at the Weston Hub, for their shop. If you would also like to help with the allotment, please contact the school office or the NPSA.

### Term 2 Gallery

Please know that the Term 2 Gallery, displaying images published in recent newsletters, is now available on the website at <https://www.newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk/school-life/newbridge-photo-gallery-term-2-2020>

### Updated Guidance for Schools

Please find the updated government guidance for the full opening of schools. It was updated on 26th November.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

### 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 above, they, and their household members, should self-isolate at home and request a test. Whilst awaiting 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.

### Mental health and wellbeing

Please do not hesitate to get in touch via email or by calling the school, if you are worried about your child's well-being. Here are some helpful links:

#### Online resources

These are other online resources that you may find useful may be useful:

[MindEd](#), a free educational resource from Health Education England on children and young people's mental health [Bereavement UK](#) and the [Childhood Bereavement Network](#), provide information and resources to support bereaved pupils, schools and staff.

### Barnardo's 'See, Hear, Respond'

Barnardo's 'See, Hear, Respond' service, provides support to children, young people and their families who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). You can access via the <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond/self-referral> or Freephone 0800 151 7015.

### 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.

With best wishes



Gill Kennaugh

# STARS OF THE WEEK



**Bee** Katie H, Louis W

**1K** Alice S, James R

**2T** Adam A, Finley P

**3OG** Whole Class

**4C** Mina M, Ismene L

**5B** Ritvik G, Finley C

**6B** Jasper S, Max C

**Ladybird** Ruben C, Alfie N

**1R** Grace B, Paula F-C

**2G** Flora K, Reuben T

**3KR** Ettie P, Louis G

**4H** Ursie W, Javari F

**5H** Ethan P, Eszter B

**6A** Whole Class



## CURRICULUM CORNER

### Super Spellings

Shapes of words

Draw the shape of the word

table



# NPSA NEWS

Welcome to this week's NPSA newsletter. Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas puddings and 2021 calendars – these items will be sent home in book bags in the last week of term. This time next week, Winter Windowland will be upon us – the opening night is Saturday 5th December – and if the social media chat is anything to go by, we are in for a treat! In the meantime, our Christmas Raffle launches tonight with 16 fabulous hampers up for grabs – [get your tickets online now!](#)

## Quiz

Congratulations to the Twerton City Rollers, winners of our first ever Virtual NPSA Quiz Night and lucky recipients of a case of wine generously donated by Bibendum Wine. Thank you to everyone who took part in what was a really fun evening, and huge thanks to Jason Dinsdale, Gareth Groves and Jennie Stephens for organising and running the whole event.

OVER  
**£500**  
RAISED!

## Christmas Raffle

**This year's Christmas Raffle is now live.** Tickets cost £1 each (minimum purchase of two tickets) and they are available [here](#), where you can also see pictures of all the fabulous hampers you helped put together. Please do share the ticket link with friends and family - anyone who lives in the Bath area or who is able to come to Bath and collect their hamper should they win, is welcome to enter: the more the merrier. Good luck!







# The NPSA 100 Club

Thank you to everyone who registered their interest in The 100 Club. You should have received a link to the application form via email this week (please check your spam folder if you haven't yet got this) so please do complete your application as soon as possible, as numbers are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If you didn't make the registration deadline, there are still a few numbers available, and you can apply directly [here](#).

Once all numbers are allocated, The 100 Club will raise almost £2,000 a year for the NPSA, so your £2 a month will make a big difference.

## Winter Windowland

This festive event runs for nine days, 4.30pm–8pm every evening from 5th–13th December; on the two Saturday evenings refreshments will be available from Emmanuel Church on Apsley Road. A map – beautifully designed by Pascale Dilger – showing all the window locations is now available to download [here](#) so you can plan your evening excursions. Please share this link with friends and family in the Bath area – this is a community event, and we hope it will be widely enjoyed. The map is free to download, thanks to the support of Winkworth Estate Agents, but if you can afford to make a donation, that would be appreciated. Every penny raised will go to the NPSA, enabling us to support our school and our children.

