



# Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

*Cherish everyone - Flourish together - Serve others*



We hope your families had a restful half-term holiday and are enjoying the changing seasons. As we settle into November, we wanted to take a moment to update you on the exciting happenings at Newnham St Peter's Primary School.

### Sportily

We believe that keeping children active is crucial for their physical and mental development. We are very lucky to have Sportily helping our children to embark on a journey of sportsmanship, teamwork and physical well-being. Sportily is a Christian group that advocates for holistic development and believes that participation in sports plays a crucial role in shaping well-rounded individuals. Adam, one of the Sportily coaches, talked to our children about his journey and career. Born with Erb's Palsy, he hasn't let anything stop him. He loved sports, played disability football and at the age of 15 played football for England. When Adam moved to Texas in the USA, he attended university and became a multiple Gold medal winner in the Endeavour Games, started coaching rugby and football at the university. Adam graduated in Fitness, Athletic Strength Training and received a Master degree in Athletic Administration at Tarleton State University. His story teaches us that determination and a positive attitude can help us overcome anything. Adam faced challenges, just like we all do, but he turned those challenges into opportunities. Adam's story teaches us that our differences make us unique and special. It's not about what we cannot do; it's about what we can do.

### Remembrance Day

Thank you to Reverend Rachel for leading a special Service of Remembrance to pay tribute to those who served and sacrificed for the cause of peace. The children across the school created artistic displays, including drawings, paintings and crafts, showcasing their understanding of Remembrance Day and the symbols associated with it.



### Anti-Bullying week

One of the easiest ways to make Anti-Bullying Week awesome is by being kind and making friends. Our Anti-Bullying Week was full of kindness, understanding and standing up for one another! Anti-Bullying Week is all about making sure everyone feels safe, respected and included. We want our school to be a place where everyone can be their amazing selves without worrying about mean words or actions. Our school is a place with lots of unique and wonderful people. We want to show how strong we are when we stand together with kindness and friendship.

If you ever need someone to talk to or if you see something that doesn't feel right, don't hesitate to reach out to your teachers or any staff member. We're here for you!



### Punctuality please!

School and learning starts straight away at 8.45am. Please make sure your child is in the playground before that time. Your commitment to ensuring your child's timely arrival at school is genuinely appreciated. By working together, we create an environment that fosters optimal learning experiences for all children. If you encounter any challenges or have specific concerns, please feel free to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your child in every aspect of their educational journey.



### Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 96%. Fantastic attendance this week! Well done to Year 6!



Wrens - 96%

Sparrows - 99.1%

Starlings - 99.2%

Owls - 99%

Falcons - 99.24%

### Volunteers

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTFA and the parent volunteers who have offered to help PTFA with different projects this year. The willingness of parents to help has been truly fantastic. We appreciate every little help.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, *Agia Przybylska and the Newnham Team*





# Diary Dates

## November 2023

- 20th - Midland Air Ambulance visit
- 21st - Sparrow trip to Dean Heritage Centre
- 21st - Girls Football Tournament (selected team only)
- 28th - Church Advent service 8:45am

### Reception - Year 6 (church drop off)

- 29th - **\*\*NEW DATE\*\*** KS2 House Cross Country
- 30th - St Andrew's Day - Blue House only
- 30th - Falcons class assembly at 2.30pm

parents welcome

## December 2023

- 5th - Sparrows History classroom talk
- 8th - PTFA School Discos
- 16:45 - 17:45; Pre-school - Year 2
- 18:00 - 19:00; Year 3 - 6
- 15th - Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th - Christingle service - more info to follow.
- 18th - Nativity - dress rehearsal
- 19th - Nativity - Parents welcome; more info to follow
- 20th - Christmas Lunch
- 22nd - Inset day / Last day of term 2

## January 2024

- 8th - First day of term 3

**Blue House can wear something blue on Thursday 30th November for St Andrew's Day**



## PTFA Christmas Discos Friday 8th December

The annual children's Christmas disco will be held in two sessions on Friday 8th December. PTFA are asking for a donation of £2 which will include unlimited squash and a few biscuits. If your child is in Pre-School an adult must accompany them for the duration of the disco.

