



Newnham St Peter's CofE Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024

*Cherish everyone - Flourish together - Serve others*



Last week, on Monday, we celebrated **Earth Day** here at Newnham St Peter's. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to reflect on the importance of our planet and the role we each play in preserving it for us and future generations. During the day, our pupils took a **pledge to Mother Nature**, committing to do their part in caring for our environment. Let's continue to encourage them in their efforts!

As part of our ongoing commitment to environmental education, don't forget about our **Earth Bingo challenge**. It's a fun way for families to engage in eco-friendly activities together and earn some fantastic rewards along the way. And of course, we are raising money for our wonderful school!

I'm delighted to share that our Year 5 students had a fantastic time during their recent residential trip to **Viney Hill**. They participated in a wide range of outdoor and indoor activities, creating memories that will last a lifetime. A huge thank you to **Miss Handscombe** and **Mrs Rawlings** for their dedication and support throughout the trip.

Moving forward, please note that all **email communications** with teachers should be directed through the school office. While parents are welcome to speak to teachers before or after school, emails should be sent via the office at [admin@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk). This will ensure that all queries and requests are managed efficiently and appropriately.

A quick reminder about the importance of **punctuality**: arriving on time ensures that children do not miss vital transition periods and can start their day smoothly.

Lastly, I'm excited to announce that we will be welcoming **Bishop Rachel** to our school on Tuesday. It promises to be an inspiring visit, and we look forward to sharing this special occasion with our students.

Let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather improves soon, allowing us to enjoy more outdoor activities and adventures!

Wishing you all a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend ahead!

*Aga Przybylska  
and the Newnham Team*



## Community Litter Pick!

Saturday 4th May from 2pm

Meet Point - Newnham School

Help us clean up our village and support the environment! The council are supplying grabbers and bags, but if you have your own, we'd appreciate extras. Don't forget to bring gloves for safety. Looking forward to seeing you there!





# Diary Dates

## May 2024

- 4th **\*\* NEW DATE\*\*** Community Litter Pick - 2pm
- 6th - Bank Holiday
- 13th to 16th - Year 6 SATs Week
- 14th - Skillzone - Starlings
- 20th - 24th - Year 6 France Residential
- 20th - Church Service - 8:45am
- Reception - Year 6 (church drop off)
- 23rd - Starlings Class Assembly - Parents welcome cake sale at 3pm
- 24th - Last Day of Summer Term 1

## June 2024

- 3rd - First Day of Summer Term 2
- 4th - House Football - more info to follow
- 6th - Skillzone - Falcons
- 8th - BBQ & Bingo Night 5-8pm
- 10th - St Fagans Trip - Starlings only
- 10th - New Reception Meeting at 5pm
- 11th - Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral - more info to follow
- 12th - New Reception Meeting at 9:45am
- 19th - Olympic Themed Day - more info to follow
- 25th - Church Service - 8:45am
- Reception - Year 6 (church drop off)
- 25th - Skillzone - Owls
- 26th - Year 5 Dean Academy Taster Day

## July 2024

- 8th - Wrens Graduation - parents welcome cake sale at 3pm
- 9th - Sports Day - more info to follow
- 15th - Church Service - 8:45am
- Reception - Year 6 (church drop off) Year 6 Leavers Service!
- 17th - Year 6 Production - Dress rehearsal
- 18th - Year 6 Production - Parents welcome - (more info to follow)
- 22nd - Inset Day
- 23rd - Summer Holidays

## SkillZONE

Starlings, Owls and Falcons will be attending SkillZONE workshop in Gloucester on the following dates

- Starlings - Tuesday 14th May (AM)**
- Falcons - Thursday 6th June (PM)**
- Owls - Tuesday 25th June (PM)**

SkillZONE is Gloucestershire's only interactive life skills village where people of all ages can learn how to keep themselves safe whether at home or in their community. They offer safety education and bespoke programmes for schools. The lessons the pupils will undertake will help them to stay safe around water, roads and the home. They will also complete another workshop which will be confirmed at a later date.

SkillZONE helps your children recognise dangers and dilemmas in everyday situations and empowers them to make good choices about their own safety. More information can be found on their website <https://skillzone.glosfire.gov.uk/>

**No hot meals are available to pupils on the day they are attending SkillZONE. Any hot meals ordered for Starlings class have been cancelled! If you would like to order a school packed lunch for this trip you can pre-order up to the Thursday prior to the week your child's class is attending via schoolmoney. please note term 6 catering weeks are not yet available, you will be notified when this is live.**

## Swimming

Owls and Falcons will have swimming lessons every Monday during the upcoming term, from 10th June to 15th July (inclusive). Please ensure that your child brings their swimming costume/shorts and towel in a waterproof bag, labelled with their name, each week.

