Newnham St Peter's CofE Primary School

Newsletter

Monday 28th September 2026

Cherish everyone – flourish together – serve others



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Newnham St Peter's,

A very warm welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I hope that you all enjoyed a happy, restful summer and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and to see our classrooms once again filled with enthusiasm, focus and a real eagerness to learn.

I have been incredibly impressed by how positively the children have returned after the summer break. Across the school, pupils have settled quickly into their new classes and routines, demonstrating excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and a real excitement for the year ahead. It has been a pleasure to visit classrooms during these first few weeks and see the children already engaged in their learning and embracing new opportunities with confidence.

A particularly special welcome goes to our new Reception children in Wrens, who have made a fantastic start to their journey at Newnham St Peter's. We are all immensely proud of how quickly they are becoming part of our school family. It has been wonderful to see them beginning their phonics sessions, joining us so confidently for daily worship, making new friendships and enthusiastically exploring all of the exciting activities in their classroom. Starting school is a huge milestone, and they have approached it with smiles, curiosity and courage. It has also been fantastic to welcome the new children into Pre-School, the youngest members of our school community, who have approached their first days in our school with confidence and joy.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for the incredible support you showed during our recent OFSTED inspection. We were genuinely blown away by the number of families who took the time to provide feedback to the inspectors. The positive and thoughtful comments shared reflected the strong partnership that exists between home and school and demonstrated just how much our school community values Newnham St Peter's. The inspectors were very impressed by the work taking place across the school and by the experiences and opportunities available to our children. We were delighted with the feedback that we received and look forward to sharing the full report with you once it has been published. We feel that the inspection showcased our wonderful school in the light it truly deserves and highlighted the many things that make Newnham St Peter's such a special place to learn and grow.

Looking ahead, we are excited that Sparrows, Owls and Falcons Classes will be visiting the Cheltenham Literature Festival during the week commencing 12th October. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience one of the country's leading literary events and to hear directly from a published author about their writing journey, inspiration and stories. We hope this experience will further inspire a love of reading, writing and literature across our school.

Finally, as we begin another exciting year, I would ask for your help in spreading the word about our fantastic school. If you have friends, neighbours or family members with children who will be starting Reception in September 2027, please encourage them to come and see what Newnham St

has to offer. There is no better advertisement for our school than the recommendations of the families and community members who know us best, and we are always proud to welcome prospective families to see our school in action.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The first few weeks of term have been incredibly positive, and there is already a real sense of excitement about the year ahead. I look forward to sharing the many achievements, successes and memorable experiences that will undoubtedly lie ahead for our children.

Kind Regards,

Mr Child

Newnham St Peter's

PTFA

AGM

Everyone Welcome!

Come along to our PTFA AGM and find out about everything we achieved together last year, hear what we've got planned, and share your ideas and views for the year ahead.

And, of course, there'll be cheese and wine!



We'd love to see you there – whether you're already involved with the PTFA or would simply like to find out more.

7pm | Wednesday 30th September | School Hall

Diary Dates

September 2026

30th - PTFA AGM - Cheese & Wine Evening

October 2026

7th - Church service; **Morning service**
Reception - Year 6; drop off at churchby 8:45am
9th - Wear Yellow - Children's Mental Health Day
9th - Flu immunisation - Reception to Year 6
15th - Trust Cross Country Competition - KS2 from *15:30 to 16:30*
17th - PTFA Coffee Morning at Newnham Church from *10am to 12pm*
21st *- Church service;* ***Afternoon service***
Reception - Year 6; collection from church at 3:15pm
22nd - Inset Day
23rd - Inset Day
26th to 30th - Half Term

November 2026

2nd - First Day of Term 2
4th - Church service; **Morning service**
Reception - Year 6; drop off at church by 8:45am
6th - Parent Forum at The George - 9:30am
6th - Earth Day
25th - KS2 Cathedral Performance

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

FLU IMMUNISATION

Reminder

If you have not already done so, please click on the link below and either consent or decline your child (Reception – Year 6) having the flu immunisation.

Please complete the online consent form by 12pm on Wednesday 8th October.

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE CONSENT FORM

https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=GC115694



School Lunches Update

NEW MENU FROM 2ND NOVEMBER

From **Monday 2nd November**, Cater Cater will be introducing a new school lunch menu, which you can see on this page.

