



Newnham News

Friday 5 September 2025

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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to school - brand new for some, (un)comfortably reassuring for others.

As most of you will know, Helen Bracey, a long serving member of the office staff, left at the end of the summer term. Fortunately, we were able to appoint Mirka Maio, who had been working as a member of support staff, to the vacant finance manager position. Many of you will already know Mrs Maio, who is a parent to a Year 4 child as well.

Hopefully, you will have noticed the work done to the front garden over the break. The plan is now to be led by the children as we think about planting. The goal is for it to be very much child-led and owned, with staff sitting quietly by, overseeing a botanical transformation.

For the plants, the Co-op has kindly donated some funds but, mostly, we are hoping for cuttings or plants from children's own gardens (with parental permission!)

So if you have a garden and have anything that might be suitable, please talk to your child and we can get started during the autumn. Hopefully, we'll be able to get some good foundations in place for next spring.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Y6 swimming (every Tues this term) Tues 16 Sept
Early Years workshop for parents/carers 9.15am Mon 22 Sept

Please check the school calendar on our [website](#), which updated regularly.

Whole school news

Flu vaccination - date changed to Wednesday 8 October

The school vaccination team is coming to our school on 8 October. To consent or withdraw consent to either a nasal spray or injection, please read the attached information sheet or click [here](#).

Religion and Worldviews



As well as our curriculum content covering Religion and Worldviews, we would like to include more assemblies this year that reflect the diverse mix of cultures and beliefs of children and their families at Newnham Croft. If you would be willing to lead a short assembly (or if you have a contact of someone who would) then we would love to hear from you!

Celebrating important events in the calendar from different world beliefs would enrich the learning and understanding of all pupils. If you are interested, then please contact Jo Turner - jturner@newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk

Parenting Support

Attached in the newsletter is information from Shelley Bari, our school's Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA). There is information about Shelley's role, some top tips and contact details. There is also a list of 'EIFA core offer workshops' which is a list of free online sessions covering common parenting challenges such as sibling rivalry, sleep, supporting your child with feelings of anger and worry and how to understand and respond to challenging behaviours. All details for booking can be found on the attachment.

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week will be Week 2. The cost of a school meal is £2.75.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, a copy of which can be found on our school website:
www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk.

Community News

West Anglian Orienteering Club (WAOC) orienteering event

The local orienteering club is holding a beginners event at Coe Fen on Saturday 13th September 2025 as part of their Park-O series around Cambridge. The event takes place between 1.30 and 3.00 and full details are given at <https://www.waoc.org.uk/events/coe-fen-and-lammas-land-2-025-09-13> There is a short and a long course, both ideal for beginners. Each course costs £3 for students and £5 for adults (21yrs+) or family groups. Help is available to get you started.