## New ideas for 2021

We have some exciting events and activities planned for the spring, but we are always open to new ideas. If you can think of a fun and Covid-safe way to raise money for the NPSA, and you're prepared to help make your idea a reality, please email us at [npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com) We'd love to hear from you.

*Can you help?*

# Gardening

Earlier in the term, we asked for parent volunteers to help with gardening around school. A number of you volunteered, including Keziah Rutherford, Jubal Pallavi and Jane Gillard, who have been working on the allotment regularly. This month they have been continuing to weed and sort out the beds that got overgrown during the first lockdown and summer holidays. Last week Kiz was able to take Jerusalem artichokes, rocket and rhubarb to the Weston Hub, and for the time being we will continue to donate the produce from the allotment when we can.

They have onions, beetroot, carrots, celeriac, more Jerusalem artichokes, and lots of herbs all growing at the moment, and there's a plan for the next 12 months.

The team could do with a handy parent to help them replace the rotten wood around some of the beds using the new railway sleepers which are ready and waiting. Please do get in touch if you could help, via [npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com).



## Amazon Smile & The Giving Machine

Many of you will choose to shop local this Christmas, particularly at a time when our local independents need your help more than ever. However, if you are shopping with Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile and generating FREE MONEY for the NPSA. Simply shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1014793-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1014793-0) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon shopping app, and Amazon will make a donation to the NPSA. You can also continue to support the NPSA through the Giving Machine for other online purchases at retailers like John Lewis, Tesco, Boden, Currys (and lots more!). **Start your shopping at our Giving Machine page [here](#)** and a percentage of what you spend will come directly to the NPSA for FREE.



### Find us on social media

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



# SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK

In **Reception** this week in Forest School, we made party hats for our enquiry 'How do we celebrate?'

