



Newnham News

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Dear parents/carers,

An amazing world, this one we live on, this universe we live in.

Daily, I spend time trying to stop my brain so I can actually appreciate the wonders that surround me, something that does not come easily and reveals a surprising amount of mental chatter!

Short, mindfulness sessions are part of the day for some of our younger classes, nurturing the art of finding stillness and stopping, of finding momentary peace.

What an important skill to practice in our ever-faster world, to stop and see beyond the tyranny of the immediate!

For me, it is the time I actually notice the birdsong.

We're looking forward to seeing lots of you at this Sunday's PTA summer fête and hope you all have lovely, fairly toasting, weekends!

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

PTA Summer Fête 12pm - 3pm Sun 13 July
Sports Day KS2 morning, KS1 & Rec afternoon Tue 15 July
Last day of term Wed 23 July
Please check the school calendar on our [website](#), which updated regularly.

Whole school news

Sports Day

A reminder that parents/carers are very welcome to join us for Sports Day on Tuesday 15 July. KS2 will be in the morning, so come along at 9am to watch. KS1 and Reception will be in the afternoon so come at 1.15pm.

Your child is encouraged to wear the colours of their house group if they can:

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| Air: Yellow or White | Water: Blue |
| Fire: Red | Earth: Green |

Lost and found

Please have a look in the lost property shed for any missing items - everything will be donated to Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub at the start of the summer holidays.

Family Support

Our Education and Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA) has been in touch about support for parents and carers over the summer. Attached is the summer holidays workshop poster offering workshops which cover transitions and 'worry'. They are continuing to offer support and have 'drop in sessions, which you can book yourselves and discuss any concerns you may have or general advice.

Also attached is the 'Hello Summer' 2025 booklet of FREE activities and events for children, available to you to help keep your children occupied over the holidays.

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week will be Week 1. The cost of a school meal is £2.65.

Please be aware that the price of a school meal will be increasing to £2.75 from September. We are aware that this follows an increase in January but governors will be reviewing the meal costs annually and it makes sense to do this for the start of each academic year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, a copy of which can be found on our school website:
www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk.

Classroom news

Reception

Reception has had another busy yet fun-filled week, practising for Sports Day and enjoying our Charity Afternoon. In literacy, the children have been working hard on retelling the story of *The Gigantic Turnip*, remembering to include capital letters and full stops in their sentences. In maths, we explored fractions by working out how many biscuits could be shared equally between two and four people. As part of this term's topic, *Healthy Me*, Reception has been learning about the importance of sleep and how it helps us maintain a healthy lifestyle. The children have also been finalising their child-led projects on minibests. They chose to use their active learning time to hunt for insects in the outdoor area, visit the junk modelling station to create a bug hotel, and match insects to their habitats. We concluded the week with our Charity Afternoon, which included lots of fun stalls—one highlight being the chance to throw a wet sponge at a few brave Year 6s! The afternoon was enjoyed by everyone. Well done for a brilliant week, Reception!

Year 1

In Year 1 we continued with our quest to find out about the differences between Newnham and Shanghai. This week, this has culminated in child led projects where the children could decide on how they would like to present their knowledge. A range of projects were created, from information cards and posters to 3D models. The picture above is Emma's model of physical and man-made features so far.



Year 2

This week has been full of creativity, teamwork and celebration! In English, the children put their persuasive writing skills to the test by writing letters to Mr. Ferguson, encouraging him to lead an assembly about inspiring figures from history, including Mary Seacole, Edith Cavell and Florence Nightingale. Some children even designed eye-catching posters. In RE, we explored the meaning and significance of the gurdwara, learning why it holds such a special place in the lives of many Sikh people. In maths, we revisited our 3 and 6 times tables, sharpening our skills through fun games and activities. We also spent time working on our independent projects. The children collaborated in groups, showing great enthusiasm and fantastic teamwork throughout. Year 2 also enjoyed their final swimming session this week. The children had a blast playing games with their classmates—a well-deserved treat to celebrate their progress in the pool this term!

