



Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

Cherish everyone - Flourish together - Serve others



It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year. I am delighted to share some updates and exciting news with you all.

We recently marked the beginning of **Lent** with a meaningful **church service** led by Reverend Rachel. It was a beautiful opportunity for our school community to come together in reflection and prayer as we embark on this season of spiritual growth and change. I was immensely proud to see the children from our Public Speaking Club showcase their confidence and articulation.

I'm excited to announce our **40 Acts of Kindness Challenge**. This challenge is not just a school initiative; it's a movement aimed at spreading love, compassion, and positivity far and wide. Each act, no matter how small, has the power to make a significant difference in someone's day. I wholeheartedly encourage you and your family to join us in this noble endeavour. Together, let's embark on a journey of kindness, where simple gestures can brighten someone's day and create ripple effects of joy throughout our community.

Road Safety Reminder The safety of our children is of paramount importance to us, and this includes their safety during drop-off and pick-up times. I urge all parents and guardians to exercise caution and consideration when parking near the park playground gate, where many of our children enter and leave the school premises. I must emphasise again that there should be no parking on the school driveway outside the school gate. This area needs to remain clear at all times to facilitate the safe entry and exit of school vehicles and pedestrians.

Uniform and Footwear Policy A gentle reminder to ensure that our pupils are wearing full school uniform and appropriate school shoes. This includes adhering to the uniform policy regarding socks and shoes. Consistency in appearance fosters a sense of pride and belonging within our school community. **PTFA** has an abundance of **preloved uniform** items available.

Please double-check that all items, including uniforms, coats, and bags, are clearly labelled with your child's name to minimise the risk of misplaced belongings.

Value of Resilience This term, our value is resilience. We believe it's crucial to instil in our children the ability to overcome challenges and setbacks with determination and strength. To further support this, we will be sending out a homework support guide on the value of resilience.

Exciting News - Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel We are thrilled to announce that our school will be participating in the 15th-year celebration of the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel challenge! This initiative promotes cycling, walking, wheeling, and scooting, encouraging physical activity and sustainable transportation choices. The challenge will take place from **March 11th to March 22nd, 2024**. Participation is free, and we encourage everyone to join in the fun! A letter with more information will follow soon.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing our children's growth and development.

*Aga Przybylska
and the Newnham Team*



Diary Dates



March 2024

- 8th - PTFA Film night 3-5pm
- 11th - Class & Year 6 Leaver Photos
- 13th - House Cross Country - Spectators welcome
- 15th - Rags2Riches Collection
- 16th - PTFA Coffee Morning at St Peter's Church
- 18th - 22nd - Science Week
- 18th - St Patrick's House Wear Green
- 18th - **** NEW DATE **** Starlings Easter Play - dress rehearsal
- 19th - Church Service - 8:45am
- Year 3 - Year 6 (church drop off)
- 19th - Pre-School - Year 2 trip to All Things Wild
- 19th - **** NEW DATE **** Starlings Easter Play at 2pm - Parents welcome
- 20th - Sparrows class assembly - parents welcome
- 21st - Newham are Scientists Day - Optional dress up; see letter on Seesaw for details
- 21st - School Nurse; Reception and Year 6
- 22nd - Last Day of Spring Term 2

April 2024

- 8th - First Day of Summer Term 1
- 9th - Church Service - 8:45am
- Reception - Year 6 (church drop off)
- 17th - Owls Class Assembly
- 22nd - Earth Day

May 2024

- 6th - Bank Holiday
- 13th to 16th - Y6 SATs Week
- 21st - Church Service - 8:45am
- Reception - Year 6 (church drop off)
- 23rd - Starlings Class Assembly - Parents welcome

Church

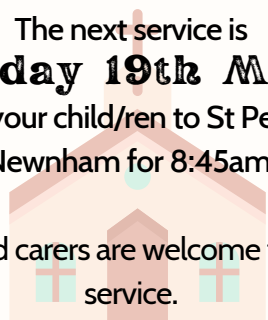
Year 3 - Year 6

The next service is

Tuesday 19th March

Please drop your child/ren to St Peter's Church, Newham for 8:45am.

All parents and carers are welcome to stay for the service.



Film Night

Tickets
£3
Includes crisps and drink



Date: Friday 8th March

Time: 3-5pm

Venue: At School

Tickets will be on sale in the playground, Monday 4th - Thursday 7th March at 3pm, or alternatively email newhamptfa@yahoo.co.uk and payment can be made by bank transfer.



Wraparound

!!! Friday 8th March

Due to the PTFA film night both after-school and hockey club have been cancelled on Friday 8th March. Where applicable credits have been applied in Schoolmoney. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Jo, earlybirds@newham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk

Starlings Easter Play

Tuesday 19th March - 2pm

Starlings families are invited to join us for our Easter play.



Children have brought home their play scripts, which also includes the song lyrics, that they will need to practice at home as well as school. Please provide their (named) clothing and accessories by

Wednesday 13th March, ready for their dress rehearsal.

All Things Wild Trip

Tuesday 19th March

Pre-School - Year 2

Mrs Robinson has sent home letters regarding a class trip to All Things Wild. Please return the slip by **Friday 8th March** indicating whether your child requires a packed lunch or if you will be providing your own. **Children should be dropped at School (not church)**. A voluntary contribution can be made via Schoolmoney.



Class and Year 6 Leaver Photos



Monday 11th March



Clothes Donations

A reminder that our next Rags 2 Riches collection is

Friday 15th March

Collection bags have been sent out this week!
Additional bags can be requested from the school
office ... any kind donations can be left in the black box
under 'The Hut' ramp .

