

### Quote of the week

Forget the mistake,  
remember the lesson.



### Book recommendation of the week

Everyone knows the Demon Headmaster series by Gillian Cross. However she also wrote the timeless classic Born of the Sun. A tale of adventure set in the deepest jungles of South America. Mature readers will enjoy.

# Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 12th May 2017

## Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

Another lovely week has passed and the End of Key Stage testing in Year 6 has happened. As expected, the children all worked well and showed significant effort. A public well done to everybody involved.

The children themselves for their efforts and positive attitude throughout, to the adults at home for their encouragement and support during this time and finally to my staff for their diligence and precision in making sure the candidates were prepared as possible for the series of tests. The results will be available from the 4th July.

I have been thinking a little about the timing of the tests and often wondered why they took place after only three quarters of the year had happened. Then I realized that the tests were a culmination of all the learning that the children have been engaged in since Year 3. Thus, they are near to the end. That is a roundabout way of saying that even though the tests are done there is still lots of work to be completed by the Year 6 children and we will be maximizing every learning opportunity as it arises 😊.

In other academy news, some of the younger children excelled at a rugby festival this week and I hope that some of the children really take to the sport and continue to develop those skills. The chicks are still cheeping and Nick has been very busy by the summer house fitting seating around the trees there. Another thank you due.

Next week our merit assembly had been scheduled for Thursday. It will, in fact, be on the usual Friday as the intended visit has had to be postponed.

Unfortunately, Chris Heaton-Harris is no longer able to visit the academy this month. We will, however, be discussing the topics of democracy and the forthcoming election as part of our lessons over the coming weeks.

As ever thank you all,  
Sol Johnson

## Awards and Achievements

### House points

Birch:	77
Chestnut:	100
Sycamore	106
Oak:	121

**Attendance Award:** Owls

**Headteachers Award:** Sofia Bates, Archie Grieve, Harry McCulloch, Kye Brooks and Ben Whitrow.

**Star Writer Certificates:** James Dean, Neve O'Connor, Noah Frost, Kiara Beyxer, Olivia Johnston and Thomas Jebson.

**Mathematician Certificates:** Archie Grieve, Eleanor Drake, Woody Wilson, Liam Hillidge, Tom Ratcliffe and Zak Johnson.

### House Points Certificates:

**Birch** – Bogden Hantea, Martha Coburn, Frank Todd, and Olivia Thomas-Huckin.

**Sycamore** – Katie Milligan, Thomas Jebson, Luke Milligan and Lewis Johnston.

**Oak** – Kate Kortegas and Neve O'Connor.

**Chestnut** – Lewis Irons, Emie Madden, Ella-Rose Lee and Kayla Day.

## Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 5th May 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.0%
Otters	96.2%
Foxes	94.0%
Owls	100%
Whole School	96.8%

For whole school year to 5th May 2017

Ladybirds & Frogs	97.3%
Otters	97.1%
Foxes	95.9%
Owls	97.2%
Whole School	96.8%

*Community - Aspiration - Achievement*



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## Curriculum news EYFS/KS1

### EYFS/Year One

In Literacy we have been reading the story Jack and the Beanstalk and in Maths, working with fractions. For our topic on bees, we have been looking at facts and information and the life cycle of a bee using present tense. In Science we have learned about root vegetables that are changed through processing.

### Year Two

This week we have done yet more SATS preparations. We have recapped ordering numbers, reading and writing numbers in words and digits, comparing numbers and place value in maths. We have recapped using apostrophes, using capital letters, using single and plural forms, using conjunctions and using past and present tense. We really enjoyed our first Freestyle PE session. We have continued with our artwork in the style of Gayle DuJohn. We even had a go at Yoga and Meditation in PE on Friday!

## Curriculum news KS2

### Years 3 and 4

This week we have been continuing our work on the Wild West. The children have written and edited Wild West hero stories. These are going to be used for trailers next week. In maths, we have been plotting co-ordinates on Wild West maps and the children have really enjoyed plotting 2D shapes. In science, we have been dissecting flowers and in topic we have been learning about Native Americans and designing cowboy beans for next week.

### Years 5 and 6

This week we have had the notorious SATS and I am delighted to say that the 6's were fantastic. Meanwhile, the 5's have enjoyed creating their own stories around beating a monster and have also been focusing on problem solving in various formats.

