



Newnham St Peter's CofE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 29th June 2026

Cherish everyone - flourish together - serve others



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by offering my sincere thanks to you all for your support during last week's heatwave. It was certainly a challenging time for everyone, but I was incredibly proud of how well the children coped with the unusually high temperatures. They showed great resilience, maturity and care for one another throughout. I would also like to extend my gratitude to our dedicated staff team, who worked tirelessly to ensure that the children remained safe, comfortable and able to continue their learning as best as possible despite the conditions. It was a real team effort and your understanding and cooperation were very much appreciated.

As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the continued importance of good attendance. Every day in school counts, particularly at this point in the year when learning is being consolidated and key experiences are taking place. Even small amounts of absence can have a significant impact on a child's progress, confidence and sense of belonging within their class. We want every child to finish the year feeling successful and fully prepared for the next stage of their education, and regular attendance plays a vital role in making this happen.

There is so much to look forward to in the coming weeks, and it is always one of the most joyful times in the school year. We are excited to be holding our Sports Day, where the children can showcase their teamwork and sporting spirit and our EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils will enjoy their much-anticipated trip to the zoo. We are very much looking forward to our piano recital and we also have representatives taking part in the Trust swimming gala, which is always a fantastic event.

In addition, we are preparing for Reception's special graduation celebration, Move Up Day where all children will spend time in their new classes, and, of course, the much-loved Year 6 performance and Leavers' Service. These moments are incredibly significant, marking both achievements and transitions, and we are excited to share them with you.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and for being such an important part of our school community. It is a privilege to work in partnership with you to support the children of Newnham St Peter's.

Kind Regards,

Mr Child



Tokens are available to purchase on **SchoolMoney**

for the Summer Fete **Friday 10th July**



The stalls will not accept cash or card payments.



Tokens can be purchased in advance on **SchoolMoney**



or from the token stall on the day.





Diary Dates

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

2nd - New Reception Tea & cake 3:15 - 4:15pm

3rd - Kayaking - *Selected children only*

6th - Sports Day - *Spectators welcome from 1pm*

7th - Pre-School to Year 2 Noah Ark Farm Trip

7th - Year 5 Taster Day at Wydean

10th - Viney Hill - *Wellbeing committee only*

10th - PTFA Summer Fete 3:15 - 6pm

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

September Reception Class Welcome Afternoon

Thursday 2nd July

We'll be holding a welcome afternoon for our new Reception families on Thursday 2nd July 3.15-4.15, with children welcome to stay and play. It would be wonderful if our current Reception families could join us to share hints and tips about starting school. We'd welcome any cake donations, let's give our new families a warm welcome from our wonderful Newnham school family!

NEW STARTERS' TEA AND CAKE AFTERNOON

Parents, carers and grandparents are warmly invited to join us for tea, cake and a chance to:

- Meet other Reception families
- Chat with Reception Class staff
- Find out more about school life at Newnham St Peter's from our parent community

As a special welcome gift, every child will receive a **new starter book bag** from the PTFA to help begin their school journey.

Children stay and play while you enjoy the afternoon.

Thursday 2nd July 3:15pm - 4:15pm Reception Play Area Newnham St Peter's School

SPORTS DAY

MONDAY 6TH JULY

SPECTATORS ARE WELCOME FROM 1PM

THE EVENT WILL START AT 1:10

PLEASE BRING OWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NO NUT SCHOOL

WE ASK THAT ALL SPECTATORS STAY ON THE CORRECT SIDE OF THE FIELD AND ALL CHILDREN IN OUR CARE FOR THE DAY MUST REMAIN SEATED WITH THEIR ALLOCATED STAFF MEMBER.

ALL CHILDREN TO WEAR THEIR HOUSE COLOURED PE KITS INTO SCHOOL ON MONDAY.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PACK A NAMED SUNHAT

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PACK A NAMED WATER BOTTLE

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS SUN CREAM

Wrens



During last week's heatwave, the Wrens stayed cool with paddling, water play and even a relaxing cucumber "spa" session. Smiles all round despite the soaring temperatures!



