



# Newnham News

Friday 4 April 2025

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Dear parents/carers,

Following our announcement about the school auction on Friday, 6th June, we're delighted to share that parents have already donated some fantastic items—a cut and blow dry and a river tour of the Cambridge Backs for four people, complete with sparkling wine and scones.

If you missed the announcement, we are raising money for pupil laptops and have asked parents to donate anything we can auction. For more information, see the email that came out on Wednesday.

In other news, as always when trying to gently wind down to the holidays, it has been a bustling week. Various Year 6 pupils participated in two netball tournaments, while Reception and Year 1 enjoyed their sessions down at Forest Schools. Several child-led projects were proudly presented to their classes, and our teachers had the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from Bewick Bridge and Ridgfield Primary Schools, sharing insights on how we deliver our curriculums across different subjects.

A more detailed summary of activities can be found below, but it's safe to say everyone has earned a well-deserved break—as have parents from the rigours of the school routine, including the often relentless morning madness.

Thank you for all your support and good cheer over the term. We hope you enjoy a peaceful break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday, 23rd April.

Kind regards  
Edward Ferguson

## Diary Dates

End of term	Fri 4 Apr
Back to school	Wed 23 Apr
Y2 swimming	Thurs 24 Apr

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

## Whole school news

### International Afternoon

Save the date for International Afternoon which is happening on Thursday 22 May - more details to follow.

### EIFA newsletter

Please see attached the Education Inclusion Family Advisor newsletter from Cambridgeshire County Council along with a poster detailing some parenting workshops.

### School Meals

The weekly menu is attached. The menu after the holidays will be Week 1. The cost of a school meal is £2.65.

## Classroom news

### Reception

As it's been so warm and sunny this week, Reception has taken advantage of being outside. Lots of the children have ventured to the outdoor area during their active learning time, enjoying the water station and hunting for minibeasts near the trees and logs. With it being assessment week, rather than phonic sessions, children had their phonics assessments instead. In maths, the children have been learning about subtraction by building tower blocks using multi-link and taking 1, 2, and 3 blocks away to help with working out the subtraction number sentences. In literacy, the children have been writing some sentences based on a picture full of spring images. To end this week and the Spring term, we had forest school and the children absolutely loved sitting around a fire, eating marshmallows. Have a wonderful Easter break Reception and well done!

### Year 1

Our performance poetry unit was concluded this week with the children discussing the importance of presenting poems in their neat, published formats. After editing their draft copies, the class wrote their poems in their best handwriting, ready to be shared with others. Following this, some of our year 1 children performed their poems with children in other year groups as their audience.

### Year 2

This week, the class has thoroughly enjoyed working on a whole-class art project. We explored hatching and cross-hatching techniques to create texture on a blue whale's skin. In science, the children have been leading their own learning through a child-led project, and this week, they had the wonderful opportunity to showcase their achievements to the rest of the key stage. In maths, we have been focusing on telling time in 5-minute intervals on an analogue clock. This is a great skill to reinforce at home over the break. We are also very proud that the class has completed their non-fiction book about animals, which will be on display in the library during the summer term. We hope you all have a restful break.

### Year 3

Year 3 worked really hard on their end of term assessments this week. In our math's sessions, the children revised what the term 'perimeter' meant and used multiplication and division to scale up and down quantities and measures. In English lessons, the children enjoyed creating their own poems based on *Underworld Dreams* by Theo Janneh. They thought about the rhyming words, adjectives and similes they wanted to use to conjure up imagery in the reader's mind. In our science lessons, the children learnt about the different parts of a flower and how seeds are produced. In DT the children enjoyed tasting ingredients that they plan to use in their seasonal salads/slaws.

### Year 4

This week we have enjoyed art and DT projects. We have finished the large class artwork and have taste tested lots of seasonal food. It has also been assessment week with everyone trying hard on some easy and some tricky activities.



The maths and reading papers will come home after the Easter holiday. We have presented our finished project work on the Vikings and everyone enjoyed getting to see all the different work. There is no spelling list attached this week but please look in bags for a paper copy of the statutory word lists tests. Please use the Easter break to focus on any remaining times tables facts.

### Year 5

We have had a great last week of term, finishing our child-led history projects and making pop-up books in DT. We also completed our end of term assessments and finished writing our persuasive speeches, practising our use of formal language and Standard English as well as persuasive writing features.

### Year 6

This week in Year 6, the whole class had a great time (as usual) doing a load of different things!

On Tuesday, it was April Fool's Day and someone took this to their advantage. A letter was found on Ms Holliday's table with the words that the SATS would not take place! An investigation took place and we found out it was the rogue, Tom B, out of juvie, this terrible thug was back. Before he caused terrible harm, he was caught and taken to his seat. As well as this

monstrosity, we went to 2 netball tournaments, in which we did really well. We had 2 teams, the A team and the B. The A team came 6th and the B team came 2nd. Back at school, we also had a week of mock SATS.

*By Rohan S and Beatrice*

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](http://www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk)

## Community News

### Half term tennis

Please see the attached for tennis camps and courses.