Cater Cater have also advised us that, from this date, they will be increasing the price of a school meal from **£2.60 to £2.65.**



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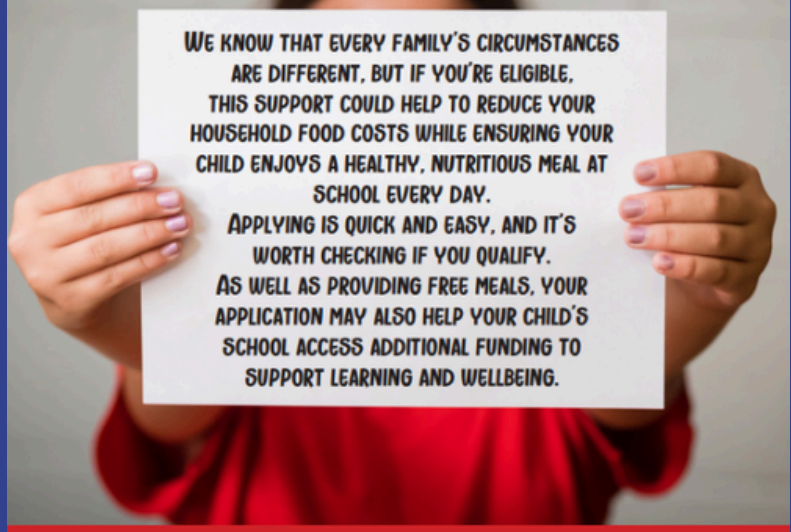
Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?

Did you know that some families may be entitled to **Free School Meals** without realising it?

We encourage families to check whether they may be eligible. Registering not only provides support with the cost of school meals, but can also bring valuable additional funding into our school to support our pupils.

Do you receive Universal Credit?

Your child could now be entitled to FREE school meals. If you receive Universal Credit, you can now apply for **Free School** Meals for your child.



Find out if you're eligible today.
Visit your local council's website to apply or speak to your child's school if you would like any help with the application. Don't miss out on support that could make a difference to your family.

New Menu from Monday 2nd November

Winter Menu

Child's name.....

Class.....

Please tick boxes below next to your choice.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 2nd Nov / 23rd Nov / 14th Dec 18th Jan / 8th Feb	Pizza Pasta Bake OR Pizza Pasta Bake OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Peas & Sweetcorn* Vanilla Icecream OR Piece Of Fruit Packed Lunch Ham Cheese	Mexican Chicken in Sauce & Rice OR Vegan Mexican Chicken in Sauce & Rice OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Cherry Tomatoes / Lettuce* Jam Sponge & Custard OR Fruit Salad Packed Lunch Ham Cheese Tuna	Pork Meatballs & Penne Pasta OR Vegan Meatballs & Penne Pasta OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Garlic Bread* Iced Vanilla Sponge OR Marble Cake Packed Lunch Ham Cheese	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy OR Cheese & Onion Pasty, Roast Potatoes & Gravy OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Carrots, Peas and Cabbage* Raisin Flapjack OR Strawberry Jelly Packed Lunch Ham Cheese Tuna	Fish Fingers & Chips OR Fishless Fingers & Chips OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Peas* Brownie OR Raspberry Ripple Mousse Packed Lunch Ham Cheese OR Tomato Basil Pasta Salad with Dessert
Week Two 9th Nov / 30th Nov / 4th Jan 25th Jan / 22nd Feb	Sweetcorn Macaroni Cheese OR Sweetcorn Macaroni Cheese OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Green Beans* Cookie OR Piece Of Fruit Packed Lunch Ham Cheese	Hot Dog & Baked Wedges OR Vegan Hot Dog & Baked Wedges OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Peas / Carrots* Syrup Sponge & Custard OR Fruit Salad Packed Lunch Ham Cheese Tuna	Chicken Curry with Rice OR Veggie Curry with Rice OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Cucumber / Carrot* Iced Chocolate Sponge OR Vanilla Icecream Packed Lunch Ham Cheese	Gammon, Roasted New Pots & Gravy OR Veg Lattice Roasted New Potatoes & Gravy OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Green Beans, Peas and Broccoli* Cinnamon Swirl Sponge Cake OR Orange Jelly Packed Lunch Ham Cheese Tuna	Chicken Nuggets & Chips OR Vegan Burger & Chips OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Peas* Oaty Flapjack OR Flavoured Mousse Packed Lunch Ham Cheese OR Tomato & Red Pepper Pasta Salad with Dessert
Week Three 16th Nov / 7th Dec / 11th Jan / 1st Feb	Tomato and Herb Pasta Bake OR Tomato and Herb Pasta Bake OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Peas & Sweetcorn* Vanilla Ice Cream OR Piece Of Fruit Packed Lunch Ham Cheese	Chili Con Carne with Rice OR Veggie Chili Con Carne with Rice OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Cherry Tomatoes / Lettuce* Rice Pudding OR Fruit Jelly Packed Lunch Ham Cheese Tuna	Pizza Baguette with Herbed New Potatoes OR Pizza Baguette with Herbed New Potatoes OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Cucumber / Carrot* Iced Lemon Sponge OR Strawberry Yogurt Packed Lunch Ham Cheese	Chicken, Roasted Potatoes & Gravy OR Cheese & Onion Pasty, Roasted New Potatoes & Gravy OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Carrots, Swede and Broccoli* Apple Flapjack OR Fruit Salad Packed Lunch Ham Cheese Tuna	Fish and Chips OR Fishless Fingers & Chips OR Jacket Potato - Beans / Cheese *All Served With Peas* Raspberry Jelly OR Strawberry Icecream Packed Lunch Ham Cheese OR Cherry Tomato, Sweetcorn & Cheese Pasta Pot with Dessert