Sparrows



Sparrows have been taste testing different fruit, vegetables and dairy this week as part of our D&T topic. We have been looking at what foods form a part of a healthy, balanced diet and what foods work well together.

The class was super excited to taste the foods, many children tried items that they have never tasted before (and enjoyed them!).

Da iawn Sparrows!



PTFA News

School Garden Update

Thank you so much to our families for supporting our after-school cake sales! We've been saving money to create a squash/pumpkin bed with the children but first the bed needs to be mulched with bark to suppress the weeds. We've raised an amazing £80 towards this goal. It wasn't quite enough to buy the amount we need, but local business Hale and Co in Drybrook have saved the day by giving us a generous discount. They kindly delivered a tonne of bark on Friday. Thank you Hale and Co! We will update with pictures once the weather is cool enough for our gardeners to set to work.



HALE & CO.
(Drybrook) Ltd.

Timber & Builders' Merchants

Please feel free to come and take a look at the school garden (behind the Pre-Loved shop), it's looking great. Here you'll see runner beans sowed by Falcons and sunflowers planted by Wrens. Owls will be working with Sparrows on the squash bed and there will be rainbow chard to plant out soon. Families are very welcome to pick rhubarb if you like crumble, and we'll be offering a herb service soon, our chives are coming on nicely!

Thank You

FROM THE PTFA

MR CHILD'S ULTRA-CHALLENGE AND PAINTING UPDATE

≡ (from the PTFA) ≡

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our head teacher Mr Child who raised an astonishing

£2692

from his Ultra-Challenge.

The ambitious project to re-paint the school will cost a total of **£3600**, and is now well underway.

Chipped & tired paint is being renewed and the school is looking fresh and bright.

The PTFA will contribute the remaining funds from money raised from the

EASTER BUNNY TRAIL

&

BOOK BINGO COMPETITION

We'd like to thank every parent and carer who has supported these fundraisers - without you we couldn't make this happen.

We feel very fortunate to have a head teacher who is prepared to go the extra mile for our children!

Newnham St Peter's CofE Primary School PTFA

Summer Fete Raffle!

Prize List!

1st Prize: Afternoon Tea for Two @ Tudor Farmhouse Hotel

2nd Prize: Dean Forest Railway Tickets (2 adult & 2 children)

3rd Prize: Puzzlewood Tickets (1 adult & 1 child)

Plus Many More Great Prizes Including:

Post Restaurant Newnham 2 Vouchers (Coffee & Buns for 2 guests)

Beechenhurst Cafe £10 Voucher

Clearwell Cave Tickets (5 entry passes)

Perrygrove Railway Adventure Tickets (2 child)

Luxury Hampers

Draw Date: At the School Summer Fete
Friday 10th July

Tickets £1 each, a booklet will be sent home with every child to purchase, or tickets available from the school office!

NEWNHAM ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



New SUMMER FETE * 2026

Soak The
Teacher

Splat
The Rat

Name The
Teddy

Tombola

Welly Wanging

Shoe
Stall

Water or Wine

Face
Painting

Craft
Area

Lucky
Dip

Sweets
In A Jar

Snack

Hook A
Duck

Shoot A
Goal

Bric A
Brac

Stall Hand Eye

Coordination

Friday

Plant Stall

JULY 10

— 3.15 - 6pm —

Tokens Available Via School Money

Stalls ● Live Music ● Licensed Bar ● Raffle ● Pre Order BBQ

Volunteers needed. If you can help. Please let PTFA know
via Whatsapp or in the Playground

GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY CAMPS

A range of high-quality gymnastics sessions designed and delivered by qualified coaches to support every child. Whether they want a fun day, focused skill development, or personalised coaching, we have got something for them!

HOW TO FIND US

Dene Magna School, Abenhall Road, Mitcheldean, GL17 0DU

BOOK NOW VIA THE MICROSOFT FORM AND SECURE YOUR PLACE!



A focused morning designed to help gymnasts develop specific skills, refine technique, and build strength and flexibility. Sessions are structured around progressions for skills like handstands, cartwheels, walkovers, and more!

