



Newnham St Peter's CofE Primary School

# Newsletter

Monday 19th January 2026

*Cherish everyone - flourish together - serve others*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a brand-new year at Newnham St Peter's. I hope you all enjoyed a restful Christmas break with family and friends. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, ready for the learning and opportunities ahead this term. The school already feels full of energy, and staff have been delighted by how quickly pupils have settled back into routines.

The first week back was certainly an exciting one. Some of our KS2 pupils had the incredible experience of performing at the Young Voices concert - an unforgettable moment for everyone involved. Meanwhile, Falcons class enjoyed a very special trip to London, visiting both the Cabinet Office and the Houses of Parliament. The children represented the school brilliantly, asked thoughtful questions, and came back buzzing with stories to share.

A number of parents have expressed a preference for one main method of communication from school. In response to this, we will be using Seesaw as our primary platform for sharing updates, messages and information. If you have not yet activated your Seesaw account, please do so as soon as possible so you don't miss important notices. If you need any help getting set up, please speak to Mrs Pritchard.

I also need to raise a serious concern regarding parking outside the school. There have been several near misses involving cars and children, and this is something we must address together. Please ensure you park and drive with great care during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. No vehicles should be parked in the school entrance driveway at any time, as this creates a significant safety risk. Your cooperation is essential in keeping all our children safe.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the recent parent forum. Your questions, ideas and feedback are invaluable, and it was encouraging to see such positive engagement. Our next parent forum will take place at The George on Friday 27th February 2026 at 9.30am, and everyone is warmly invited to join us again.

Wishing you all a calm and positive start to the term. I look forward to seeing many of you at the school gates over the coming weeks.

Kind Regards,

*Mr Child*




# Diary Dates


## January 2026

- 20<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country - Selected runners only
- 30<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Darts - Selected team only

## February 2026

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Church   
Reception - Year 6; church drop off for 8:45am
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Football - Selected team only
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term 3
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - First day of term 4
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Parent Forum 9:30am at The George

## March 2026

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - PTFA meeting 7pm at The Club
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Church   
Reception - Year 6; church drop off for 8:45am
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Football - Selected team only



## Contact Details



To help us keep our records up to date, please email [admin@npspschool.uk](mailto:admin@npspschool.uk) if you have changed your telephone number, email address or home address.

Save the Date

We are excited to share that the PTFA have some fantastic events coming up. Please save the dates below. More information will be coming soon!

- 3<sup>rd</sup> March - PTFA meeting 7pm at The Club
- 5th June - Fashion Show
- 10th July - Summer fete

## Christingle



## Bikeability Holiday Courses

(Ages 9–14)



Gloucestershire County Council is offering Bikeability courses during all 2026 school holidays for children aged 9–14.

These sessions are a great way for children to build confidence, improve cycling skills and learn how to stay safe on the road, led by qualified instructors in small groups.

Courses cost £10 per child and include 2 x 2-hour sessions. Bikes may be available if needed (subject to availability).

To book a place, please complete the online form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/vBSvziEEBk>

More information can be found on GCC website. <https://www.thinktravel.info/cycling/bikeability-training/what-does-bikeability-involve/>

# Wrens



This term we have been asking questions about space and exploring new vocabulary. We learned about the planets in our solar system, created constellations, built our own rockets using different resources and explored a paint program on the iPads, learning how to change colours and pen sizes. We have also enjoyed being astronauts in our space role play area and developing narratives with our friends.



A quick reminder to bring book bags with books and reading diaries into school every day. Thank you.



# Sparrows

Sparrows have been working on their chest passes this week in PE.



# Owls



Some children from Owls and Falcons enjoyed a fantastic trip to Young Voices. Every child represented our school brilliantly and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

The children sang their hearts out, listened carefully to the amazing surroundings, and kept their spirits high throughout the day. It was a truly memorable experience and a joy to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and confidence on display.



## YOUNG VOICES





# Falcons



Our visit to the Cabinet Office and the Houses of Parliament was a truly fantastic experience. The children had a wonderful day, full of smiles, thoughtful questions and genuine curiosity. They were an absolute pleasure to be with and were a real credit to our school throughout the entire trip. **Huge thank you to our PTFA who subsidised £300 towards the coach cost.**





## Win cash and support our school!

Please join the **Newnham School Lottery!** Tickets cost just **£1**, and there's a **local cash prize each week**. Almost **half of each ticket goes directly to the school**, with the remainder going towards cash prizes and administration costs.

We're **ringfencing money for our outdoor space**, including enhancing **Forest School**, making the **Spiritual Garden** a haven at playtime, and helping children learn about food in our **vegetable garden**. With such a huge outdoor space, we hope to fund a **part-time gardener** to help us maintain and develop these areas.

To achieve this, we're aiming for **30 families to subscribe**. You simply need to **scan the QR code** attached. By taking part, you're not only supporting the school, but you also have the **chance to win cash prizes too!**



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO PLAY NOW**

Or go to:

[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](https://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)

And search for: **Newnham**



## A Brand New Chapter for Our Library 📖

The **PTFA** have made a **big investment in the library**, stocking the shelves with **beautiful new books** from school library supplier Peter's.