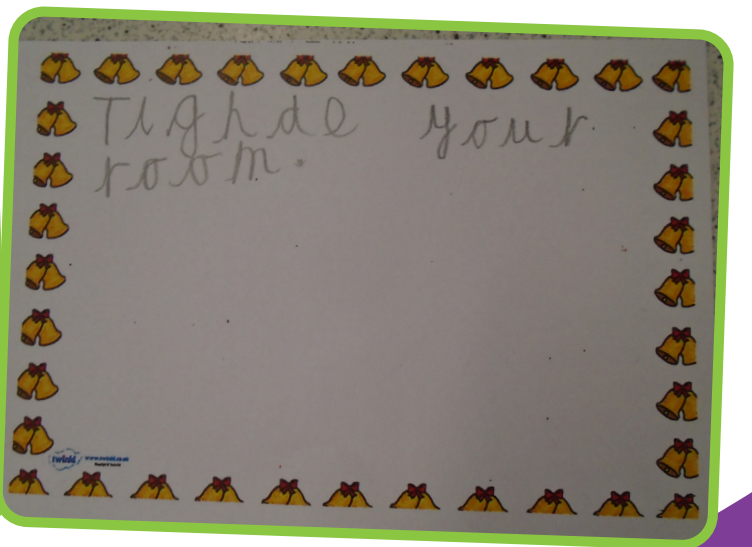
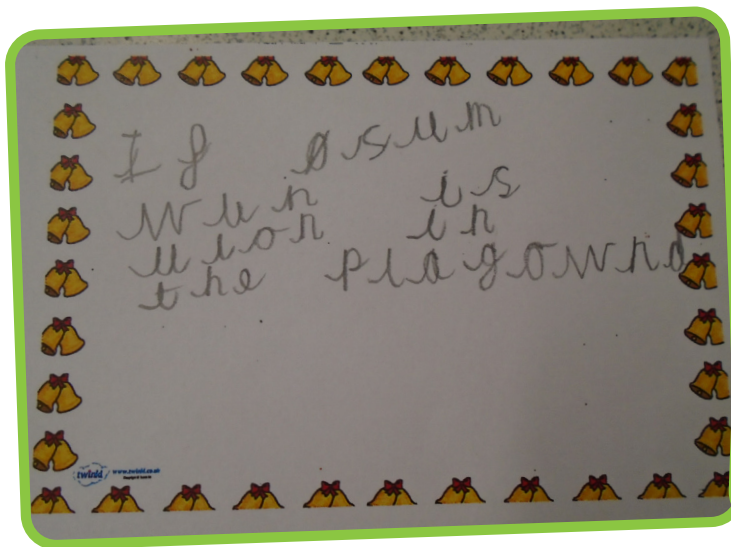
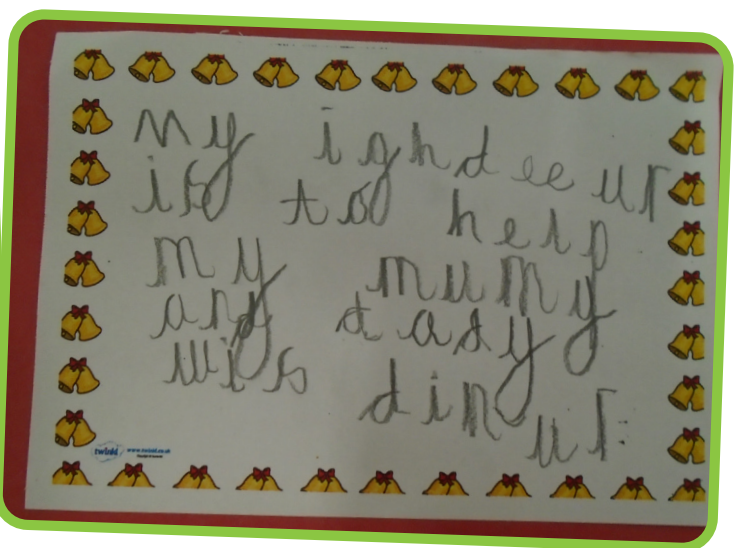
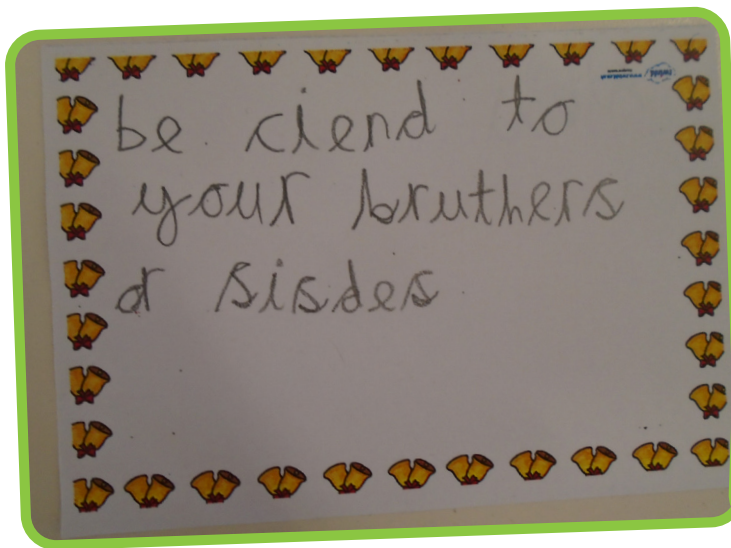




Here are some photos of some baubles **Year 1** made to create a whole class advent calendar. Inside each bauble is a random act of kindness that we aim to achieve on the date. Please see some examples of the random acts of kindness too.

