



Newnham St Peter's CofE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 13th October 2025

Cherish everyone - flourish together - serve others



Dear Parents and Carers

As the leaves begin to turn and the mornings grow crisper, it's a pleasure to welcome you to our latest newsletter. The school is alive with the sounds of **learning, laughter, and discovery**, and I'm delighted to share just a few highlights from what has already been a busy and exciting term.

One of the most impactful ways you can support your child's progress is by **listening to them read** regularly. We strongly encourage all families to aim for at least four reading sessions each week. These moments not only help build fluency and comprehension but also foster a love of stories and language that will benefit your child for years to come. Whether it's a picture book, a chapter from a novel, or even a comic strip, your time and attention make a real difference.

Across the school, children have been engaging in a **wide range of enriching activities**. In Wrens, our youngest learners have been exploring their gross motor skills through throwing, catching and bouncing, while Sparrows have been diving into phonics and storytelling with great enthusiasm. Owls have been investigating using chocolate in science, and Falcons are deep into their art topic of Retro-Futurism, producing thoughtful writing and impressive research. It's wonderful to see such **curiosity and creativity flourishing in every classroom**.

We're also pleased to **welcome Mr Hoggins** to Owls class, where he'll be joining us as a student teacher throughout October and November. Mr Hoggins brings a fresh perspective and great enthusiasm, and the children have already enjoyed getting to know him. We're confident he'll have a rewarding experience here and contribute positively to our school community.

Looking ahead, we have several important dates for your diary:

- **PTFA Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 14th October at 7pm.** This is a great opportunity to hear about the fantastic work our PTFA does to support the school and to get involved in planning future events. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see some new faces!
- **Harvest Service – Wednesday 22nd October at 2.30pm at the church.** This special event is a chance for us to come together in gratitude and reflection. Children will be sharing songs, poems, and prayers, and we warmly invite families to join us in celebrating the season of giving.

As always, **thank you for your continued support and partnership**. It's through our shared commitment that we create a nurturing and inspiring environment for our children to thrive. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher or to me directly if you have any questions or suggestions.

Wishing you a joyful and colourful start to Autumn.

Kind Regards,


Mr Child






Diary Dates


October 2025

- 14th - Y5/6 Hockey - Selected team only
- 21st - KS2 House Tag Rugby **** NEW DATE ****
- 22nd - Church  PM Service - Harvest
Reception - Year 6 collection from church at 3:15pm
- 23rd - Inset Day
- 24th - Inset Day

November 2025

- 5th - Church 
- Reception - Year 6; church drop off for 8:45am
- 7th - Parents Forum at 2:30pm
- 10th - KS2 House Cross Country

December 2025

- 3rd - Church 
- Reception - Year 6; church drop off for 8:45am
- 10th - KS2 House Cross Country
- 16th - Christmas lunch - please order

A new menu starts Monday 3rd November and can be viewed on our website under Parents > School Lunches.

On Tuesday 16th December, we'll be serving our Christmas lunch, available for Pre-school to Year 6 children.

You'll receive a text notification once Term 2 catering is live to order on SchoolMoney.

Term 2 Sports Clubs

Thank you to everyone who's already completed our sports club feedback form. If you haven't had a chance yet, there's still time to share your thoughts!

Your feedback will help us plan which clubs to offer next term, based on the activities families and the children are most interested in.

The form will be open until Wednesday 16th October, so please take a few minutes to complete it before then.

<https://forms.office.com/e/bGrpFbxv2R>



House Tag Rugby

Get ready for an exciting new event!

Mrs Pritchard's House Tag Rugby will now take place on **Tuesday 21st October.**

For the first time, our school houses will be going head-to-head in a fun and friendly tournament — all competing to lift the very first shiny House Trophy! 🏆

Please make sure children have their PE kits with house colour t-shirts in school, ready to represent their team with pride.

We'd love to see families join us on the school field from 1:15pm to cheer on our teams from the spectators area.

Let's make it a fantastic afternoon of sport and school spirit!

Celebration Worship



★ Wraparound Club ★

Children have been loving Mrs Harris' Wraparound Club, where there's always something fun happening — from games and crafts to cooking and time with friends!

It's a great opportunity for children to relax, play, and unwind after school in a caring, creative environment.

The club is open to all children from Reception to Year 6 and is ideal for working parents or families with children in different after-school clubs, offering a flexible and fun option for everyone.

