



Newnham St Peter's CofE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 23rd March 2026

Cherish everyone - flourish together - serve others



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of the spring term, I want to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you for all of your support so far this academic year. Your partnership with the school makes such a meaningful difference, and we are incredibly grateful for the encouragement, positivity and engagement you continue to show.

After the Easter holidays, we will be saying a very fond farewell to **Miss Kelly**, who will be beginning her maternity leave. We know you will join us in wishing her all the very best as she prepares to welcome her new arrival. Miss Kelly has been a wonderful part of our school community and we extend our warmest thanks for everything she has brought to Newnham St Peter's.

I would also like to make you aware of an important update regarding our home-school communication systems. From **April 1st**, the school will be moving from **Seesaw to Tapestry**. This change is designed to make communication smoother and more user-friendly, while keeping all the core features you are familiar with:

- Messaging between parents/carers and teachers
- Whole-school announcements
- Class posts, updates, and homework information

Seesaw will close on March 31st, so if you would like to download or save any information, please make sure you do so before that date.

You will receive an email invitation to join Tapestry before the end of term. To set up Tapestry accounts, we require an email address for each parent or carer. If you do not receive an invitation, it means we do not currently have an email address on file for you. If you would like to be added, please contact the school office and we will be very happy to help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to the final weeks of term and to everything the summer brings for our school community.

Kind Regards,

Mr Child

Newnham St Peter's School PTFA
Easter Bunny Trail

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Diary Dates

March 2026

- 23rd to 27th - Big Walk & Wheel Week
- 24th - Owls Easter Play
- 26th - Y5/6 Girls Football Final - Selected team
- 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 starts
- 14th - KS2 House Netball
- 14th - Parents Evening - more info to follow
- 15th - Church
- Reception - Year 6; church drop off for 8:45am
- 15th to 17th - Year 5 Viney Hill Residential
- 16th - Parents' Evening - more info to follow
- 17th - Wear Red Day
- 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
- 15th - Non School Uniform for luxury item
- 18th to 22nd - Year 6 France Residential
- 22nd - Church; **Afternoon service**
- Reception - Year 6; collection from church at 3:15pm
- 22nd - Pyjama Day for Pied Piper
- 22nd - Last Day of Term 5

Term 5 Club Updates

We have a few updates to our Term 5 clubs:

Forest School will now run for 1.5 hours and is charged at £7.50 per session (£37.50 for the term).

If you have already booked and paid, a balance will be available for the difference. Alternatively, if you would prefer to cancel, please contact Jo at earlybirds@nspsschool.uk to arrange a credit.

Gymnastics (Tuesdays) is now open to children from Year 2 upwards.

⚽ Year 3/4 Football (Wednesdays) will now also be available for beginner girls. If you would like your child to attend, please email Jo at earlybirds@nspsschool.uk.

Cricket Club (Thursdays) is now open to children from Year 2 upwards.

Reminder:

Please ensure all clubs are booked before the booking deadline.



Love Your School Work Day Saturday 25th April

Come along if you can to support our 'Love your School Work Day' We will be spring cleaning, gardening and clearing the pond area. Many hands makes light work!

There will be tea and cake and refreshments, no experience needed, everyone welcome.

Celebration Worship



Friday 13th March



Friday 20th March



Sports News

Netball Tournament



We were incredibly proud of our Newnham teams at the recent Primary Netball Tournament. Our A Team secured an excellent 2nd place, while our B Team finished a strong 4th. A big thank you to Dene Magna School for organising the event, supported by Lyndean Netball Club, and hosted at Newent.

Well done to all of our players for representing the school so brilliantly!

Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament

We were impressed with our Year 3/4 football team for their efforts at the recent tournament!

The team just missed out on the semi-finals, but showed fantastic teamwork and determination throughout.

Well done to all players, and congratulations to Ellwood who were the overall winners!



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



- Thursday 26th March - KS2 Girls' Football FINALS! (team selected)
- Monday 13th April - Year 3/4 Swimming lessons start (13.04.2026 to 18.05.2026)
- Tuesday 14th April - KS2 House Netball tournament (new date - spectators TBC)
- Tuesday 21st April - Mountain Biking (team tbc)
- Thursday 23rd April - Bowling (team tbc)
- Tuesday 5th May - KS2 House Cross Country Round 2 (spectators welcome)
- Tuesday 19th May - Gymnastics Competition (team to be selected)
- Monday 1st June - Year 5/6 Swimming lessons start (01.06.2026 to 06.07.2026)
- Tuesday 16th June - KS2 House Football
- Tuesday 23rd June - Sports Day
- Tuesday 30th June - Reserved Sports Day

Nature Quiz Success

We're delighted to celebrate our team's fantastic performance in the first round of this year's Nature Quiz .

They achieved an incredible score of 46 out of 50, demonstrating amazing knowledge and teamwork throughout.



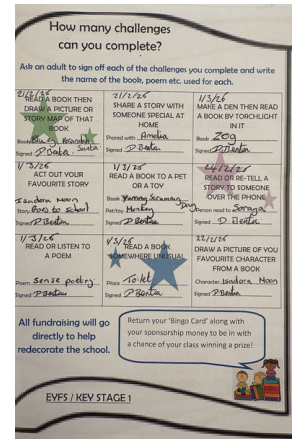
We are very proud of all the children who took part and are now eagerly awaiting the qualification results, which we expect to hear within the next week.

Book Bingo



Huge thanks to all the families who supported the Book Bingo! We raised an amazing £416.70. All monies raised will go towards redecorating the school and work starts this week!