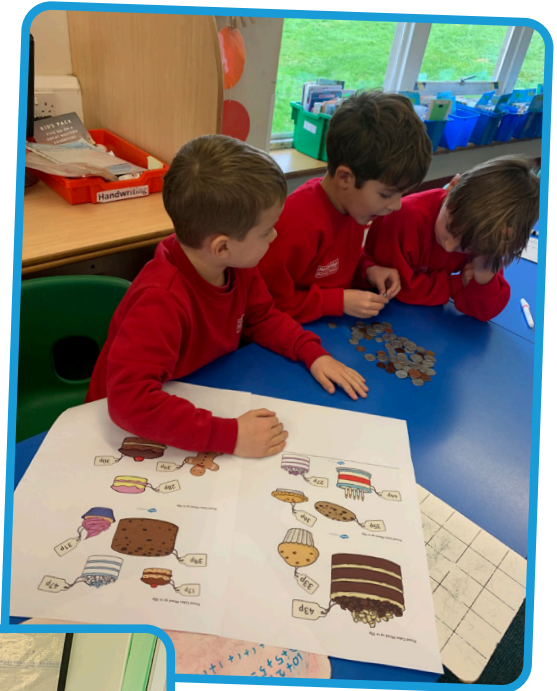






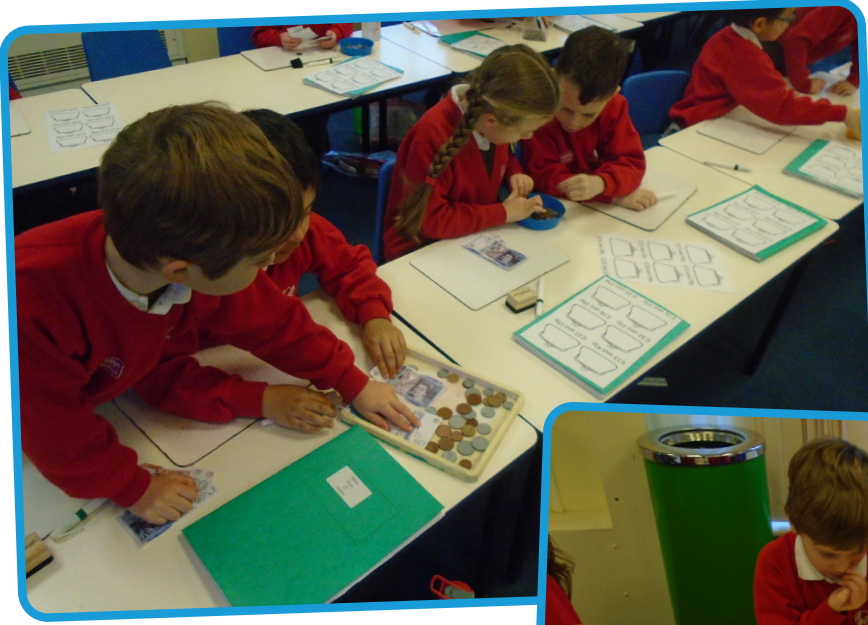


**2G** turned into a cake shop during their maths lesson and they had to find the exact amount to pay for the treats!





**2T** had fun learning about money in this week's maths.





**Year 3** enjoyed a 'Keep Fit' PE lesson this week with Mrs 'Motivator' Ross! They worked on strength and cardio-vascular activities. Everyone showed great resilience and had lots of fun!



In science this week, **Year 3** have been learning about shadows. Luckily, the sun was shining so we did some of our learning outside looking at the length of our shadows.





**Year 4** planted trees in the Conservation Area that have been donated from the Woodland Trust. They planted Hawthorn, Dog Wood, Dog Rose and Hazel.