Donations need to be dropped off by
8:50am on Friday 15th March

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise
additional funds for our school for the benefit of our
children.

House Cross Country Wednesday 13th March

Round 2 of the house cross country for Key Stage
2 is being held Weds, 13th March, from 1:15pm on
the public field by the school.

Please have suitable PE kit in school for all weather



Year 3/4 Football Tournament

Best of luck to the Year 3/4 selected team
for the football tournament on
Friday 1st March.

If you have any Newnham sports kit at
home (from competitions) please can this
be returned ASAP - thank you.

Science Week

18th - 22nd March



A house competition is being held for children to research a
scientist or inventor and present their findings as a poster,
computer presentation, video, or in any format they prefer.

On **Thursday 21st March**, children may come to school dressed as
something in the scientific field for example a mad scientist or
something linked to science like a magnet, skeleton, tooth, solar
system, thermometer, cloud etc.

**A letter has been added to Seesaw regarding our
science week, please refer to this for full details.**



Bea (y4) ran in the year 5
race and came 54th



Huge congratulations to Beatrice and William who
ran at the Gloucestershire School Games County
Finals on the weekend. Each race had between
70-80 runners.



We are so
proud of
you both!



Will came
30th

Little Wrens



Pre-school enjoyed hunting for clues following the dinosaur visit in our classroom. They have talked about what different dinosaurs looked like, made a cosy nest for the dinosaur egg and listened to and explored dinosaur stories,



Wrens

SPRING



Reception have been exploring the signs of Spring in Forest School. We have spotted leaves starting to grow on the trees, daffodils and snowdrops and sheep preparing for lambing. We created our own beautiful daffodils.



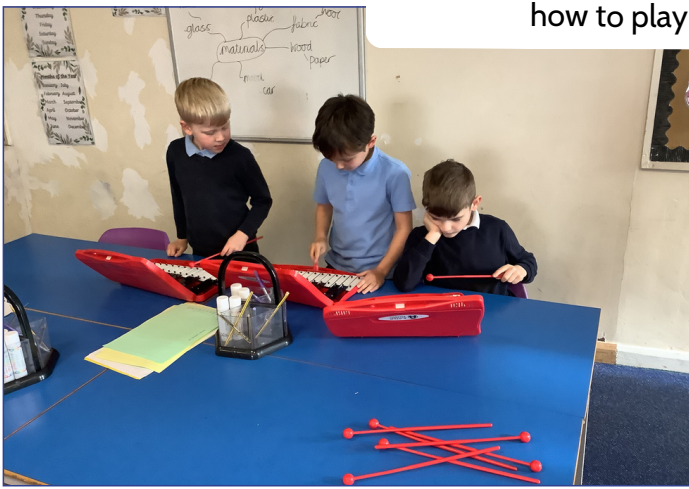
Sparrows

Our class assembly is being held on **Wednesday 20th March**. Sparrows families are welcome to join us from **2:30pm**.

Following the assembly, we will have a cake sale to raise funds for a summer treat. We would appreciate any cake donations (Easter themed if possible but **NO nuts**, thank you!)



This week, Sparrows class have been learning and creating their own melodies. Together we learnt how to play Hot Cross Buns.



Starlings



Starlings have been busy rehearsing for their Easter Play. They say Britain's got Talent, Mrs Fishpool thinks we should change it to Starlings Got Talent.

In other news we are concluding our volleyball unit this week by having a class tournament.



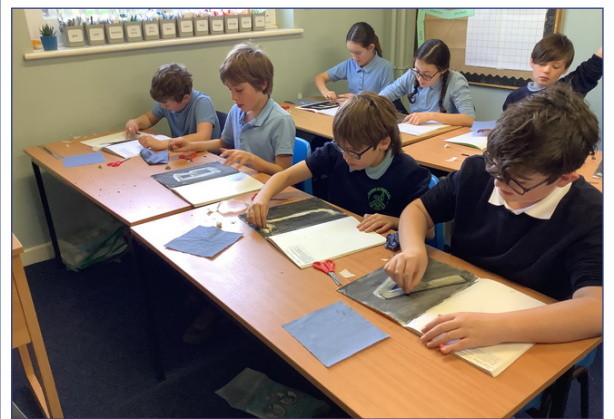
OWLS



Year 5 enjoyed finding out what a periscope was and exploring how light can be seen around corners using two mirrors.



FALCONS



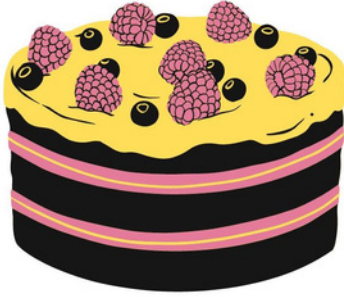
In Art, the children have been learning about 'chiaroscuro' and how to apply this technique in their work.





Coffee Morning

Saturday 16th March 2024



10.30am to
12.30pm

*Join us for tea, coffee,
cake and Easter crafts.*

St Peter's Church, Newnham

We would greatly appreciate cake donations and volunteers for the coffee morning. Please let us know via the 'Newnham School PTFA - Volunteer Group' Whatsapp if you are able to contribute baked goods or help out. Alternatively, you can let us know by email - newnhampfta@yahoo.co.uk



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**AGES:
5-11**

WEEK 1: MON 25TH – THURS 28TH MARCH

WEEK 2: TUE 2ND – FRI 5TH APRIL

(8:30AM – 4:30PM)



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