Payment will be available via School money from **Monday 20th May**



## Forest School Donations

**We would greatly appreciate donations of items to enhance our Forest school learning environment, such as pots and pans for the mud kitchen, digging tools for the digging area, natural resources like pine cones for crafts, small logs, wood chippings and stepping stones to develop the area.**

# St Fagans National Museum of History

## Starlings

Monday 10th June

We have arranged an educational visit for Starlings' children on Monday, 10th June, to visit St Fagans National Museum of History.

We will explore the stories of the people of Wales – from the world of a 230,000-year Neanderthal child to the present day. Discover 50 original buildings moved from all over Wales and re-constructed at the museum. The class will also have the opportunity to take part in a Victorian Classroom Workshop where they get to experience school in the Victorian times enabling them to compare the differences between a Victorian Classroom and their classroom.

**Due to this trip is taking place on a Monday, we are unable to pre-order school packed lunches. Please provide a packed lunch and water for your child for this day**



Our dedicated gardening club have been busy preparing the fruit and vegetable beds, planting strawberries, onions, carrots and lettuce, to name a few. We can't wait to see the results of their hard work.



# SPORT



A huge well done to the children who represented our school recently in the following events:



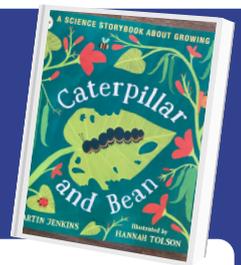
**Archery**  
**Mountain biking**  
**Tenpin Bowling.**



Parents, teachers and organisers have commented this week on how respectful and friendly our Newnham sports stars are. Thank you!



# Little Wrens



In Little Wrens we have been learning about minibeasts. Last week we observed our class caterpillars growing bigger and now they are chrysalides! We can't wait to see what happens next. We have listened to lots of stories and rhymes about all types of minibeasts and have created some beautiful minibeast pictures.



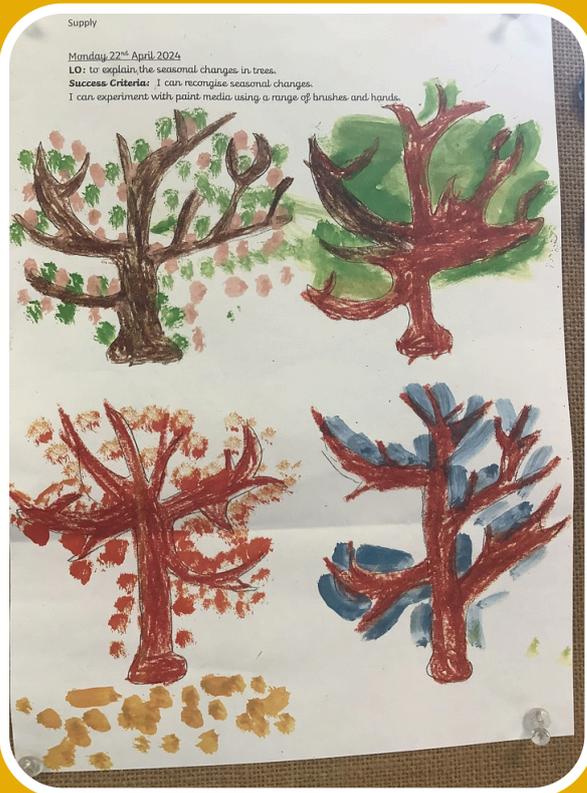
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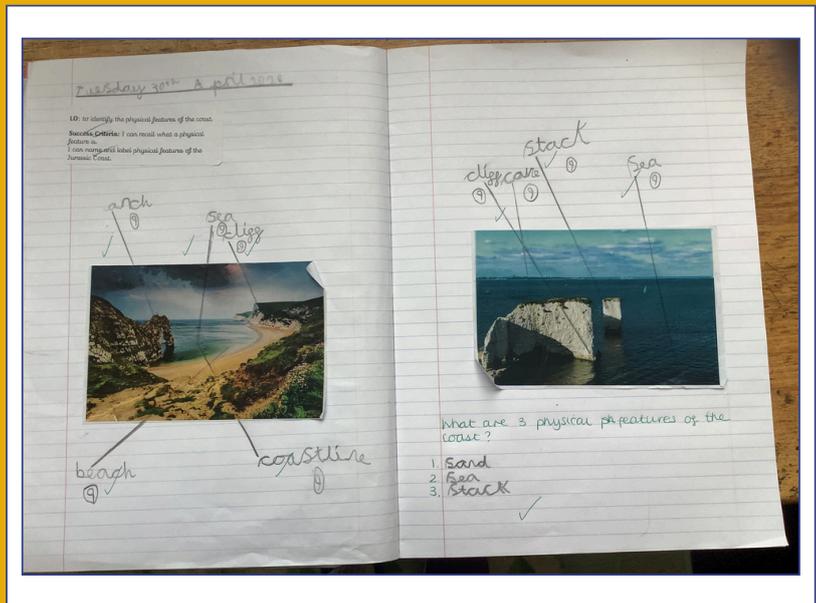
Wrens class took part in a healthy eating workshop by BeeZee bodies. We discussed different ways to keep ourselves healthy, including eating a variety of foods from different food groups. We explored different snack options and sorted them by whether they were very healthy options, snacks that we could have sometimes as part of our diet, or sugary snacks that should be eaten in moderation. The children were very thoughtful in their discussions.