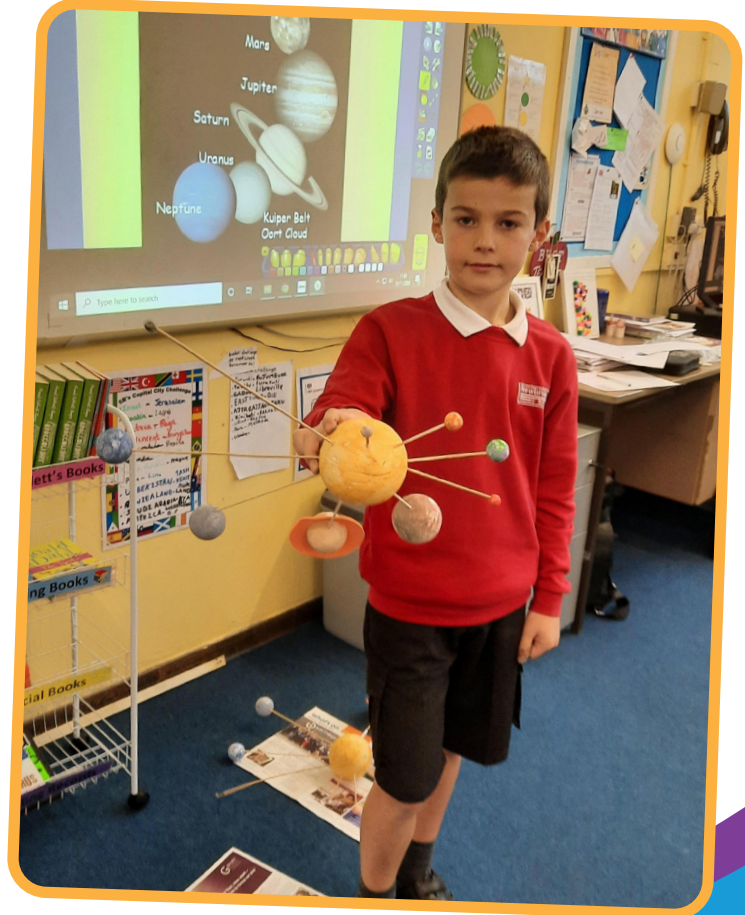








**Year 5** have had a super week with maths outside and making amazing orreries in Design Technology. Well done everyone.



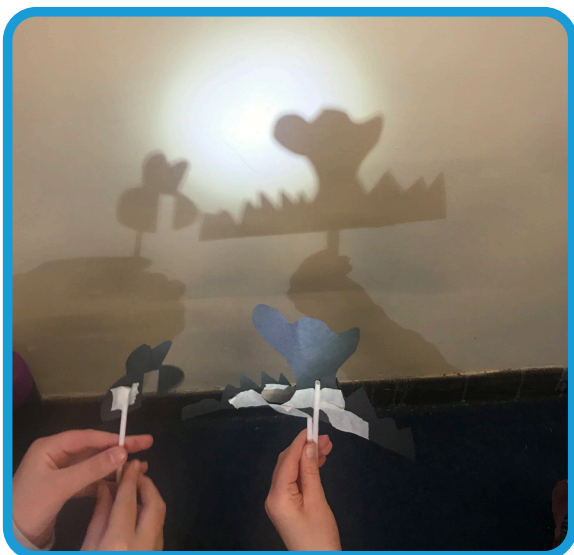
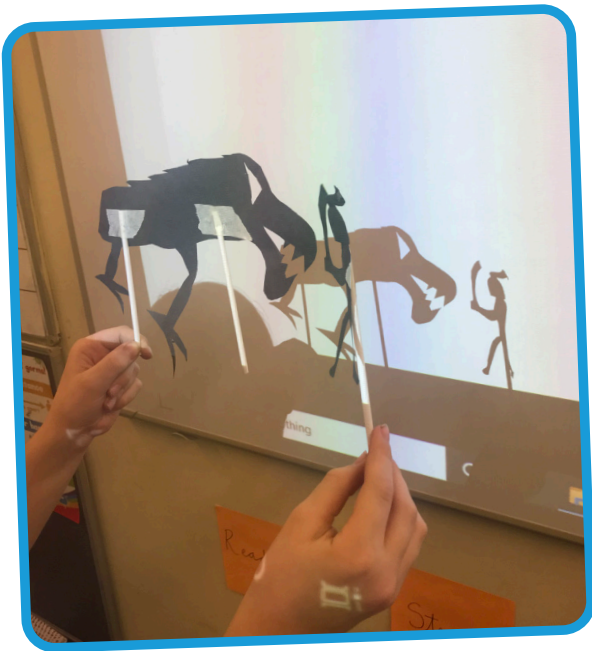