Ages 5+

£25



GYMNASTICS SKILLS CAMP

07/08

14/08

21/08

9:00 - 12:00



Ages 5+

PRIVATE SESSIONS

07/08

14/08

21/08

13:00 - 15:00



Structured individual or pair private sessions with qualified coaches, tailored entirely to the gymnasts' goals. Whether they want to learn a specific skill and build confidence, or preparing for an upcoming competition, private sessions offer focused attention and rapid improvement.

1:1 £25

2:1 £40

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO BOOK!



GYMNASTICS FUN CAMP

05/08

12/08

19/08

9:00 - 15:00



£35

An inclusive, confidence-boosting day packed with games, challenges, crafts and gymnastics for all abilities! The fun camp is all about teamwork and enjoyment, giving all children a positive experience with gymnastics.

Ages 4 - 11



YORKLEY A.F.C. IS LAUNCHING A BRAND-NEW GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM!

EXCITING NEWS

FOR FOREST OF DEAN GIRLS!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS WHO ARE:

- ✓ CURRENTLY IN YEAR 5 GOING INTO YEAR 6
- ✓ CURRENTLY IN YEAR 4 GOING INTO YEAR 5
- ✓ INTERESTED IN FOOTBALL, MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND BEING PART OF AN EXCITING NEW TEAM!



Whether you've played football before or are completely new to the game, we'd love to hear from you. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your skills, build confidence, stay active and be part of a growing girls' football community in the Forest of Dean.

Be part of the start of SOMETHING SPECIAL.



FA-QUALIFIED COACHING



FUN AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT



OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAIN, DEVELOP AND PLAY MATCHES



SUPPORTING OUR GIRLS TO GROW AND SUCCEED



OPEN TO ALL ABILITIES - EVERYONE WELCOME!

YORKLEY A.F.C. - NEW FOREST OF DEAN GIRLS TEAM
CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TRAINING DETAILS

#GirlsFootball #ForestOfDean #YorkleyAFC #GirlsInSport #FootballForAll #FutureLionesses #GrassrootsFootball #GirlsFootballDevelopment #WatchThisSpace

GEEKOUT GLOUCESTER



eastgate



FAMILY-FRIENDLY POP CULTURE EVENT

25th July 11am - 4pm

KING'S SQUARE • KINGS WALK • EASTGATE

WHAT YOU'LL FIND ON THE DAY



RETRO GAMING

8 stations with access to 5,000 games



WALKAROUND CHARACTERS

Meet your favourite heroes & villains



JURASSIC ZONE

Dinosaurs, Dino Dig & themed props



ARTIST ALLEY & MAKERS MARKET

Amazing artists, indie makers & unique finds



FACE PAINTING & FAMILY FUN

Fun for all ages with activities & creative play



EVOLUTION WRESTLING

Live wrestling entertainment throughout the day

THREE ZONES. ONE EPIC EXPERIENCE.

1 KING'S SQUARE Main event hub

2 KINGS WALK Artist Alley & Makers Market

3 EASTGATE Jurassic Zone

PERFECT FOR



FAMILIES



GAMERS



COMIC & POP-CULTURE FANS



COLLECTORS



STUDENTS & SHOPPERS

DON'T MISS IT!

SAVE THE DATE 25 JULY

FAMILY FRIENDLY!

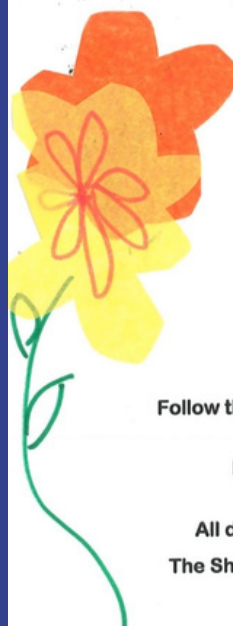
BRING YOUR CREW. SHARE THE FUN. SEE YOU THERE! #GEEKOUTGLOUCESTER

THE

NEWNHAM TRAIL

4th July - 31ST August 2026

Things you find in the Garden



Look, John, look.

Follow the trail and guess the display in each window. Some clues are easy. Some are not.

Proceeds to Prizes and School Funds.

All details on Entry Forms - £1 - available from

The Shop at the Ship Sweet Shop The George.