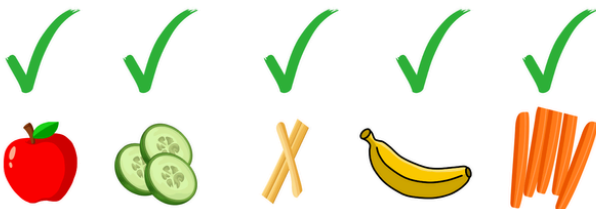
If your child would like to join the fun, bookings can be made via SchoolMoney.



Snack Time

Let's make break time bright and healthy!

Healthy snacks only at break time



Please do not send
crisps, biscuits
chocolate or sweets

We are a nut free school



Term 2 clubs and wraparound care will be available to book via SchoolMoney next week. A text will be sent once booking is live.

HARVEST SERVICE

Pupils in Reception to Year 6 need to be collected from church at 3:15pm on Wednesday 22nd October

Please send non-perishable food items to support the church's food bank donation.





SPORT

Term 1 has been jam-packed with sporting events, with our children showing fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship — and even bringing home a few medals! 🏆

Next week, we have hockey fixtures coming up, and some of our Year 5/6 girls will be representing the school at the Prostars Girls Football Tournament on an INSET day — what commitment! 🌟

Please see the results below for all our latest achievements.



A brilliant debut for our Year 3 and 4 footballers — 2 wins, plenty of goals, and 10th place in the league! 🏆⚽



Boys' Team: 7th out of 16 teams (100 runners)

🏆 Eli – 1st place!

Jet – 46th | Max – 47th | Arlo – 54th | Rodrigo – 57th

Girls' Team: 🏆 3rd out of 15 teams – Bronze medal! (99 runners)

Beatrice – 2nd | Poppy – 12th | Jessi – 20th | Evie – 29th | Judy – 36th | Eva – 40th

A fantastic team effort and great results all round well done everyone! 🙌



The Results:

Position	School	Wins	Draws	Goals F/A	Points
1st	Offa's Mead	6	0	21/0	30
2nd	Staunton & Corse	5	0	11/2	26
3rd	Newnham	4	0	5/3	22
4rd	Huntley	2	0	3/9	14
5th	Pillowell	2	0	2/9	14
6th	Lydney	1	0	1/8	10
7th	Blakeney	1	0	1/13	10



Year 5 and 6 took part in the Prostars football tournament at Cinderford Rugby Club on Friday

The team won their group, progressing all the way to the final, conceding just one goal throughout, and finishing as runners-up. A fantastic achievement – well done to everyone involved!



Wrens



Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Robinson are so proud of Wrens class and their enthusiasm in our phonics lessons. We love how excited they all are to learn a new sound each day. Well done, Wrens.



Sparrows



Sparrows have been continuing with their rugby lessons. This week we have introduced tag rugby belts and scoring a try.

If your child is interested in playing tag rugby outside of school, please contact Mrs Pritchard.



Owls



Owls Class have had a truly fantastic time at Forest School this term!

Each week, their confidence, teamwork, and creativity have grown as they immerse themselves in outdoor learning. Under the expert guidance of our wonderful Forest School leader, Mrs Evans, the children have taken part in a wide range of exciting activities — from designing and hosting their own woodland party, to sculpting with natural materials, climbing trees, and creating stunning artwork inspired by nature.

It's been a joy to see them develop new skills and a deeper appreciation for the outdoors. I'm incredibly proud of everything they've achieved so far and the enthusiasm they bring each week.

With just two weeks left of Forest School this term, I'm really looking forward to seeing what else they accomplish — and to hearing more brilliant feedback about their adventures.

Well done, Owl Class — keep it up!





Falcons

The children in Falcons visited the River Wye exhibition at The George. The exhibition explored the river's rich history, diverse wildlife, and the environmental threats it faces today, such as pollution from agriculture and sewage.

Inspired by what they saw and learned, the children returned to school and created powerful posters to raise awareness about protecting the River Wye and its surrounding habitats. Their wonderful work will be proudly displayed at The George.



FOREST MUSIC CENTRE

STARTING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

TUESDAYS 6:30 - 8:30PM

ST WHITES PRIMARY SCHOOL, CINDERFORD

ENSEMBLE PROVISION FOR WIND, BRASS, STRING &
PERCUSSION PLAYERS

ALL AGES WELCOME (ADULTS AND CHILDREN)

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