Our amazing head teacher, Mr Child is also undertaking the Cotswold Way 100 km Ultra Challenge in June to raise money for this cause, more information to follow after Easter!



School Lunch Menu Update



There will be a new school lunch menu from week commencing 13th April. This will be available to book on SchoolMoney from the end of this week.

Please note, the booking deadline for the first week back after the Easter break is Thursday 9th April. Please ensure you have selected your child's meals and checked out of your basket before this date if they would like school lunches.

A copy of the new menu is available on the school website under Parents > School Lunches, with the PDF attachment at the bottom of the page.



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



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 (1.5 hours)
Tuesday	YR - Y2	Football
	Y2 - Y6	Gymnastics (free)
Wednesday	Y3 - Y4	Football
	Y3 - Y6	Gardening
Thursday	Y2 - 6	Cricket
	Y6	SATs club (free)
Friday	Y3 - Y6	Darts



Wrens



Little Wrens and Wrens visited The George Cafe to view the wonderful art work the children created in school.

The children were able to find their own self-portraits and discuss their views on the other impressive art works found around the gallery.



Sparrows

Sparrows visited the George on Wednesday 18th March; they were able to walk around the art gallery to see their work being displayed. Both year groups had lots of fun finding their own work and viewing the art of others that is on display.

Daisy very kindly gave us a drink and a biscuit to refresh us before we headed back to school.



Owls



Summer feels like it's on its way, so it only seems right to spend our reading time enjoying the sunshine too! The children are loving our class novel, 'Wonder by R.J Palacio'—a story of compassion, inclusivity, resilience and friendship.

Here's what some of Owl Class think about the book so far:

Sadie: "It is an amazing book full of personality."

Be: "It's a book that makes me think deeply."

Rose: "It shows everyone is unique and that differences are positive because no one is 'normal!'"

Kinga: "It is full of kindness."



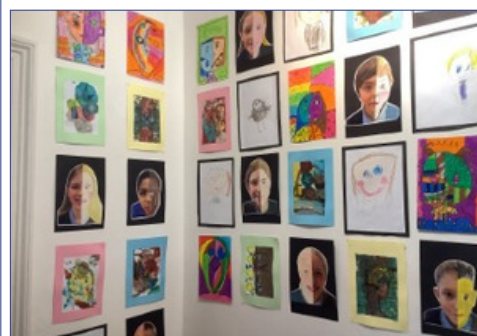
Olivia: "I like Wonder because Auggie was born different and he thinks he stands out in a bad way, but with friends, he will stand out in a good way."



Falcons

The children thoroughly enjoyed their recent visit to The George, where they had the opportunity to view their own artwork alongside the work of others. It was a wonderful experience for them to see their creativity celebrated in such a special setting.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to The George for hosting us and for their kind hospitality, including providing the children with squash and biscuits. The visit was greatly appreciated!



PTFA News


 Many hands makes light work!
 

School Work Day

Digging Tidying
 Saturday 25th April
 10am-12pm
 Weeding Gardening
 Tidying/Sorting Pre-Loved Shop
 Everyone welcome
 No experience necessary
 Bring tools if you can
 Spring Cleaning Clearing pond area

Please come along and support our school

Easter Bunny Hunt

Our Easter Bunny Trail is now live around Newnham! Buy a map from school, The George or the Shop at the Ship to find the bunnies that are hidden around Newnham. Each completed map wins a chocolate treat and a chance to win some top prizes (a pizza at Sabo Yes or family tickets for the Palace Cinema).

If you have bought your map at school but complete the trail during the holidays you can return the map to The Ship or The George to collect your chocolate treat.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors, especially Mod Con Cabins, PMB Insurance and Jewellery Consultants and Iwona and Marcin Wilczak who are in our school community. We are very grateful for the support of the Silver Fox Cafe, Freeman Homes, Hills Property Consultants, Sabo Yes and Pilates with Esther.

The trail will run throughout the Easter Holiday, ending on Sunday 12th April.



Tickets £10 including a complimentary drink and chance to win a "bubbly bundle"

Fashion Show

Friday 5th June 7pm






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**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY 5th MAY**

Huge thanks to all the kind families who baked and helped at the PTFA coffee morning. It was wonderfully well attended and had such a lovely atmosphere. We enjoyed a fantastic selection of cakes and are delighted to share that we raised an amazing £282.13, which will go directly towards supporting our school.





EASTER OPEN DAYS AT BOOKS FOR BUGS

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Easter Holidays Week One

Free Peter Rabbit activities and games

Tuesday 31st 10-12

Wednesday 1st April 10-12

Thursday 2nd April 10-12

Sunday 5th April – CLOSED!

Easter Holidays Week Two

Free Cruise Ship Kid themed activities

Wednesday 8th April 10-12

Thursday 9th April 10-12



SEN SESSIONS

Saturday 11th April

10-11am BE YOU Session
(For those who need space to be themselves and don't mind noise.)

11am-midday Quiet Hour
No music & calm atmosphere

Sunday 12th April

10am- 1pm Warehouse Open Day Open to all

2pm-4pm Dyslexia Awareness Afternoon.

Our popular dyslexia drop in session is back and we are very pleased to announce we will be joined once again by Dyslexia Assessor Kate Morris & members from Gloucestershire Dyslexia Association.

Join us for this free event to ask questions to the professionals, try useful resources such as coloured overlays and reading pens and meet other families who understand the world of dyslexia. We also stock the largest range of dyslexia friendly books in the South of England.

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