



Newnham St Peter's CofE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 15th June 2026

Cherish everyone - flourish together - serve others



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the final weeks of the academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the strength and generosity of our school community, which demonstrates how amazing and unique our school truly is!

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our families and members of the wider community who have so generously supported my 100km Ultra Challenge. Your encouragement, kind messages and donations truly made a difference and kept me motivated throughout, pushing me through the hardest moments. I am incredibly grateful for your generosity, and I am proud that together we have been able to raise valuable funds that will benefit the children at our school. From the bottom of my heart, thank you once again for your continued support.

As we approach the end of the school year, I would also like to highlight the importance of maintaining strong attendance. Every school day counts and the weeks ahead remain a crucial time for learning, consolidation, and celebration of progress. Even short periods of absence can have a noticeable impact on children's confidence and understanding of key concepts. We are committed to ensuring that every child finishes the year feeling successful and prepared for their next steps, and regular attendance plays a vital role in achieving this. Our school's attendance for the year is currently 96.9% and I would love to finish strongly by aiming for at least 97%! There are many exciting things ahead for the children which would not want them to miss out on.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to our fantastic PTFA. Throughout the year, they have worked tirelessly to organise events and initiatives that have brought our community together while raising significant funds for the school. Their efforts have directly enhanced the experiences of our children; from providing new library books and improving our Forest School provision to supporting trips and helping to refresh and decorate areas of the school. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic group supporting us, and I know you will join me in thanking them for all that they do.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and carers that Tapestry remains our main method of communication. It is essential that you check Tapestry regularly to stay informed about important updates, events and messages from your child's class and the school. By keeping up to date, you can help ensure that your child fully benefits from all the opportunities and experiences we provide.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a privilege and an honour to work in partnership with such a caring and committed community.

Kind Regards,

Mr Child



Diary Dates

June 2026

- 16th - KS2 House Football - Sorry no spectators
- 17th - Walk and Ride - Selected children only
- 23rd - Sports Day - 1pm
- 24th - New Reception Parent Meeting
at 9:15am and 5pm
- 25th - Wrens Newnham Library Visit
- 26th - Year 3 and 4 Cricket - selected team only
- 26th - Kayaking - Selected children only

July 2026

- 1st - Church service; **Morning service**
- Reception - Year 6; drop off at church by 8:45am
- 2nd - Year 5 Taster Day at Dean Academy
- 3rd - Kayaking - Selected children only
- 7th - Pre-School to Year 2 Noah Ark Farm Trip
- 7th - Year 5 Taster Day at Wyedean
- 13th - Wrens Walk Around Newnham
- 14th - Year 6 Archery Competition
- 14th - Year 6 Leavers Performance at 2pm
- 15th - Wrens Graduation - 9-9:30am
- 15th - Church; **Leavers Afternoon service**
- Reception - Year 6; collection from church at 3:15pm
- 15th - Year 6 Leavers Performance at 5:00pm
- 17th - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2pm
- 17th - Last Day of Term 6
- 20th - INSET DAY

Summer Holidays

To mark **National Hedgehog Awareness Week** the children were lucky to have a visit from local Children's Picture Book Author & Illustrator, Helene Gardiner, who has published "Hedgehog and the Fence." She read to children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 and she very kindly gave us some signed books for the library. The children were very curious about hedgehogs and asked many questions



The Newnham St Peter's NATURE QUIZ TEAM

are through to the County Finals!



Congratulations to our fantastic Nature Quiz Team who won the Forest of Dean Nature Quiz final and are now through to the county competition.

They faced very strong competition from the teams at St. Briavels and Westbury and it was a nail-biting contest.

Newnham were a few points behind the leaders going into the last round, however, their exceptional field knowledge and nature identification skills shot them into the lead in the final identification round.

A huge thank you to Mrs Pearson and Rachel for all the support and encouragement they give the children.



Final Scores

- Newnham – 41 points
- St. Briavels – 36 points
- Westbury – 34 points



WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT!

Mr Child completes the **Cotswold Way 100km Ultra Challenge!**

THE START



🕒 8:32am
Saturday 13th June

AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY OF DETERMINATION!