**16:45 - 17:45 Pre-School - Year 2**

**18:00 - 19:00 Year 3 - 6**

# DISCO



On Monday afternoon, PC Greg Steer visited the school to deliver a fantastic talk on the role of the police. Greg set up a pretend crime scene, involved some children in dressing up as police officers and arrested Mrs Pritchard who played the part of the criminal.

The children asked Greg a number of questions about the role of the police and very much enjoyed the hands-on talk.



## History Classroom Talk

### Tuesday 5th December



Sparrows have invited parents and grand-parents into the classroom to talk about their experiences as a child and how they may differ from today to link with our 'History' unit. Please let Mrs Pritchard know if you are attending. You are welcome to bring in items and photos to share with us. If any family members from other classes would like to join, you are more than welcome - please let Mrs P know.

## Mrs Pritchard's Sports Corner

**Please continue to ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school everyday.**

Thank you to the children, parents and staff who attended the Sports Hall Athletics competition. We came 9th out of 14 small schools in the area.

### Next competition

**Girls Football Tournament - Tuesday 21st November**  
Good luck to our selected football girls team.



**Wednesday 29th November - KS2 House Cross Country.**  
More information will follow via Seesaw.

Please see your child's Seesaw account to view our Skateboarding enrichment photos. It was a fantastic day and our children (and staff) learnt lots of new tricks. We hope to see many of you using the skateboarding equipment next to school with your families.





## Little Wrens



This week, Little Wrens have been learning about the number 2. They have practised subitising 2 and found the number two in the environment. They spotted that we have two arms, two eyes and two legs!



## Wrens



Reception have been learning about Remembrance Day and why we celebrate it each year. We created a class wreath with our handprints, printed poppy fields and made poppy pictures using collage materials. This week we have continued to explore celebrations by learning about Diwali. We have listened to celebration music, made diya lamps and Diwali treats.





## Sparrows



**School trip to  
Dean Heritage Centre  
Tuesday 21st November ...  
please ensure children have  
packed lunches - letter for  
information is on Seesaw.**



## Starlings





## Owls and Falcons

The children in Year 5 and 6 have been considering the question: Is homework beneficial to primary school children's learning? They have participated in a debate and taken the role of either a head teacher, parent or child and thoroughly enjoyed expressing their opinion from a different viewpoint.





# Newnham's Annual Christmas Market

Thursday 23rd November 6pm-8pm

St Peter's Church, Newnham



See you  
there!

Entrance £3 (cash only) children free

All visitors will receive a free glass of mulled wine or  
soft drink and a mince pie

ceramics, knitted toys, pies and pastries, cakes, hair accessories,  
Gransky, fairies, jewellery, Christmas decorations, beauty products,  
preserves, fused glass, bags, bunting, books, beeswax candles,  
tombola and lots more from local makers and cooks

Please be prepared to pay in CASH due to unreliable wi-fi.

Newnham Post Office is open for banking until 7pm.

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023!



THE DEAN  
ACADEMY

**TICKETS**  
**£2.50**

AVAILABLE FROM  
RESOURCES!

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 18:00-20:00  
THE DEAN ACADEMY - DRAMA HALL

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

**sportily**  
PLAY SPORTS, TALK LIFE

## SPORT AND FAITH COACH - FOREST OF DEAN (PART TIME)

Salary: £22,169 - £27,096 (pro rata £8,868 - £10,838)

At the core of the role we're looking for a Sport and Faith Coach (part time - 15hours/wk) who will help us deliver our work with a focus on sports and physical activity with children and young people in Newnham, Awre and Blakeney, inviting them to explore and encounter the Christian faith.

Job details, information pack and application form can be found on Sportily's website

<https://sportily.org.uk/7994/Sport-and-Faith-Coach---Newnham-Forest-of-Dean-Part-time>

## Meditate Together

Is life really busy and you never seem to get time to stop and breathe?

Would you like to develop a regular meditation practice?

Why not join an informal group who meet on Thursdays 8-9pm @ The Armoury Hall Library

We're meeting every week between now & Christmas (Except 26th October)

No charge. Donations welcome.

For more information contact:

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MANCHESTER UNITED

**BRISTOL CITY VS MAN UNITED**

Sunday, November 26th 2pm KO

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