



Newnham St Peter's CofE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 17th November 2025

Cherish everyone - flourish together - serve others



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the second half of the autumn term, I'd like to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to the **outgoing PTFA committee** — **Vici Fox, Leanne Walden, and Alice Griffiths** — for their incredible dedication and support over the past year. Their efforts have made a real difference to our school community, and we are so grateful for all they have done. We are delighted to welcome our **new PTFA committee**:

Chair – Matt Goodman

Vice Chair – Claire Glasbey

Treasurer – Bonnie Kitching

Secretary – Emily Hughes

We look forward to working with them and are excited about the ideas and energy they bring to the role. Thanks to the PTFA's generous support, our Forest School now has some lovely new tools and buckets — we hope the children enjoy exploring and learning with them! We're also thrilled to share that the PTFA will be funding this year's pantomime visit, which promises to be a magical experience for all.

It has been a joy to see the incredible progress our children have made in their writing so far this year. From our youngest pupils beginning to form their first words, to our older children crafting thoughtful, imaginative pieces with increasing confidence and flair, the development has been truly impressive. Teachers have been commenting on the children's **enthusiasm, creativity, presentation and growing independence** in their writing. We are so proud of their hard work and can't wait to see how their skills continue to flourish as the year progresses.

Book Amnesty – Help Our School Library!

We're asking all members of our school community to have a quick look at home for any Newnham St Peter's School library books that may have found their way onto your shelves. It's easy for them to get mixed in with family books, and we'd love to welcome them back so other children can enjoy them too. Thank you for helping us keep our library collection complete!

As requested by many of you, we've added some exciting new clubs to our wraparound care this half term:

- **KS2 Gymnastics – Wednesdays**
- **KS1 Gymnastics – Thursdays**
- **Homework Club – Fridays**

Our popular football clubs for KS1 and KS2 will continue as before. Mrs Harris is kindly asking for donations of games for after-school club. If you have any used games such as Jenga, Scrabble, or similar that you're happy to part with, they would be very gratefully received.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mr Child



Diary Dates


November 2025

- 18th** - Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament - *selected team only*
- 25th** - Falcons Violin Performance - *Parents welcome 11:25am*
- 25th** - PTFA Wreath workshop - *see poster on page 7 for booking info*
- 26th** - Pantomime - *whole school*

December 2025

- 2nd** - Christmas Jumper Day for luxury item
- 2nd** - PTFA Santa Run - *See Poster on page 7 for details*
- 3rd** - Church 
- Reception** - Year 6; church drop off for 8:45am
- 5th** - PTFA Film night
- 9th** - Parents' Evening
- 11th** - Parents' Evening
- 12th** - PTFA Christmas Disco
- 16th** - Christmas lunch - *please order via SchoolMoney*
- 17th** - Nativity at 09:30 and 17:30
- 19th** - Christingle at Church in Afternoon 
- 19th** - Last day of term 2

January 2026

- 5th** - First day of term 3
- 7th** - Church 
- Reception** - Year 6; church drop off for 8:45am
- 7th** - Young Voices

Games Donations

A Little Favour... Can You Help?



We're putting out a kind request for any pre-loved games or activity items you may be able to spare for our wraparound club. Mrs Harris would be thrilled to receive classic games like Monopoly, Operation, Jenga, Ker-Plunk or comics, colouring books, sticker books and craft supplies to help refresh our after-school club resources.

If you have something at home that's no longer used, we'd be so grateful.



Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 2nd December



Children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper/outfit and bring a luxury gift item to support our PTFA Christmas Hamper Raffle.

We welcome all donations, big or small. Suggested items include a bottle of wine or spirits, luxury chocolates, craft sets, luxury toiletries or any other festive treats. Every gift helps make a real difference.

Raffle tickets have been sent home. Please return cash in the provided envelope or pay via the PTFA bank account, and remember to return any unsold tickets to the office. If you need more tickets, please email or phone the school office.

Thank you for your support!



WE RAISED

£78.66

FOR

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

THANK YOU

Celebration Worship



Friday 14th November

Roll up, roll up!

We are very excited to announce that **Newnham's Best Ever Book Fair** is coming to school!

Please come along and see all the wonderful books at great prices that we have to offer. If you were thinking of treating your child to a new book for Christmas, why not wait and browse our fantastic Book Fair? We will have **incredible titles, best-sellers and brilliant authors** for all ages.