A huge congratulations to our Headteacher, Mr Child, who has successfully completed the **Cotswold Way 100km Ultra Challenge!**

Mr Child set off at 8:32am on Saturday 13th June and, after an astonishing **24 hours and 30 minutes**, crossed the finish line at 9:02am on Sunday 14th June.

🎵 TAYLOR SWIFT KEPT HIM GOING!

At the halfway mark, Mr Child shared that Taylor Swift was helping to keep him going!

🩹 A TOUGH TEST

The section between 66km and 80km was gruelling. Struggling with his knee, Mr Child needed a visit to the medical centre. But he didn't give up!

🏔️ NEVER GAVE UP

Showing incredible perseverance, Mr Child pushed through the pain and kept putting one foot in front of the other to reach the finish line.

THE FINISH



🕒 9:02am
Sunday 14th June

🌟 TOTAL TIME
**24 HOURS
30 MINUTES!**
🌟



VALUES IN ACTION

Mr Child embodied our school values of **Perseverance**, **Hope** and **Thankfulness** throughout this challenge. He kept going when the route became tough, remained focused on his goal, and is incredibly grateful for the support and generosity of our school community.



PERSEVERANCE

He kept going when the route became tough.



HOPE

He stayed focused on his goal and believed in himself.



THANKFULNESS

He is incredibly grateful for the support and generosity of our school community.

♥️ Thank You! ♥️

Thanks to the amazing support of our school community, Mr Child has not only completed this incredible challenge but has also exceeded his fundraising target of £2,000, raising an incredible

£2,152

and still growing! ↗️



WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF YOU, MR CHILD!
THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL.





SPORTS NEWS!



Brilliant teamwork, speedy tagging and World Cup skilled tries!

We entered our Y3/4/5 children into a Y5/6 tournament and they smashed it!

They all showed so much **determination** and **perseverance**.

They also proved that size and gender **doesn't matter!**

Mrs Pritchard cannot wait to play more tag rugby next year.



HOUSE FOOTBALL

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE



1pm – 3pm



No spectators this year, sorry.



SPORTS DAY

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE

RESERVE DAY CANCELLED



Parents can arrive at 1pm. Bring own chairs/blankets.



Children to wear their house colour PE kits into school that day.



Please dress correctly for the weather that day.



Please stay on the parent side of the event. No parents are to enter the school/children areas. Please stay clear of the finish lines.



SPORTS DAY VOLUNTEERS



If you have a DBS through the school, we'd love to invite you to support us with the morning part of our event.



We may need more adult volunteers for the finish line in the afternoon. If you are able, please message Mrs Pritchard with your interest.

TEAM SPORTS KIT – SPONSORS NEEDED!



We are looking at updating our team sports kit that we wear to competitions.

If your business would like to sponsor all or part of our kit update, please message Mrs Pritchard for more information.



COMMUNITY SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

junior parkrun

FREE!

Fancy a FREE, FUN outdoor physical activity in our beautiful forest with your family and friends? With an added bonus of cake at the finish line? 🍰

A number of our Newnham family (both children and parents) attend a weekly Junior Parkrun and we'd love to see more of you there!



Every Sunday morning starting at 9am (8:50am arrival is best)



Coverham Enclosure, Five Acres

If you'd like to know more, please ask our wonderful Parkrun ambassadors:

★ Wilf

★ Eli



Wrens



We had a fantastic morning at The Black Pig Pizza Co. We learnt how pizzas are made and tasted them to. The class said it was "THE BEST DAY EVER". We are now entering a competition to win a family pizza voucher, by designing our own.



