



Newnham News

Friday 4 July 2025

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Dear parents/carers,

And now we arrive in July, and the end of term delights are coming thick and fast.

Year 6 had a sleepover in the hall as a reward for all their good work; teachers have been planning for the moving-up session, where the children will meet their adults for next year; the school council have chosen events for the charity afternoon; Miss Wakelen and the teachers have started to prepare for sports day; and the PTA are working hard to ensure the summer fete is as joyful as always (volunteers still needed, please - see below).

There's also been assessments and report writing, which I include not necessarily under the 'delights' category, but certainly count as signifiers of the time of year.

Enjoy reading about what the children have been doing this week and enjoy your weekends too, whatever shape they take.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Y4 swimming	Tues 8 July
Y3 swimming	Tues 8 July
Y2 swimming	Thurs 10 July
Charity afternoon (bring a coin)	Fri 11 July
<i>Don't forget:</i>	
PTA Summer Fete	12 noon Sun 13 July
Sports Day	KS2 morning, KS1 & Rec afternoon Tue 15 July

Please check the school calendar on our [website](#), which updated regularly.

Whole school news

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

As part of our school's policy renewal, we're looking to update how we teach RSE in our school. As part of this, we gather the voices of pupils, parents and staff. Below is a link to a questionnaire for parents and carers which asks for your views on the teaching of topics such as keeping safe, naming body parts, puberty and how babies are made. There is space for any additional comments you may have.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd62-1ej0G5y2kGkkJkCE_40F-HyVERK7vXdXhee6RGFdm87A/viewform?usp=header

Charity afternoon

Next Friday, we are having an afternoon of games and activities, organised by Year 6 to raise money for our chosen charity, the WWF. We plan to adopt a penguin (with polite penguins in the front of our minds from last week) so please send your child in with a few coins, if possible. All children will take part, even without money.

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week will be Week 3. 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

Even though it has been an especially warm week, Reception children have coped really well with the heat, and it has not stopped them from enjoying the outdoor area—hunting for insects and keeping cool at the water station and mud kitchen. In literacy, all children completed their storyboards, ready to be used for retelling the story of *The Gigantic Turnip*. In maths, we have been recapping number bonds to 10, as well as doubling and halving numbers from 5 to 10. In phonics, we have been looking at words that end in *-er*, such as *printer*, *sleeper*, and *sweeter*, and words that end in *-est*, such as *clearest*, *brightest*, and *greenest*. Reception have continued with their child-led projects on minibeasts, choosing to engage either outdoors or indoors at one of the many minibeast-themed stations—such as creating an insect out of playdough or minibeast number bonds to 10. Well done for a brilliant week, Reception!

Year 1

Year 1 has embarked on our geography project, comparing the place we live—Newnham—with a location beyond

Europe: Shanghai in China. We began the topic by exploring the difference between man-made and physical (natural) features in our local environment. To help us investigate, we went on a field trip from school to Lammas Land. Along the way, we identified mostly man-made features—buildings, roads, and bridges—with the main exception being the river. At Lammas Land, we had an interesting discussion: is it a man-made feature or a natural, physical one? What do you think?

Year 2

It's been another busy and productive week in Year 2! Alongside completing their end-of-year assessments, the children have been working hard on writing their very own superhero stories – full of imagination and creativity. In history, we've been learning about significant nurses from the past and comparing their important contributions. Meanwhile, in science, we've been exploring personal hygiene and discussing how we can keep ourselves healthy. A reminder that next week will be our final swimming session of the year – well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and progress in the pool!

Year 3

Year 3 has had another busy week. In maths, we started to look at calculating the volume of water in jugs with scales going up in different intervals. In English, the children really enjoyed writing their own expanded noun phrases to make their food sound more tempting. In science the children represented the data they had collected on a bar chart and drew conclusions on what they had discovered. In PSHE the children enjoyed discussing what contributed to having good personal hygiene.

Year 4

This week in maths, we have been looking at different methods for division and multiplication. In English, we have continued looking at how to use apostrophes for plural nouns. Our child led project this term is 'Healthy Me' and we have planned the research we'd like to do in groups. We have also completed some more assessments and started RSE lessons. Spellings this week are plural possessive nouns. Take care with those apostrophes!

Year 5

In maths, we revised adding and subtracting fractions with different but related denominators and then practised multiplying fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers. In English, we discussed who stakeholders in different debates could be and why they might hold certain opinions. We then planned and performed short presentations about something that we think should be banned and why. On Wednesday, we spent the day doing different social skills activities, with a focus on dealing with conflict, personal space and boundaries, polite and balanced conversations and managing social changes. In science, we explored separation of different materials through sieving and filtration and designed a filtration system to clean dirty water.

Year 6

This week, we did our history projects about significant people who did cool things. We also did PSHE/science on drugs e.g. beer, vodka, cannabis, etc. We also talked about medicine. On Thursday we had a class sleepover and we were all very excited for it. In PE we have been preparing for Sports Day and we were practising our shotput and javelin skills. Don't worry. We were not using the pointy, metal javelins, therefore no child was harmed.

By Omer and Rowan A

PTA News

Summer Fete

It's all heating up for...

The PTA Summer Fete! Sunday 13 July 12 noon - 3pm Free inflatable slide, face painting, craft corner, Kids vs Adults football game, raffle (with prizes donated by local businesses), stalls and games, and more... (Under 2s go free, and cannot use the inflatable but there will be other activities they can join in.)

Sizzling hot dogs provided by Cousins. Ice cream from Crofters. Dairy-free/veggie also available.

Book tickets [here](#)

A massive thanks to those you have offered their help on the day. Please, please, please sign up if you can spare an hour to help as this event cannot run without volunteers from the school community. New slots added for ICE CREAM stall. YUM! Sign up to help [here](#)

In support of our new Money Club stall, if you would like to offer a cake or other yummy baked goods for sale, Diogo Marinho is organising, so please contact him on 07799651051 to arrange.

All proceeds go towards Newnham Croft Primary School PTA.

Y6 Tombola stall

Tombola stall at School Fete - Donations of bottles and small gifts for the tombola needed please (alcohol directly to the office).

Community News

Music Festival - sign up open

We still have a few slots for musicians to sign up to for our final Music Festival of 2025 on Wednesday 16th July. The Junior and Senior Orchestras will be performing and we look forward to hearing how much the children have progressed this year! Full details [here](#):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12qyvizX4XYxvAtm7O6Mp4mdOHnm9bz48jOGuPfgRTec/edit?usp=sharing>

Summer reading challenge

[Summer Reading Challenge 2025](#) is launching **this weekend** at your local library!

It's a brilliant opportunity for children to have a blast reading their favourite stories over the summer (and to collect lots of stickers and a cool medal if they read 6 or more books).

Children can sign up for the challenge any time over the summer, but Cambridgeshire Libraries are also hosting two special **Signup Saturdays** on the **5th & 12th July** at all public libraries in Cambridge.