



Newnham News

Friday 3 October 2025

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Dear parents/carers,

As you can see from the picture, the Eco committee made a start on planting up the front garden. It was a fairly delightful lunchtime, watching the children working together with their trowels and forks - some with obvious experience in all things horticultural.

For me, the hardest part was just letting them get on with it. The desire to intervene: "Don't do it like that!" always doing its best to burst forth from my lips.



But this is an area where the children can have total autonomy, safely following their own plans and ideas, and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm.

Thank you for the parents who have so far made donations of plants, with more promised next week. Please keep them coming in - there's lots of space and lots of willing gardeners.

If your child arrives late or is collected early, please make sure you sign them in or out using the orange Pupil Signing In/Out Book in the school office.

This record is essential for keeping everyone safe. It helps us know exactly who is in the building in case of an emergency—especially pupils who may have missed registration or left during a session.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

School book fair	<i>after school</i>	6 - 7 Oct
Y6 swimming (every Tues this term)		Tues 7 Oct
Flu vaccination - consent here		Wed 8 Oct
Breakfast cafe hosted by Y6	<i>8.15am</i>	Fri 10 Oct
Harvest assembly <i>9am all parents/carers welcome</i>		Fri 10 Oct
Reception forest school		Fri 10 Oct
Year 3 forest school		Fri 10 Oct
Open afternoon		Mon 13 Oct

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

Whole school news

Book Fair at Newnham Croft

Don't forget that our school will be hosting a Book Fair from 1st to 7th October! This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your children to discover new books to enjoy at home, while also helping us raise funds to purchase new books for our school. The fair will take place after school each day. For full details, please see the attached flyer.

Breakfast cafe

Ms Noble and Year 6 will be hosting a breakfast cafe on Friday 10 October, just before the Harvest Assembly. Come along and buy a pastry, bacon sandwich or a coffee to help raise money to support the school. Bring along a reusable cup and get a free hot drink. You are then invited to join us for Harvest Assembly, where the children will sing some seasonal songs.

We are collecting donations for the charity [It Takes a City](#). Please see the attached list of items they are looking for. Items can be brought to the assembly.

Parent consultations

You can now book a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher on eSchools - login [here](#). If you're struggling to login, do get in touch with the office.

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week will be Week 3. The cost of a school meal is £2.75.

Classroom news

Reception

This week in Reception, the children have loved beginning their phonics journey. We have introduced the phonemes *s*, *a*, *t*, and *p* so far, and it has been wonderful to see the children's excitement as they start blending sounds to read their very first words. In maths, we have been focusing on recognising and ordering numbers to 10, building confidence with counting and number patterns. Our junk modelling projects are well underway, and the children have been busy creating with lots of imagination. A big thank you to everyone who has kindly sent in resources to support this work—it makes such a difference!

Year 1

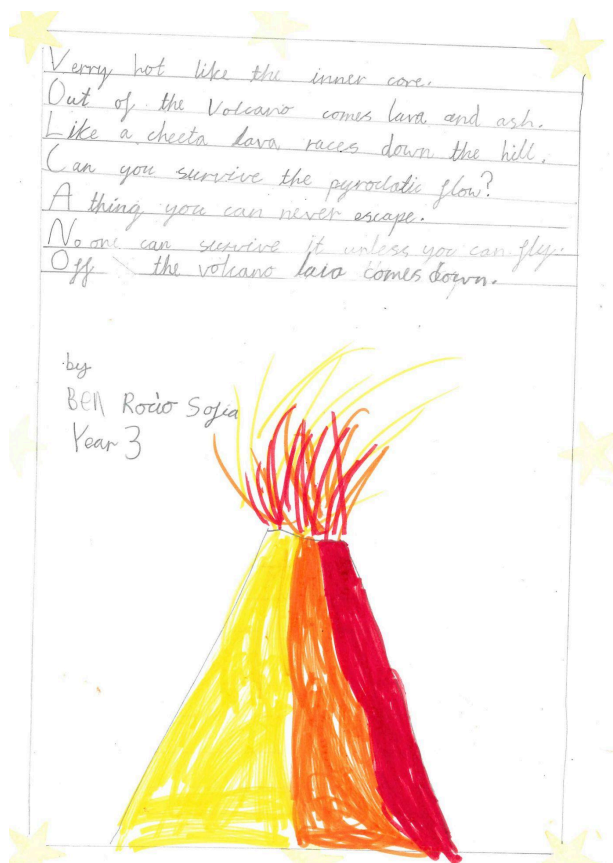
This term in P.E. we are learning all about *gymnastics*! We have started by exploring different ways of moving across the floor and practising some special gymnastic shapes, such as the pike, straddle, and star. More recently, we have begun to focus on jumps. Our first skill has been learning how to do a *straight jump*. To help us, we watched videos of professional gymnasts and noticed how they keep their legs still and their arms straight when they jump. The children have been working really hard and are enjoying building their gymnastics skills!

Year 2

This week has been full of exciting learning in Year 2. In DT, we began designing our moving monsters, carefully labelling pivots and linkages to show how the mechanisms work. In science, the children got hands-on twisting, bending, stretching and squashing objects, and discovered that the shape of some solids can be changed. In geography, we compared the UK with Kenya, while in English we explored synonyms for "said" and improved our writing with exclamations. In maths, we consolidated our number bonds to 20 and used our knowledge of pairs to ten to find the next multiple of ten.

Year 3

Year 3 have been really engaged with their learning throughout the week. In maths sessions, we have continued to add and subtract amounts of money in pounds and pence using partitioning (adding the hundreds, tens and ones and then combining them). In English lessons the children started to learn how to link clauses using conjunctions and to organise their diary entries into paragraphs to reflect different times of the day. In geography, the children learnt about the positive and negative sides of living close to a volcano. At the start of the



week the children had lots of fun creating their paintings inspired by the artist Frank Bowling using multimedia.

Year 4

This week in maths we have practised adding and subtracting 10 and 100 to four digit numbers, playing lots of place value games to help us practise. We also revised time telling and learned to calculate time intervals. In English we learned about all the extra rules and punctuation you need to use with speech marks. We also added description to sentences using conjunctions. In science, we learned about the water cycle and created our own ways of representing it, including dance, acting and song. In RE we found out about different religions' views of God by finding evidence in holy texts. Spelling words this week have the prefix sub-.

Year 5

Year 5 has had a very busy week, preparing for the Harvest Festival and enjoying a trip to the Classical Archaeological Museum. In maths, the children have been building on their understanding of decimal numbers by calculating the difference between two distances travelled by hamsters. In English, they have been planning and writing their own versions of *Goth Girl*, changing some of the scenes and introducing their own villainous characters. In history, the class researched Greek philosophers and explored the impact their ideas have had on the modern world. The week concluded with a thoroughly enjoyable visit to the Classical Archaeological Museum. Well done, Year 5, for a fantastic week of learning!



Year 6

This week in Year 6, for our history topic, we went to the Classical Museum of Archeology. In English, we created our own work inspired by The Highwayman/narrative poems. In French, we created sports diaries using opinions.

By Natty and Ayin

PTA news

Y6 Bake Sale

Join us after school on 17 October for a bake sale! Enjoy delicious homemade treats while supporting the Y6 class' fundraising goal.

Fireworks Night

The PTA warmly invite everyone to fireworks night on **Saturday 8 November**. Please save the date and watch this space for further info.

Community news

Girls' Rugby Taster Day

Please see the attached poster for a taster day for girls at Cambridge Rugby Club.

Norwich City football camp

Follow this [link](#) for more information on October holiday football camps.

Half term tennis camps

See the attached poster for information on tennis camps at Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club.