



Newnham News

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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you're all getting ready for an unforgettable evening of **fun, food, and fantastic prizes** at our upcoming **School Auction Night!** Whether you're a long-time supporter or new to the school community, this is your golden ticket to a truly brilliant night out.

Here's what's in store:

DINNER INCLUDED – Every ticket comes with a delicious, freshly-prepared buffet – no extra cost, just come hungry and ready to enjoy!

AGE-APPROPRIATE DRINKS – Whether you're after something bubbly or a soft refreshment, we've got you covered.

FUN, FUN, FUN! – With Mr Goller as the auctioneer, entertainment is guaranteed. Come along for a buzzing atmosphere and a perfect way to let your hair down at the end of your week.

MEET THE STAFF – Take a moment to meet the staff who support your children's school life. Ever wondered what we're like after hours? Here's your chance to chat to some of us in a relaxed setting.

AMAZING PRIZES – From punts down the river Cam to a scuba diving experience; a science kit or a Squishmallows soft toy, there is something that will appeal to all ages and tastes.

So get ready for a night that supports our school and brings the community together in style. Whether you're planning on bidding or just coming along for the fun and food, we're hoping it will be a brilliant evening.

Tickets available on the SchoolGateway app and are selling fast, so don't miss out. Let's make it a night to remember!

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Back to school		Tues 3 June
Y4 swimming		Tues 3 June
Y3 swimming		Tues 3 June
Y2 swimming		Thurs 5 June
PTA meeting	6pm	Thurs 5 June
School auction	6pm	Fri 6 June

Please check the school calendar on our [website](#), which is updated regularly - dates for Open Afternoon and Sports Day are up there now.

Whole school news

International Afternoon 2025

It was wonderful to see a great turnout from many of our families for our international afternoon. This was a returning event in our calendar after a couple of quiet years. Our focus country this time around was India, with each class working on an aspect of this to present to others. Thank you so much to Clementine Vignault and the other musicians for the wonderful classical music they performed and also for the beautiful artefacts that were shared. Thank you also to Mrs Bole who shared an excellent assembly with the school.



A quote from the Year 6 introductory speech very nicely summarises the reason for the event: "Our school is made up of families from all around the world - from different countries, with different languages, foods, clothes and traditions - and we think that is something to be proud of! We believe that when we learn about each other's backgrounds, we grow in kindness, respect and understanding."

Music Festival - sign up now open

Musicians are invited to sign up for our final Music Festival of 2025, which will be 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/12qyvixX4XYxvAtm706Mp4mdOHnm9bz48jOGuPfgRTEc/edit?usp=sharing>

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.

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

As we say goodbye to the first half of the summer term, Reception has wowed us by writing short stories based on the book *Aaaagh Spider!* by Lydia Monks. All the children used their knowledge of phonics and tricky words to support their writing. In Phonics, we explored longer words ending in **-ing**, such as *swimming*, and words ending in **-ed**, such as *melted* and *shifted*. We recapped the tricky words *out* and *today*. Reception also had their phonics assessments this week. In maths, we have been learning to count in tens from 0 to 100. In science, the children explored different habitats and matched animals to their correct habitats. On Thursday, as part of International Afternoon, all the children sang a song related to India in front of parents and the rest of the school. They thoroughly enjoyed singing and dancing and performed beautifully. Well done, Reception, for a brilliant half term!

Year 1

In English, Year 1 has been finding out about the use of letter writing. We have watched films about how post is processed, have read postcards and letters from fictional characters and written thankyou postcards to actual people we know. A couple of weeks ago the children in Year 1 wrote individual letters to the children in Year 2, describing what they enjoyed doing in Year 1. This week, the Year 2 children responded, which was very exciting. The class were able to find out about what it is like to be in Year 2 and are very much looking forward to this in September.

Year 2

We've had a very busy and exciting final week in Year 2! The children carefully created their minibeast clay tiles based on their own designs and tackled some challenging addition and subtraction problems in maths, using running totals and reasoning skills. In English, they finished their thoughtful responses to Year 1's fantastic letters and impressed us with their Big Write, using similes and showcasing all they've learnt so far. In geography, they turned their findings into bar charts and confidently asked and answered questions about the data. In RE, we explored different objects used during prayer. Well done to all the children for their hard work – have a restful and enjoyable half-term!

Year 3

Year 3 has worked really hard throughout the week. In maths sessions, the children have identified the number and

shapes of faces of various 3D shapes. In our English sessions the children have really enjoyed writing explanation texts on how to play Kabaddi. In geography, we looked at the different uses rivers are put to. In computing, the children learnt to edit and change features on a word document. In PE children have been continuing to learn how to hold a tennis racket correctly and to aim the ball in different areas of the court.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have finished their play scripts of their innovated story of *The Princess and the Pea*. They are absolutely amazing, Year 4 has done a wonderful job with a style of writing that some may not feel as confident in. In maths, we have started looking at converting cm into m. Year 4 measured classroom objects, recorded the measurement, and then converted it into another unit. In geography, Year 4 worked really hard on their projects for international afternoon, they looked fabulous. They made a range of models, posters and drawings, exploring the River Ganges. A reminder that the week after half term is the MTC. Times table practice over half term is strongly encouraged

Year 5

We had a great week with our dress rehearsal and final performance of the play we have been working hard on for the last few weeks. In maths, we revised short multiplication and then moved onto using long multiplication to multiply pairs of 2-digit numbers. In science, we learned about the different things we are able to do at different ages and discussed the milestones we have already reached.

Year 6

This week we did a number of things including International Afternoon, making our yearbook pages and our Indian projects. During International Afternoon, we sang songs, cooked food and dressed up in clothes representing our country. We also made Indian projects such as artwork, posters and many other things. In maths, we have been looking at pentominoes and grids. Haru was the first to complete the 10 x 6 grid, the hardest one of all of them.

By Massimo and Patrick

Community News

Sheep's Green Learner Pool opening on Monday!

You will no doubt have noticed the paddling pool in Lammas Land filling. If you have slightly older children who are keen for a "proper swim", the Learner Pool is a short walk away and opening on Monday! The pool will be open (weather permitting) 10am to 6pm throughout half term. For full details and opening hours see here:

<https://sheepsgreen.wordpress.com/F>

Better Leisure are still recruiting poolside assistants to help ensure the pool can be open throughout the season. If you know anyone over the age of 18 looking for flexible, part time work over the summer, please do let them know <https://sheepsgreen.wordpress.com/blog/>. No experience or qualifications necessary.