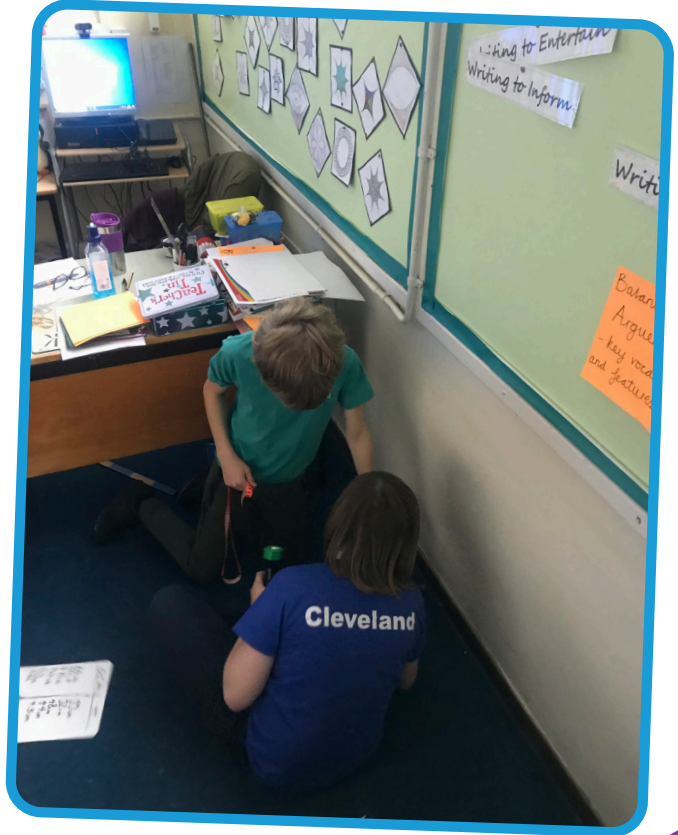
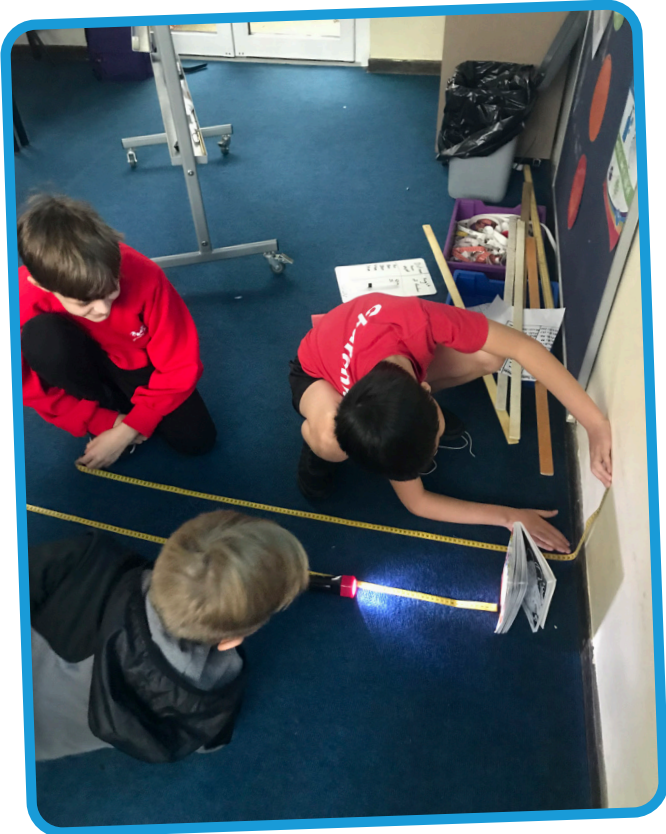
**Ruth lives at Newbridge Towers and it was her birthday this week. Elsa and Elodie in 6A made her a card and a little present. What a caring thought.**