Year 3

Year 3 has worked extremely hard throughout the week despite feeling very tired. In maths lessons, they learnt to measure mass in both kilograms and grams. In English lessons the children enjoyed composing a persuasive letter to encourage the kitchen to prepare more food that didn't require the use of an oven. They enjoyed having lots of fun in their last swimming session and have continued to work hard on practising for sports day.

Year 4

This week in maths, we have been looking at different methods for subtraction. In English, we have had some extra time to finish our *Iron Man* style stories. Liam wrote, "As the northern lights appeared, the exterminator strode to the peak of the iceberg." Noa wrote, "A huge, towering leg was blocking the car's way." Sammy wrote, "As light faded into darkness, a metal eye rolled to its head and slotted itself in." For science we have started looking at the bones in a human skeleton. Our child led project this term is *Healthy Me* and

we have started presenting our research in groups. We have also continued RSE lessons. Spellings this week are words with the prefix bi- meaning two.

Year 5

In maths, we revised short division (bus stop method) and how to express remainders as fractions. In English, we practised preparing pros and cons for a debate topic and then had a whole class debate (this time not getting to choose which side we were arguing for). In science, we learned how to separate salt from water using evaporation and looked at other methods of separation, including sieving, filtration and distillation. In PSHE, we discussed body image and what can influence the way we feel about ourselves and choose to present ourselves. We enjoyed spending Thursday morning doing DT, where we designed and made steady hand games and, on Friday afternoon, we ran stalls at the charity afternoon.

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have been writing about real life challenges that we have overcome. In PSHE, we have continued our SRE (sex and relationship education) including how babies are made, which links up to our science. On Thursday, we had a DT morning with Year 5, where we created hand-eye co-ordination games with circuits (again, linking to our science learning - thank you Mr Jach for organising and teaching us). In music, we are writing a song that will be performed in our leavers assembly. Overall, with the addition of SATs results, this week in Year 6 was great fun.

By Christian

PTA News

Summer Fete

It's heating up for our 2025 School Summer Fete in more ways than one!

We have inflatable slide, football, sponge mission, coconut shy, welly throwing, guess the name of the bear, face painting, tombola, money club lemonade, cakes, hot dogs, and the best Sangria made outside of Spain! Not forgetting the raffle with some truly amazing prizes from our local community of businesses.

We have had an amazing volunteer response - about 25 of you. A huge thank you!

We still need volunteers for the following:

Gate duty - 12:40 & 13:30

Bar - 12noon, 13:00 & 14:00

Ice cream - 12noon, 13:00 & 14:00

Inflatable slide 14:00 & 14:30

One referee in support of some young volunteers also helping out with the football.

Link to volunteer is here: <https://www.slottr.com/sheets/18289336> or contact Letty 07775 537 570 to put your name down.

We're introducing something new - TOKENS! Please buy tokens (50p each) at the gate to spend at the stalls. Food and beverage will still require card payment.

It's going to be HOT! See you all there on Sunday ☀️

Community News

Music Festival - 16 July

We've had a phenomenal response to our Music Festival and are really excited by the number of children that want to play! Sign ups are now closed, but we are hoping to give everyone that wants to play the opportunity, so please come prepared to play even if you are on the reserve list. As the Music Festival may go on a bit longer than is typical, as a result of all the interest, please feed any children that may get hungry in advance! If your plans have changed and there are any children will no longer be performing, please let Dani know dani@meeprophone.com

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Flute Lessons with Paulo - Applications open for September

Learn to play the flute in a fun and inclusive environment, at school! Open to everyone from Y2 upwards, lessons last 30 minutes or 20 minutes (great if you want to join one of the two school Orchestras in the future!). Get in touch at pauloghi@gmail.com or ghigliaflutestudio.com

Boys choir

Great St Mary's (the University Church) is looking for boys currently in Year 3 and Year 5 to become choristers from September 2025. A choristership at Great St Mary's offers a wonderful musical education for children aged 8-14 within an encouraging and inclusive environment. The mixed choir rehearses on two weeknights after school and sings for one service each Sunday. Plans for next academic year include an international tour as well as musical day trips closer to home. For more information about how to book an informal audition, please contact Alex Berry, Director of Music (alexb@gsm.cam.ac.uk).

Thorpe Woodland Charity Day

Please see the attached flyer for details on how to book for a family day at Thorpe Woodlands