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NOTES: Tuna Available for Jacket Potatoes Tuesdays & Thursdays. Packed Lunch - Sandwich / Fruit / Snack / Pudding. A Selection of Fresh salad or Vegetables served Daily

ALLERGY INFORMATION: If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination. Contact **kitchen@catercater.co.uk**



🏃 Parkrun Superstars! 🌳



Mrs Pritchard loved seeing our pupils enjoying Junior Forest of Dean Parkrun with a special shoutout to Betsy for her fantastic sprint finish! 👏

We'd love to see more families joining in. If you fancy giving it a go have a chat with ourParkrun Ambassador Eli or visit the Junior Forest of Dean Parkrun website to find out more. 🌳🏃

Wrens



In maths this week, Wrens class have been sorting objects into groups. They have sorted by size, colour, shape and number. They thought of lots of different ways of sorting!

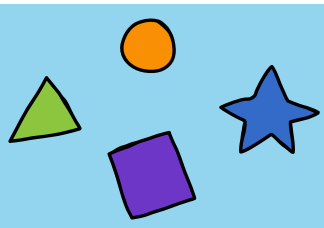














Sparrows



The children in Sparrows Class have worked hard to rehearse and present a documentary about wolves.

Working collaboratively in groups, they decided who would deliver each part and in what order.

They then took turns to stand at the front of the class and present their documentaries to their peers.











Falcons

Our Year 5 and 6 children have been enjoying their guitar lessons this term. After just two lessons, they are already learning new chords, practising their strumming and having lots of fun making music together!













PTFA News

Many hands really do make light work! 🌱🧹🔨



A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our PTFA School Work Day. What a fantastic team effort!

Parents and children rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into all sorts of jobs around the school. There was a brilliant atmosphere, lots was achieved and the difference is amazing!

We are so grateful to everyone who gave up their time to help care for our school and make it an even lovelier place for our children. 💚







VOLUNTEER needed!

Would you be interested in helping to run our school coffee mornings?

The coffee mornings take place just twice a year at Newnham Church, so it's a really manageable commitment.

The role involves:

- Asking people to bake
- Making sure we have enough volunteers
- Being there on the day to help things run smoothly



And you definitely won't be doing it alone – there's lots of support from the PTFA and other parents.

The next coffee morning is **Saturday 17th October 10am – 12pm**

A huge thank you to Helen, who is stepping down from the role to support the School Council instead. We're so grateful for everything she's done!

It's a lovely way to get involved with limited commitment, meet other parents and help raise money for our school.

If you think you might be interested, please let us know!

More PTFA News on the next page

Lost Property



We'd like to say a huge thank you to Dominika, who regularly volunteers to sort through lost property and helps reunite items with their owners. We really appreciate her time and effort.

Name

Please make sure **all school uniform and belongings** are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Going forward, **labelled items** will be displayed and returned to their owners.

If you'd like to join the PTFA Whatsapp group for photos of lost items please contact Emily on **07810 520254.**



Any **unnamed items** will be washed and donated to the uniform shop, as unfortunately we find that they are rarely claimed.

A message from our School Governors



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school after a very hot and sunny summer. It's been lovely to see the children full of their usual enthusiasm and keen to begin their learning. I'd like to extend a special welcome to all children and staff who have started at this term and to those who are returning.

For those who are new to our school, I'm Chair of the Local Academy Committee. We used to be known as governors. You can read more about committee members on the school website but, in essence, we have a strategic role in supporting Mr. Child and the staff and monitoring the effectiveness of the school. We are all very proud of our children and staff and we are most appreciative of our supportive families.

I'm sure we're going to have an action-packed term. I've already experienced Forest School with Years 1 and 2; chatted to our very keen librarians; heard some guitars strumming in the Y5/6 classroom and talked to the OfSTED inspector about our fantastic school.

I hope you all have a good term and I look forward to meeting with you throughout the coming year.

Best wishes

Bev Bowles

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ABOUT THE FSCE ENTRANCE TEST FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY

The Gloucestershire Grammar Schools Entrance Test for entry into Year 7 in September 2028 will take place on **Saturday 3rd July 2027**. If your child is currently in Year 5 and wishes to apply for a place at a Gloucestershire Grammar School, they must take this test.

Registration will open on Monday 8th February 2027 (12 noon) and close on Friday 19th March 2027 (12 noon).

Following the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools announcement earlier this year the test provider will be Future Stories Community Enterprise (FSCE). **The admissions test will consist of three FSCE papers:**

- **Adventure Paper:** English and Maths, with Multiple Choice Answer options;
- **Beacon Paper:** English and Maths, where you respond with Short Written Answers;
- **Compass Paper:** any of the following subjects you learn at school: Art & Design, Computing, Design & Technology, English, Geography, History, Languages, Maths, Music, Physical Education, Science, with Multiple Choice Answer options.



Contact

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Email: enquiries@glosgrammars.com
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About Denmark Road High School

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