



Newnham St Peter's CofE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 9th March 2026

Cherish everyone - flourish together - serve others



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this newsletter with a very big and heartfelt **thank you** to all the **incredible parent volunteers** who worked so hard to create our new log circle and shelter in Forest School. This was a huge undertaking, and we are truly overwhelmed by the time, effort, and care you poured into the project. It will make a lasting difference to the children's outdoor learning experiences for years to come. Thank you also to all parents and to our wonderful PTFA for your ongoing support of the school - you make such a significant contribution to the life of our community, and we are deeply grateful.

We are absolutely delighted to share that Newnham St Peter's has been awarded the **Mental Health Champion Award**. This is an exceptional achievement and a reflection of our whole-school commitment to supporting wellbeing. A special thank you must go to our dedicated staff team, particularly **Mrs Morgan, Mrs Harris and Miss Hinds**, whose passion and hard work have been central to earning this recognition. We are incredibly proud of this and of the nurturing environment we continue to build for our children.

This term, we are pleased to offer a wide range of **after-school clubs** running every day of the week. These clubs provide wonderful opportunities for children to explore new interests, develop skills, and spend time with friends. We kindly remind parents to book these as early as possible, as places can fill up quickly.

From the end of March, we will be transitioning our communication platform from **Seesaw to Tapestry**. We believe this move will streamline communication and better support the way we share learning with you. Further details, including instructions and support for accessing Tapestry, will be shared with families over the coming weeks.

A gentle reminder about our **holiday request procedures**: if you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, please complete a holiday request form, available from the school office, before the planned absence. Once submitted, the school will review the request and provide you with a formal response.

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. It is deeply appreciated and plays a vital role in helping our school thrive.


Kind Regards,

Mr Child




Diary Dates

March 2026

- 10th - Netball at Newent - *selected team only*
- 12th - Hedge planting - see poster on page 4
- 13th - Year 3/4 Football - Selected team only
- 14th - PTFA Coffee Morning
- 23rd to 27th - Big Walk & Wheel Week
- 24th - Owls Easter Play
- 27th - Church; Afternoon service 
- Reception - Year 6; collection from church at 3:15pm
- 27th - Last Day of Term 4

April 2026

- 13th - First Day of Term 5
- 13th - Year 3 & 4 Swimming
- 15th - Church 
- Reception - Year 6; church drop off for 8:45am
- 14th - KS2 House Netball
- 14th - Parents Evening - more info to follow
- 15th to 17th - Year 5 Viney Hill Residential
- 16th - Parents' Evening - more info to follow
- 17th - Wear Red Day
- 23rd - School Cricket day - more info to follow
- 25th - PTFA Support Your School Day

May 2026

- 4th - Bank Holiday
- 5th - KS2 House Cross Country
- 5th - PTFA Meeting
- 11th to 14th - Year 6 SATs
- 18th to 22nd - Year 6 France Residential
- 22nd - Church; Afternoon service 
- Reception - Year 6; collection from church at 3:15pm
- 22nd - Last Day of Term 5

Wraparound Toy Donations

Mrs Harris is looking for a few toy donations to refresh resources in our wraparound provision (Breakfast Club and After School Club).

If you have any of the following in good condition that you no longer need, we would be very grateful:

- Toy garages and cars
- Dolls houses
- Barbie-size dolls and clothes
- Colouring books
- Lego figures

Please send any donations into school for the attention of Mrs Harris.

Thank you for your support.



Tax Free Childcare

At the recent Parent Forum, a parent asked whether the school accepts Tax-Free Childcare for school clubs. This is something we already offer.

If parents/carers would like to pay for clubs in this way, please email Jo Young at earlybirds@npspschool.uk for more information on how to book and pay using Tax-Free Childcare.

Early Years 30 Hours Funding

Please ensure your 30 hours code has been reconfirmed (if required) before 31st March to avoid any disruption to funding.