## Musical Instrument Tuition

Pupils have been given letters regarding the tuition given by NMPAT teachers – please ensure that you have seen a copy. Thank you.

## Country Dance Club

A new Country Dance Club will start in June and open to children in KS2. It will be held on Tuesdays 3.20-4.15pm. If your KS2 child would like to attend, please see the letter sent home with you child and return the completed the permission slip to the school post box. Thank you.

## School Messages

We are still collecting the **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers**. A collecting box is located in the school office reception area. Please could you remind your family, friends and neighbours to collect them for us too? Many thanks.

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 15th May

Brass Sessions  
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

### Tuesday 16th May

### Wednesday 17th May

Year 5/6 Hockey tournament in Daventry  
Movie Club with Miss Parker and Mr Johnson 3.30-4.15pm  
FoNS meeting 7.45pm at Queen of Hearts Daventry.

### Thursday 18th May

No Celebration Assembly as previously advertised  
Athletics Club with Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp 3.30-4.15pm

### Friday 19th May

Special Assembly with Chris Heaton-Harris is cancelled  
Celebration assembly as usual at 9am

Strings Sessions

Judo

### Monday 22nd May

KS1 SATS  
Art Club 3.30-4.30pm

Brass Sessions

### Tuesday 23rd May

KS1 SATS

### Wednesday 24th May

KS1 SATS

Freestyle Soccer – Lunchtime

Movie Club with Miss Parker and Mr Johnson 3.30-4.15pm

### Thursday 25th May

KS1 SATS

Athletics Club with Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp 3.30-4.15pm

### Friday 26th May

Strings Sessions

No Judo

## FoNS

**Members** – Every Parent/Carer is a Friend of Newnham School. If you are interested in helping in any way at a FoNS event or to get more involved with FoNS, please speak with Helen Coburn (Martha's Mum) or Clare Sherwood (Benjamin's Mum).

**Next FoNS meeting** will be Wednesday 17th May 7.45pm at Queen of Hearts Daventry. All welcome.

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## School Clubs

School Clubs continue until week ending Friday 21st July unless marked. If for any reason a club is cancelled we will advise you on the newsletter or by email/text.

Clubs Terms 5 & 6	7:30-8:45 Every day of term	12.30 – 13.00	15.20 – 16.15	15:20-18:00 Every day of term
Monday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Homework Club - 12:30	Art Club – Mrs Gardener* 3.30 – 4.30pm	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Tuesday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club			Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Wednesday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Freestyle*	Movie Club – Miss Parker and Mr Johnson	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Thursday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club		Athletics – Mr Mead and Mr Burnapp	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club
Friday	Daventry Rangers Breakfast Club	Maths Club - Mr Burnapp. Yr 6 only	Judo* 3.30- 4:30pm	Daventry Rangers Afterschool Club

\*Outside providers

For more details about Daventry Rangers before and after school club, please see their website: [www.davrangers.wix.com/sport](http://www.davrangers.wix.com/sport) and click on the link at the top of the home page to see Newnham Rangers.

# Term Dates 2016-2017

	<b>School Closed – Mayday</b>	Monday	1 May 2017
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	26 May 2017
		- End of Term Break -	
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Monday	5 June 2017
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	21 July 2017

The usual finish time of 3.20pm will apply at term ends.  
All dates are inclusive.



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## Term Dates for New Academic Year 2017 – 2018

<b>Term 1</b>	(Training Days	Friday	1 September 2017
		Monday	4 September 2017)
	<b>Term Begins</b>	Tuesday	5 September 2017
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	20 October 2017
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 2</b>	(Training Day	Monday	30 October 2017)
	<b>Term Begins</b>	Tuesday	31 October 2017
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Tuesday	19 December 2017
	(Training Day	Wednesday	20 December 2017)
- Christmas Holidays -			
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Wednesday	3 January 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	9 February 2018
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 4</b>	(Training Day	Monday	19 February 2018)
	<b>Term Begins</b>	Tuesday	20 February 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Thursday	29 March 2018
- Easter Holidays -			
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Monday	16 April 2018
	<b>School Closed – Mayday</b>	Monday	7 May 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	25 May 2018
- End of Term Break -			
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Term Begins</b>	Monday	4 June 2018
	<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday	20 July 2018

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Training days are unconfirmed and may be subject to change.