## Sparrows



The children in Sparrows have been exploring seasonal changes in science using their artistic flare. We have also been learning about physical features of the coast.



## Starlings



In Starlings, we have been scientists and historians this week. In Science, we set up an experiment to answer the question "Do sugary drinks cause tooth decay?" We predicted what the results might show us, wrote instructions for someone else to follow, and created and recorded our results. Our conclusions will be discussed and wrote up this at the end of the week.



## Owls



Year 5 had an amazing time at Viney Hill on their residential trip last week.



## Falcons



A letter regarding SATs week has been sent home, If, however, you have not yet received a copy, please reach out to Mrs. Tetlow in the School office at your earliest convenience



Ahead of the France trip, Mrs Tetlow has requested that all pupils attending the residential send in their child's passport & GHIC by Friday, 3rd May. Any required medications must be accompanied by a completed medical form and handed to the school office in a clearly labelled bag or container, indicating the dose frequency, and child's name. All medication should be sent to the office by Friday , 17th May



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# Job opportunity

Please contact [admin@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk) for a copy of the full job description.

## Caretaking and General Maintenance Operative

### Job Details

**Salary:** Grade 5, point 11 (£25,979 pro rata).

**Hours:** 17 hours per week. Typically, Monday - Friday. Days and hours to be agreed and can be flexible. Additional hours may be available.

**Contract Type:** Permanent. 52 weeks per year.

**Holiday Entitlement:** 6.5 weeks holiday pro rata.

**Reporting to:** Senior Maintenance Operative and Trust Business Manager.

**Location:** To be based mainly between Lydney C of E School and Aylburton C of E School. There will also be a requirement for work to be undertaken at other schools within the Trust

**Start Date:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 or as soon as available.

**Closing Date:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**Interview Date:** TBA

*We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, conscientious skilled person who is self-motivated who would like to provide a key role in maintaining our grounds and buildings across the Trust to ensure a welcoming and safe environment for the whole Trust.*

*Willingness to attend training courses including Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Premises related training. Experience of working in a school or similar environment is desirable but not essential.*

*The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will therefore need to undertake a Disclosure and Barring check.*

Save the Date

## PTFA BBQ & Bingo Night

**Date:** Saturday 8th June

**Time:** 5pm - 8pm

**At:** Newnham School

We invite all to join us for a BBQ starting at 5pm. Please note that Bingo tickets will be limited due to hall capacity. More information will follow soon.

Bingo tickets will be £5  
for team of 5



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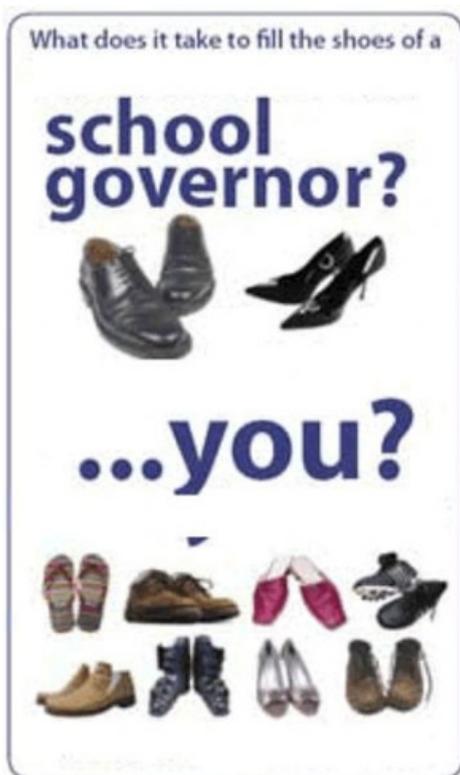
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[J.KNIGHT@PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS.CO.UK](mailto:J.KNIGHT@PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS.CO.UK)**



St Peter's Church of England Primary School  
Local Academy Committee

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## **We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor**



### ***Why should I become a parent governor?***

The main benefit of being a school governor is a sense of satisfaction that you are involved in the most important volunteering role in education.

Collective decisions made by the Committee will help shape the future of all children at the school.

Other benefits include:

- the opportunity to develop new skills and strengthen existing ones
  - the opportunity to work as part of a team
  - the opportunity to gain a sense of achievement as an active member of the community
- the opportunity to improve your negotiation, questioning, conflict resolution, time management and financial skills
  - the opportunity to undertake professional training provided on various aspects of the governor role.

So the question is really:

### **Why shouldn't I become a parent governor?**

**For more information, see the school website or speak to Mrs Tetlow in the office - 01594 516208**