We've had a big reorganisation, keeping all the wonderful books that were generously donated in 2024, but removing old/tired titles to make space for **appealing new literature**.

**Every child will be able to browse and bring home books.** Each one will be recorded against the child's name and we kindly ask parents to make sure they are **looked after carefully**.

Families will be asked to pay for books that are lost.

We can't wait for you all to see the enticing new books which we know will inspire even the most reluctant readers!

**Many thanks to all our parents for their ongoing support of the PTFA**, together we can make a tangible difference to our children. Please take a look at the library when you are next at school.



## School-based Primary Initial Teacher Training Opportunities

### Our Primary Initial Teacher Training Programme

Based at and led by Pate's Grammar School in Cheltenham, Odyssey Teaching School Hub provides outstanding school-based Initial Teacher Training for aspiring primary school teachers.

Provided by GITEP, an OFSTED outstanding course provider, we work in partnership with primary schools across Gloucestershire. Our Primary Programme is a one year school-based teacher training programme, in which you will be fully immersed in school life and supported, both academically and pastorally, to be the best teacher you can be.

From day one of your programme, you will be in school, working with pupils, making a difference to children's lives. You will undertake placements in two contrasting schools, giving you broad and invaluable firsthand school experience.

Your school-based learning will be complemented by an in-person and online professional studies programme. Delivered by active teachers from a range of partner schools, this evidence-informed training will inspire and accelerate your classroom confidence and teaching career.



### Remarkable reasons to train with us

- 100% school-based training, teaching children aged 5-11 or 3-7
- Tuition and mentoring by practising expert teachers
- Placements at primary, infant, junior and SEND Schools
- Confirmed school placements at offer stage\*
- Weekly, evidence-based centre based training sessions
- Part-time, flexible and salaried routes\*
- 'Outstanding' teacher trainer provider
- Gain your Primary PGCE from University of Gloucestershire

\* Placements may change due to staff changes in placement schools. In such an event, we work with you to accommodate your needs.

### Apply Now

To apply for our Primary Initial Teacher Training visit **DfE Apply** and select course code **Primary (B450)** for aged 5-11 or course code **Primary (Q860)** for aged 3-7

## Want to Train to Teach Primary In Gloucestershire?



### Primary teacher training information webinars

[Monday 19th January @ 1pm](#)

[Monday 2nd February @ 4pm](#)

[Monday 9th February @ 8:30am](#)

Click to book your most convenient session  
to discover Gloucestershire's school based  
Primary QTS with PGCE programme

# Progressive Active Camps

Enriching your child's school holidays!

### Forest View Primary School, Cinderford

Monday 16th Feb - Friday 20th Feb  
9.30am-4.30pm, early drop off at 8.30am and late  
pick up at 5.30pm available all week long!  
For Children 5-13 years old



**BOOK NOW!**

Use code **N/A**  
Full days of fun, starting  
from only £22 per day!



**Progressivesports**  
...raising standards



## How to book

It's super fast and easy to book!



**1. Scan our QR code above  
to book today!**

**2. Or Call us on 01889 343120 and we  
will help you sign up.**

**We accept all major debit and credit cards.**

**Act quickly as spaces are limited!**

Terms and conditions: 1. All applications must be accompanied by payment in full for the appropriate course. 2. Any cancellations made 7 days prior to the course starting are non-refundable. 3. Any cancellations made before the 7 days prior to the course starting will carry a £10.00 admin fee. 4. For the avoidance of doubt, no refund is permitted for any failure to attend the course. 5. In the event that a participant needs medical attention during any course then you agree to us arranging for any appropriate and necessary treatment. 6. We do not accept responsibility for any death, personal injury or loss of or damage to property other than to the extent that it results from our negligence. 7. The cost of any damage caused by you or any participant you have booked on the course to any property or facilities will be passed on to you. 8. These terms and conditions and your booking shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.



**Gloucestershire**  
Wildlife Trust



# Nature Nurtures

Free nature sessions in the Forest of Dean



Join our FREE sessions, running for 8 weeks in The Forest of Dean. The sessions are designed to get children struggling with their mental health, learning about nature and building confidence.

**Contact Katie at Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to find out more and sign up: [katie.hall@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk](mailto:katie.hall@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk)**

## Ages 5 - 9

Saturdays  
10-11:30am

7<sup>th</sup> February - 28<sup>th</sup> March  
2026

## Ages 10 - 15

Saturdays  
1-3pm

7<sup>th</sup> February - 28<sup>th</sup> March  
2026



Thank you to the NHS, our local community and business for making this project possible.



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# Forest of Dean Nature Tots



**20<sup>th</sup> January**

**17<sup>th</sup> February**

Join us at Angus Buchanan Recreation Grounds with your little ones to explore the woods and enjoy some fun wildlife-themed activities

These sessions take place outdoors throughout the year and are a fun way to discover nature. Activities include a mix of stories, rhymes, trails, natural craft, and sensory play.

Sessions usually run on the third Tuesday of each month.

**Time: 10.00am - 11.30am**

**Cost: £4.00 per child**



For more details and to book a place, please visit our website or scan the QR code