Even better... **every book purchased helps us earn free books for our school library!**

We'll also be running some fun competitions with **Book Fair vouchers** up for grabs so children can spend them at the fair... so keep an eye out for more details!

The Book Fair will be held in the School Hall during Parents' Evenings:

Tuesday 9th December and Thursday 11th December

3:15pm to 6:30pm

Both cash and card payments will be available.

We can't wait to see you there! 📚✨



Parent Gardening Morning Tuesday 25th November

We're inviting parents to join us for a gardening session on Tuesday 25th November, from 9.00–11.00am. We'll be digging over the vegetable beds and getting them ready for the winter season.

If you're able to help, please come along — and don't forget to bring your garden tools!

We'd love to see you there.



Christmas lunch

Tuesday 16th December

Our school Christmas lunch will be served on Tuesday 16th December, and is available for all children from Pre-School up to Year 6. Meals should be ordered in advance via SchoolMoney by **Friday 5th December.**

We're looking forward to a festive and delicious day!

A vibrant poster for a book fair. At the top, it says 'SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS'. The main text reads 'Come to our BOOK FAIR to spot the books you'll LOVE to read!'. A girl is shown reading a book. Below her are several book covers: 'Nora Night Sky' by Rebecca Lewis-Oakes, 'Bluey: Amazing Stories!', 'Dog Man: Big Jim Begins' by Dav Pilkey, and 'Tom Gates: Pesky Pets and Parties' by Liz Pichon. A speech bubble says 'Come and find me!' and another says 'My brand new book!'. A small table at the bottom right provides event details.

DATE:	9th/11th Dec	TIME:	3:15-6:30
LOCATION:	School Hall		

A festive menu card for the 2025 Christmas Lunch. It features illustrations of a reindeer, Santa Claus, a snowman, and a Christmas tree. The menu is as follows:

2025 Christmas Lunch

MAIN COURSE

CHRISTMAS DINNER
Roast Turkey, Roasted New Potatoes, Carrots, Sprouts, Pigs in blankets, Stuffing & Gravy

OR

CRANBERRY & CHEESE TARTLET (V)

DESSERT
STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING
OR
MANDARIN JELLY



SPORT

We've had a brilliant start to the year in sport!

We ended Term 1 with Quick Sticks Hockey and our in-house Tag Rugby, and this term we've already enjoyed Sports Hall Athletics and our in-house Cross Country — see results below.

Coming up, our Year 5/6 girls will be taking part in two football tournaments — good luck, girls! 🏈🏈



Results: Blue 15pts • Yellow 10pts • Red 9pts • Green 8pts

Position	School	Wins	Draws	Goals F/A	Points
1st	St Whites 1	7	0	33/4	35
2nd	Tibberton	6	0	27/7	31
3rd	Primrose Hill	4	1	25/11	25
4th	Newnham	3	2	10/12	23
5th	Hope Brook	3	1	9/20	21
6th	Forest View	1	1	8/22	13
7th	St Whites 2	1	1	7/18	13
8th	Picklenash	0	0	1/28	7



Thank you to our sports captains for setting up



Sports Value Award - Piper & Sophia Grace
Players of the Tournament: Emilia & Jet



Sports Hall Athletics

Our team finished 6th out of 8 schools, with many children placing top in their individual running, jumping and throwing events. While other schools fielded full Year 5/6 teams, we were proud to give several Year 4 pupils the chance to compete and they showed impressive skill throughout. Thank you to Miss Kelly and Mrs Purshouse for supporting the team on the day.

House Cross Country Winners



Huge thanks to our parent volunteers!

Wrens

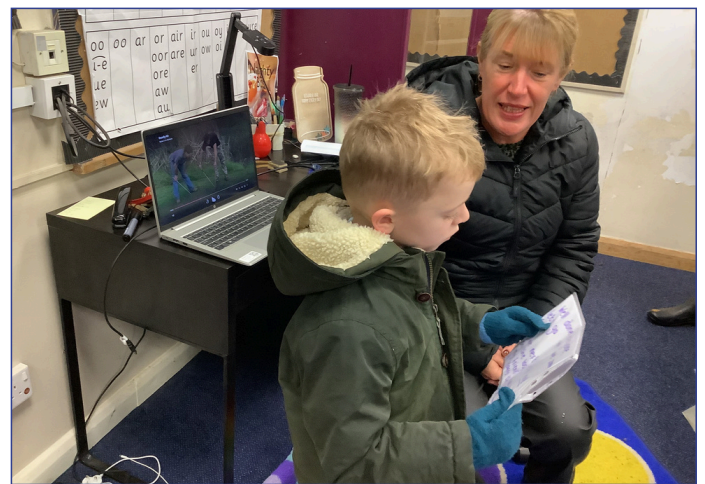


Wren's class have been exploring Purple Mash again this week. We have changed our Avatars, created beautiful poppies and ordered numbers on a Menorah to link to our weekly topic.