**Year 6** As part of our science looking at how shadows are formed, we created shadow puppets.









# NEWBRIDGE'S GOT TALENT

## **NGT NOW CLOSED**

**Thank you to all those who have taken the time to rehearse, perform and film their talents for our very own Newbridge's Got Talent.**

**We have really enjoyed watching them and have been totally mesmerised by the great talents across the school. You are all stars!**

**Unfortunately, we cannot except any more entries as the closing date was today. We now have the tough job of deciding which entry will make it into the grand finale.**

**The aim is to put all the chosen entries together to form a spectacular video for all of you to see, so watch this space and we let you know when it is available to view.**

**Thanks again everyone!**





## Would you like to work with children in your local school?

We are 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 are 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.

From December 2020, we would like to appoint a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to cover the following hours:

Monday - Wednesday

11.45am - 1.45pm

£9.62 per hour

This includes half an hour at the end of the lunch session to carry out some basic cleaning.

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
- Be resilient and energetic

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children. We follow safer recruitment practices and appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Please contact Newbridge Primary School on 01225 421675 or email us at  
[newbridge\\_pri@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk)



# COVID-19 information

## A quick guide for parents and carers



Please follow the advice in this guide. Only contact the school if your child is having a test and to let us know the result. Your school will not be able to advise beyond the information given here. **Please remember to only get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms.**

### YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

#### a high temperature

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)

or

#### a new continuous cough

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual)

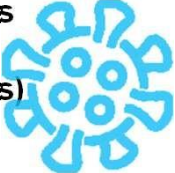
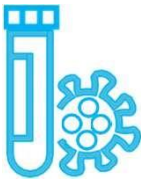
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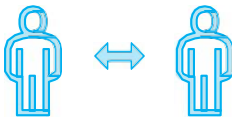

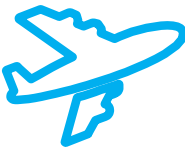

#### a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

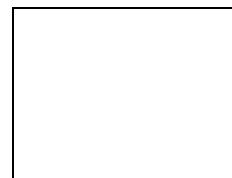
**If your child DOES NOT have symptoms of COVID-19** but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate.

[Your child can attend school if fit to do so.](#)

What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
<b>My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Do not send your child to school</li><li>Book a test for your child</li><li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate</li><li>Inform school immediately about test result</li></ul>	<b>If test is negative and child is well enough, and not advised to self-isolate by test and trace service</b>
<b>My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Do not send your child to school</li><li>Child to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li><li>Inform school immediately about test results</li><li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li></ul>	<b>They can return to school after 10 days as long as they have not had a fever in the previous 48 hours. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone</b>

What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
<b>Somebody in my household &amp; support bubble has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Household &amp; support bubble member with symptoms to book a test</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<b>When household &amp; support bubble member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms and if child has not been advised to self isolate by test and trace services</b>
<b>Somebody in my household &amp; support bubble has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	<b>When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time</b>
<b>NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact'</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Child to self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) - even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>Rest of household &amp; support bubble does not need to self-isolate, unless they are also a 'close contact'</li> </ul>	<b>When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time</b>
<b>Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a 'close contact'</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend school as normal</li> <li>If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities</li> </ul>	<b>Attend school as normal</b>
<b>We / my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate.</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school</li> <li>Whole household &amp; support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul> <b>Travel reminders:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>Provide information to school as per <a href="#">attendance policy</a></li> </ul>	<b>When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b>
<b>We have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school.</li> <li>Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team</li> <li>Child to shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<b>When school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</b>

## 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 Working Tax Credit</b> <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  
Bath  
BA1 1JG

**If you have any queries or would like to register by telephone, please contact us:**  
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Email: [freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk)

## OFFICIAL USE ONLY

CTC LINE	FSM HUB	Eligibility CONFIRMED

INITIALS	DATE