



Book recommendation of the week.

It's Your World Now! – Barry Falls (5+)

So go and play and live and learn. It's your world now, this is your turn to think and ask and make and do. The world is magic, just like you! A beautiful and funny celebration of the world and the potential of each and every child. There are warnings to that it's not always easy, but that's followed by the reassuring reminder that whatever happens, one thing won't change: *from your head down to your toe, no matter what, I love you so.*

Newnham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Date: 17th May 2019

Headteacher's Message

Hello All,

It is not often I write in both schools' newsletters identically. However, this week I am very pleased to be able to do so. I make no apologies for my indecision regarding formal testing in primary schools as there are both positive and negative aspects to be considered. But that is the system we currently have, and it is our job to ensure that the children can access these important tests with the least amount of disruption. The tests must be administered with total integrity, this formality is something we need to prepare the children for. This is so they are as fearless as possible (when sitting down to answer questions) when they are removed from the usual support given in daily learning. The Year 6 teachers and teaching assistants have shown great skill in preparing the children and I have been privileged to see at first hand in both schools how well the children have worked during this week. One of the happy by-products of test week is an enhanced sense of camaraderie in the Yr 6s and watching them enjoy a bite to eat together in the mornings was lovely; they really are a credit to their families and the school. A huge well done to all concerned and a massive thank you for your efforts.

Next week we turn our attention to the Yr 2's. They will be undergoing national testing too. Amanda Spielman commented recently that good primary schools should run these tests often without the children knowing they had actually been tested. The rationale behind this is an ideal we will be working hard to achieve.

As ever, thank you all for your support,
Sol Johnson.

Awards and Achievements

Weekly House points

Birch:	79
Chestnut:	76
Oak:	107
Sycamore:	91

Star Writer:

Emilia, Braiden, Sam, Harrison, Lewis J
Matthew, Dylan, Josh

Star Mathematician:

Summer, Ella-Rose

Star Artiste:

Archie, Frank, Braiden

Headteacher's Award:

Otters

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%.

For Week Ending 10th May 2019

Whole School	94.85%
Ladybirds	96.74%
Foxes	95%
Hares	94.27%
Otters	92.31%

For whole school year to date

Whole School	96.45%
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Curriculum news

Ladybirds Class

This week in the Ladybirds, we have been busy writing our digital books using story language to structure our ideas. We have recorded sound to narrate the stories and thought about the images and music to use for each page. In maths, reception have been building 3D shapes and spotting them in the environment while Y1 have been looking at place value with numbers to 100. In science we went on a tree hunt around the school and collected different leaves for leaf rubbings. We also painted our own plant pots and planted sunflowers seeds in them as well as planting lots of flowers in our outside area. A huge well done to all of you for your hard work in our sharing assembly.

Foxes Class

This week the children have completed their cold write for the next unit which is a persuasive text. They have also worked on areas of their writing which needed improving from their amber write last week.

In Maths year 3 were solving problems involving fractions whilst year 2 practised arithmetic and reasoning papers.

In Science the children conducted various experiments involving static electricity. We had lots of fun with balloons! In History we looked at democracy in Ancient Greece and modern democracy in the UK. The children wrote a debate on whether certain groups who currently don't have the vote should or shouldn't.

Year 2 SATs start next week so please ensure prompt arrival at school.

Another busy week!

Hares Class

This week in Hares class we have had our first visit from the Snappy Opera team. We have moved like humans, machines and smog and begun learning the songs. We have had an epic writing week in which outstanding defeating the monster stories have been written. Additionally we have been adding, subtracting and converting fractions.

Otters Class

This week, fueled by croissants and pain au chocolat, the year six children have completed all of their SATs with hard work and precision. The children arrived early every day for breakfast and some last minute revision. They put an immense amount of effort into their preparation by going over past papers; taking part in booster session and being amazing independent learners at home and school. It's taught them the importance of hard work and resilience. Well done year 6! You were awesome!

After the SATs, the children spent some time celebrating with tech time, sweets and archery. On Friday, it was back to business! The classroom was made into a courtroom for the trial of Gold E. Locks. The children went into different roles that included all of the characters in the fairytale, the defendants, the prosecutors and the jury. Afterwards, they wrote reports that contained balanced arguments.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th May

Year 2 SAT's

Dance Club 3.20pm

Performing Arts Club 3.20pm

Tuesday 21st May

Art Club 3.20pm

Wednesday 22nd May

Hockey Club 3.20pm

Construction Club 3.20pm

Atomic Science Club 3.20pm

Thursday 23rd May

Quick Sticks Hockey @ Falconers 3.45-5.20pm

Friday 24th May

Judo 3.20pm

Kwik Cricket @ Parker E-ACT 1-4pm

End of Term

School Messages

ParentPay

A reminder that all income for trips, events etc as well as lunches are now recorded through ParentPay and the office is now cashless. We cannot accept any other form of payment and suggest you ensure your account is set up and working correctly. Further information is available from the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Playing Field

We are pleased to inform you that our Sport's Field is now open again and safe to use. The most diseased trees have been removed and the remaining ones (that have been assessed and are not in immediate danger) will be removed later in the year.

FoNS

Our Summer Hoedown is on Friday 19th July 6.30-9.30pm

Tickets – Adult £10, Child £5

All BBQ food and entertainment is included in the ticket price. Limited number of tickets will go on sale soon.

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Term Dates for Academic Year 2018 – 2019

Term 5	Term Ends	Friday	24 th May
- End of Term Break -			
Term 6	Term Begins	Monday	3 rd June
	Term Ends	Wednesday	24 th July

The usual finish time of 3.20pm will apply at term ends. All dates are inclusive.
Training days are unconfirmed and may be subject to change.

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Key dates for your diary 2019

May

Monday 20th – Friday 24th May - Year 2 SATs

June

Monday 10th - Friday 14th June - Year 1 phonics screening

Monday 10th - Friday 14th June – Ladybird’s Enterprise Week

July

Monday 1st – Thursday 4th July – Year 6 Bikeability

Thursday 4th July – Special Event Day: American Independence

Tuesday 16th July – Hares and Otters Summer production at 18:00

Wednesday 17th July – Hares and Otters Summer production at 14:30 and 18:00

Thursday 18th July – Sports Day

Friday 19th July - Termly report out to parents

Friday 19th July – FoNS Summer Hoedown

Tuesday 23rd July - Leavers’ service at Newnham Church at 9:15

***Dates may be subject to change**



After School Clubs (3.20-4.15pm)

Monday	Dance Club Performing Arts Club	Years 2+ Years R & 1
Tuesday	Art Club (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 2+
Wednesday	Construction Club Hockey Club Atomic Science Club (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 2 & 3 Years 4, 5, 6 Years 1+
Thursday		
Friday	Judo (<i>outside provider – payment required</i>)	Years 1+