Sparrows

Sparrows this term are spending time in Forest School every Wednesday afternoon and loving every minute of it. This week was extra special because Naughty Bus had hid in forest school, he left us clues to try and find him. The children had so much fun and found him, in class they are busy publishing their Naughty Bus adventure.

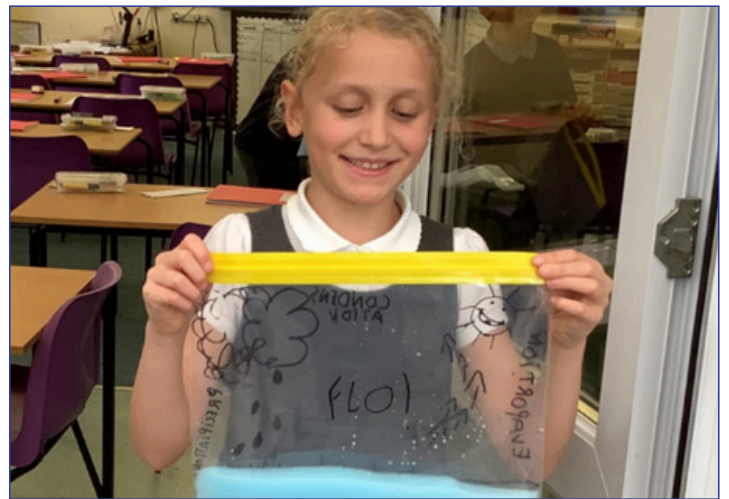
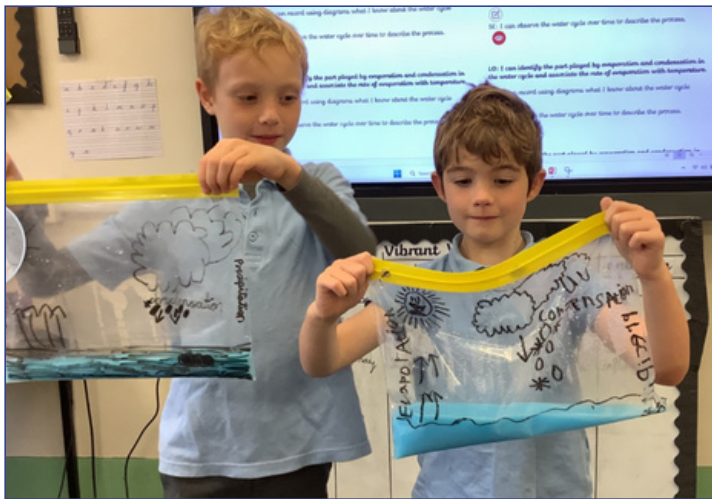


Owls



Owl Class – Super Scientists!

Owl Class have just completed a fantastic science module all about States of Matter. The children explored how solids, liquids and gases behave in different conditions and finished off their learning by creating their very own mini water cycles! Using plastic bags and blue-coloured water, we modelled how water evaporates, forms condensation, and eventually collects again — just like in nature. The class loved observing the water changing state over time and seeing the water cycle come to life before their eyes!



Falcons

Students in Years 5 and 6 have been putting in steady work as they prepare for their violin performance next Tuesday. They have spent time refining their pieces and practising key techniques, showing a consistent approach to their rehearsals. Their efforts over the past few weeks have helped them get ready for the upcoming performance.



PTFA Festive Events



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!

Wear a Christmas Jumper in Exchange for a Luxury Hamper Item Donation!

& SCHOOL FUN RUN!

Tuesday 2nd December

Parents please join us at 2.15pm for our School Fun Run/Walk around the school!

Hot chocolate available from the PTFA at 3pm £1 per cup!