Wrens September New Starters



Home Visits

Please check your Tapestry messages from Mrs Pritchard to confirm your day and time slot. Thank you

Wrens Graduation
Wednesday 15th July



Parents of children in Wren's class are welcome to join us at 9am



Parent Meetings

24th June 2026 at
9:15am and 5pm

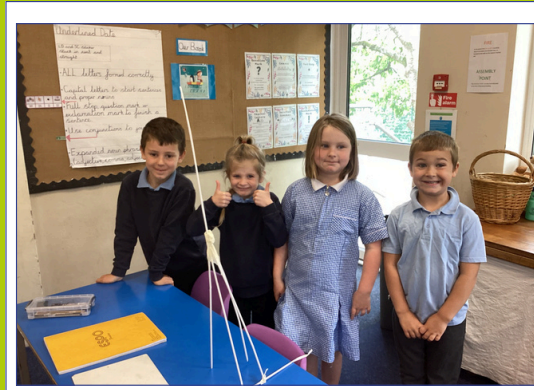
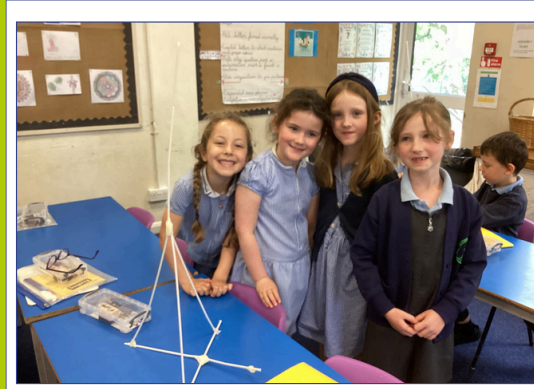




Sparrows



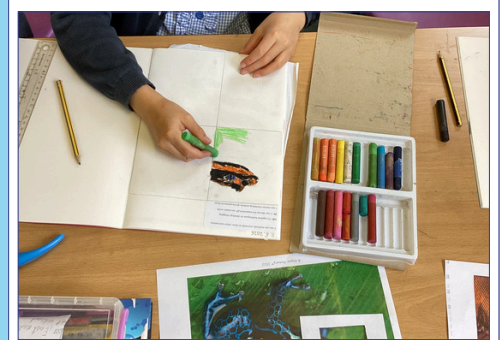
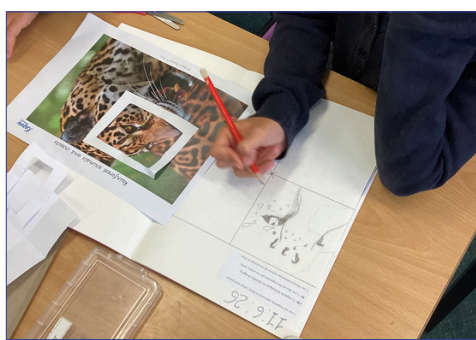
Sparrows have been looking at "Iggy Peck, Architect" in our writing sessions. We have looked at how clever Iggy was when he was younger and we are learning to describe our characters. We had a fun morning building towers, as a team, to see whose tower was the biggest and who could work together to create the best tower.



Owls



A lovely welcome back to school from Owls over the past two weeks. The children have been working so hard in so many areas. We have begun a very fun PE topic of rounders; the children are working hard on their throwing and batting skills to support their development of the game. In DT, Owls have started a topic all about biscuits - our first lesson was the hard task of trying and rating different existing biscuits. Throughout the term we will be developing our own recipes. In art this term, we are looking at rainforest animals and have been creating mood boards and some zoomed in artwork of different animals to test our perspective.



PTFA News



Fashion Show



A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, staff families and friends who supported our Fashion Show at Teri Chance Boutique in Lydney. It was a fantastic evening, full of fun, laughter and community spirit, and we're delighted to have raised over £900 for the PTFA.



Our biggest thanks go to our wonderful models, Carly, Dee, Sadie, Dominika, Kate and Ana, who showcased the clothes with such style and confidence. You were all amazing and helped make the event such a success!

Gardening

The PTFA Gardening Club have been working with Reception Class. The children had a wonderful time planting sunflowers and eating strawberries from the garden! Huge thanks to Barney's granny May who provided the sunflowers and helped with the session.





NEWENT **PANTHERS** *Netball*



JUNIOR NETBALL SESSIONS

U16'S/U14'S

MONDAY

4.30 - 6 pm

NEWENT COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

U13'S/U12'S

WEDNESDAY

4.30 - 6PM

NEWENT COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

YEARS

1 - 6

THURSDAY

5 - 6 PM

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