Celebration Worship





Important – Lunches & Clubs Booking Deadlines



We send regular reminders about booking deadlines, but unfortunately we are still seeing a large number of late bookings, particularly at the start of a new term. Late bookings create a significant amount of additional administration, so we would really appreciate parents helping by booking on time wherever possible.

Please ensure all lunches and clubs are booked and paid for by Thursday for the following week.

Bookings are taken offline after this deadline.

Where possible, clubs & lunches should be booked on a **half-termly basis before the cut-off date.**

Club session requests received after the booking has been taken offline will be charged at a higher rate due to the additional administrative time required, unless it is a genuine emergency.

These rates are £7 (until 4:15pm), £6 (4:15–5:00pm) and £3 (5:00–5:30pm).

If you book after the deadline, please ensure **prompt payment of the arrears**, which will be available to pay from Friday of that week.

In line with the Trust's policy, pupils **cannot attend clubs if there is outstanding debt.** We do not like to impose this, however if arrears remain unpaid for more than two weeks, children will not be able to attend further clubs until the balance is cleared. Parents/carers will be contacted if this applies.

Thank you for your support.



Wear Red Day Friday 17th April

We are raising funds for the Air ambulance and are asking children to wear red for the day on Friday 17th April for a contribution of £1.

Please book Via SchoolMoney by Thursday 9th April

TERM 5 CLUBS

13/04/26 to 22/05/26



Monday	Y5 - Y6	Football
	YR - Y3	Forest School
Tuesday	YR - Y2	Football
	Y3 - Y6	Gymnastics (free)
Wednesday	Y3 - Y4	Football
Thursday	Y3 - 6	Cricket
	Y6	SATs club (free)
Friday	Y3 - Y6	Darts



Walk Wheel Cycle Trust Headline sponsor SCHWALBE

We're taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2026 challenge.

Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 16 - 27 March.

- Be active and feel more energised
- Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- Help us win some fantastic prizes

www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk

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Walk Wheel Cycle Trust

NEWNHAM ST PETER'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL'S

Hedge Planting Day

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Thursday 12th March
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EVERY CHILD WILL BE PLANTING A SAPLING TO FORM A NEW HEDGEROW ON THE SCHOOL FIELD. PARENTS AND CARERS ARE INVITED TO COME TO THE SCHOOL TO PLANT A SAPLING WITH THEIR CHILD. THE TIMINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FALCONS: 9.45AM - 10.45AM

OWLS: 11.00AM - 12.00PM

WRENS AND LITTLE WRENS: 1.00PM - 2.00PM

SPARROWS: 2.00PM - 3.00PM

PLEASE COME TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE DURING YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TIMESLOT.



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serve others.*

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Newnham St Peter's Church of England Primary School (VA)

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Thursday 5th March

RE: Big Walk and Wheel. Taking place 16th – 27th March.

Dear Parents and Carers,



Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. The challenge aims to get more children taking active travel to school to improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest proportion of their pupils taking active journeys to school. It is a fun way to encourage healthy habits, improve local air quality and help tackle climate change. Regular physical activity **promotes good physical and mental health**. Walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling is a great way for children to build physical activity into their daily routine. It helps children arrive more relaxed and alert, ready to start the day. It also helps reduce traffic congestion and improves air quality around the school. *We understand that for some families, driving is the only option – would you be able to park 5-10 minutes away from the school and then join us in the Big Walk and Wheel?*

A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. Children thought walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling was the best way to bring down these pollution levels. It also showed more children want to travel actively to school than currently do. Just over 2.8million active journeys in 2,024 participating schools took place during the 2025 challenge, saving an estimated 2,880 tonnes of CO2 emissions if the journeys logged had otherwise been made by car.

Alongside having access to a range of exciting resources, including curriculum linked lesson plans and ideas to get all pupils involved, our school could also win some fantastic prizes. You can find out more and following our school's participation at www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk.

I really hope all of our children can take part this year! I am really excited about the positive difference our school could make.

Kind regards,

Mrs Pritchard

PE Lead

kpritchard@nspschool.uk



Sports News

Well Done to Our Girls Football Team!



Congratulations to our girls football team who recently represented the school at a tournament. They finished 2nd in their group and reached the semi final.

Well done girls, you did us proud!



Prompt Response

A reminder that Mrs Pritchard needs all sporting information from parents by the deadline due to organiser deadlines and risk assessment writing.



Sports Kit Reminder

A reminder that competition sports kits need to be returned as quickly as possible. As you can see we have a lot of events to attend and we wouldn't want anyone to miss out.



Kit Sponsorship

If anyone knows of anyone who would like to kindly sponsor any new kits, please contact Mrs Pritchard.



Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will take place on Mondays as follows:

- **Term 5:** Year 3 and Year 4 (13/04/2026 to 18/05/2026)
 - **Term 6:** Year 5 and Year 6 (01/06/2026 to 06/07/2026)
- Please ensure your child brings swimming costume/trunks and a towel for their lesson.
• Goggles may be worn if your child is in the deep end group.

Upcoming Sports Dates



- Tuesday 10th March - KS2 Netball tournament (team selected)
- Friday 13th March - Y3/4 Football tournament (team selected)
- Monday 16th March to Friday 27th March - Big Walk and Wheel (whole school participation)
- Tuesday 24th March - KS2 Sports Give It a Go Day (SEND event and spaces still available)
- Thursday 26th March - KS2 Girls' Football FINALS! (team selected)
- Monday 13th April - Year 3/4 Swimming lessons start (more information to come)
- Tuesday 14th April - KS2 House Netball tournament (new date - spectators TBC)
- Thursday 23rd April - Schools Cricket Day
- Tuesday 5th May - KS2 House Cross Country Round 2 (spectators welcome)
- Tuesday 19th May - Gymnastics Competition (team to be selected)

Wrens



Wrens enjoyed reading with children from Owls class as part of our World Book Day celebrations. The older children were wonderful role models and read beautifully to their captivated audience!



Sparrows

In Sparrows this week we have been exploring how to balance our bodies. The class have enjoyed using breathing exercises to help them hold their poses of the animals. They have also been exploring how they can travel at different levels while holding the poses.





Falcons

This term, Year 5 and 6 have been learning about musical theatre. They began by exploring the history of musical theatre and how it has developed over time. The children discussed the key features of musical theatre, including how music, singing, acting and dance work together to tell a story. They also looked at different styles of musicals and how these have changed throughout history. As part of their learning, the children placed different types of musical theatre onto a timeline, helping them to see how the genre has evolved and influenced the musicals we see today.



PTFA News

NEWNHAM ST PETER'S PTFA
INVITES YOU TO THE 2026

Easter Bunny Hunt!

Purchase a map for £2 via School Money and then collect the map from the school office. Cash payment also available.

Using the map, locate 8 bunnies that are situated around Newnham village. Each bunny has a letter on it. Putting all 8 letters together will form a word.

Take your completed map to the school office to collect a small prize!

Every completed map will then go into a draw to win some amazing prizes!

Mon 9th March - Sun 12th April



COMMUNITY CAKE & COFFEE MORNING

Saturday the 14th March
10.30am to 12.30pm



St Peter's Church
High St, Newnham
GL14 1AD

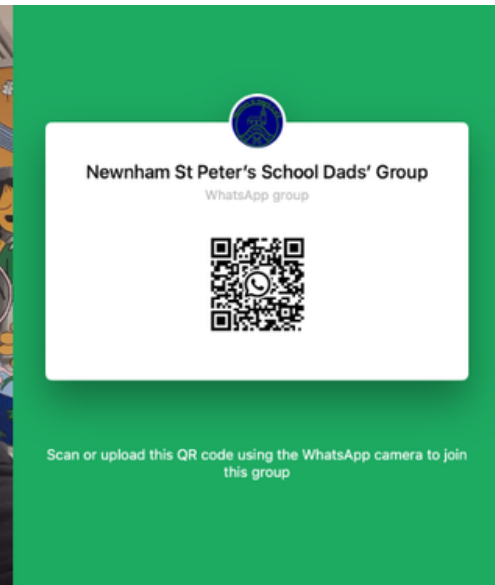
School Dads' WhatsApp Group

With both a male head teacher and a male chair of the PTFA, we felt it was the perfect time to start a Dads' WhatsApp group!

The group will be used for ad-hoc shout outs for help, sharing school news, and building stronger connections between dads in our school community. We know that a lot of school comms flows through mums, so thought it was a good time to re-set the balance!

The group is open to dads, step-dads, grandads, carers, and partners — everyone is welcome.

Please encourage your partners or family members to sign up and get involved!



Win cash and support our school!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO PLAY NOW

Or go to:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

And search for: Newnham



**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY 5th MAY**



Massive thanks to our amazing dads who have installed a new Log Circle in Forest School and have built an impressive Outdoor Learning Shelter too. (Nick, Chris, Andrew, James, Matt, Tom, Dean.) This was really challenging as after months of rain the ground was too waterlogged for vehicles to access the field. Our incredible dads maneuvered the hardwood logs by hand, and have installed a log circle that will last for many years to come. Mrs Evans and all the children are delighted. This wouldn't be possible without our amazing school community. The Log Circle and Shelter were funded by money raised from the 2025 Bingo Night and School Fete. Thank you so much to all our families for all they do to support the school, none of this would be possible without you.





AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB



Spark Their Curiosity REGISTER & BOOK TODAY!

Mad Science SW (a community interest company) are here to spark the imaginations and curiosity of all children. Fostering a love for science and providing them with the tools to fuel their own discoveries! We focus on providing fun & engaging educational programmes, which are curriculum correlated and tailored to maximise their impact. Hosted at your child's school our clubs are a great solution to explore their passions through STEM.

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The Club

Mad Science Afterschool Clubs provide the perfect mix of fun, interactive & educational content. Taking aspects of physics, chemistry and some biology to engage and excite all children enrolled. Our hands-on, enquiry based sessions encourage independent learning skills and discovery at their pace.

They'll be immersed in a fully unique and different topic each week during the course, so there's plenty to explore as they get to grips with key science concepts and fun STEM based explorations.

They'll have so much fun, they forget they're learning

Booking



bit.ly/madscienceclub

Scan QR code to access registration.

1. Create your parent account
2. Add your child's details
3. Book Your Course

If you have an iPAL account with us, simply log in and choose your new club dates to secure your space.

Club Information

NEWNHAM ST. PETER'S CoFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday

28th April 2026
5th, 12th, 19th May 2026
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd June 2026

DEADLINE: 30th March 2026

SPACES LIMITED, BOOK BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE FOR THE BEST CHANCE OF SECURING A SPACE

8 Week Course for £84
Join us for all new content this term!

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<https://madscienceSW.ipalbookings.com>



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from end of the school day



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Week 1 - Monday 30th March until Thursday 2nd April

Week 2 - Tuesday 7th April until Friday 10th April

Waterwells Primary Academy, Gloucester

Tuesday 7th April until Friday 10th April

CLICK HERE TO BOOK ONLINE NOW!

Normal Times: 9.30am - 4.30pm

Early drop off: 8.30am

Late pick up: 5.30pm

**Ages
5-12**

20+ Sports on offer | Easter Themed Activities | Games and Prizes!

For more information, NorthGlos@progressive-sports.co.uk

Westbury Youth Project
is back for 2026!
with a new theme:
Festivals & Traditions

Weekly Thursdays 6-7.45pm
Term time only (March - Nov)
Starting with a free taster session 26th March
Ages 8+

at Westbury on Severn Parish Hall
Call Nicola for more info:
07972 761345