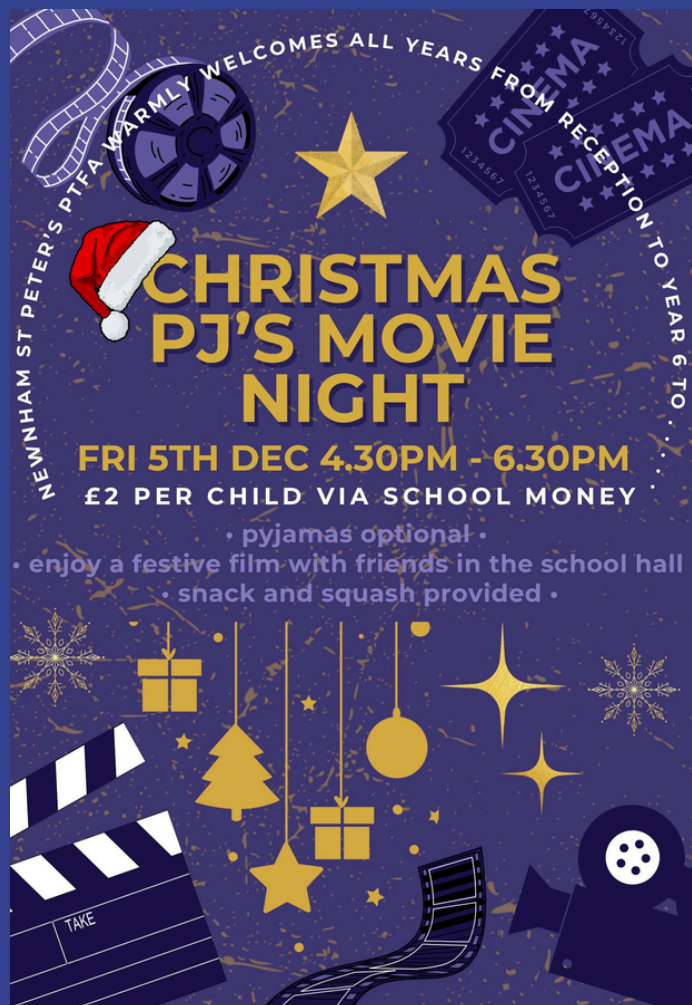


Christmas WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a cozy evening in the school hall to make your own festive wreath. Foliage provided. Everyone welcome, no experience needed!

Tuesday November 25th
7pm onwards. Refreshments available.

£12 pp. Spaces limited. Please book by making a bank transfer to 'Newnham School PTFA' Barclays Bank a/c 01029007, sc 30-95-29, ref: wreath.



NEWNHAM ST PETER'S PTFA WARMLY WELCOMES ALL YEARS FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 TO...

CHRISTMAS PJ'S MOVIE NIGHT

FRI 5TH DEC 4.30PM - 6.30PM
£2 PER CHILD VIA SCHOOL MONEY

- pyjamas optional •
- enjoy a festive film with friends in the school hall
- snack and squash provided •



NEWNHAM ST PETER'S PTFA ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THIS YEARS SCHOOL DISCO!

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

SCHOOL DISCO!

5.45PM - 7PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

£2 PER CHILD VIA SCHOOL MONEY

ALL CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 ARE INVITED TO THE SCHOOL DISCO FROM 5.45PM - 7PM



Severn Dean Lions

are bringing

Father Christmas and his Sleigh

Back to the streets of Newnham

On Thursday 27 November 2025

From 5pm to 6.30pm (weather permitting)

Watch out for Father Christmas on your street:

Severnbank Estate, Church Road, High Street, Station Road, Hyde Bank, Kings Mead, Sheens Meadow, Orchard Rise, Queens Acre, Allsopp Close, Harrison Close



Track his progress on the night on the
Severn Dean Lions Facebook Page



**Santa's Elves will be collecting on behalf of
Severn Dean Lions**

www.severndeanlions.com

Raising funds in our local community, to support those in need in our community

At approx. 6.30pm, Father Christmas will arrive at St Peter's Church, for

Newnham's Annual Christmas Market

where you can visit him in his Grotto.

Entrance to Christmas Market £3 (cash only) children free

Crafts, Food, Gifts and lots more.

NEWENT LIVE

COME AND SEE US IN ACTION

To book your appointment

From now until the end of term December 2025

Email: headspa@newent.gloucs.sch.uk

Two time slots available any weekday morning

Between 10.00-10.40 and 11.10-11.50



NEWENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE