



Newnham News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We held our first Full Governing Body meeting of the year this week and are pleased to announce that Matthew Crawford, one of our parents, has been elected as our new Chair of Governors.

I would like to offer our sincere thanks to Matt Day, who has stepped down as Chair after several years of exceptional service. Matt continues to be one of the most supportive parents the school has known and, as one of his final acts as Chair, he thoroughly enjoyed being a judge for the Year 6 MasterChef competition in the summer term.

We also extend our thanks to Dani Redhead, who has stepped down from her role as Parent Governor (though she remains an Associate Governor for the time being). Dani has been an incredibly active member of the school community — whether serving on the governing body (including as Chair), supporting the PTA (not least the ever-popular Christmas tree sales!), or helping to establish our now very successful school orchestra.

I am so appreciative of the time, effort, and commitment of Matt, Dani, and Matthew — and indeed all members of the governing board and PTA — for their continued support and contributions to the life of the school.

Kind regards,
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Parent consultations	Mon 20 Oct
Parent consultations	Tues 21 Oct
Y6 swimming (every Tues this term)	Tues 21 Oct
Y5/6 cross-country	Thurs 23 Oct
Reception forest school	Fri 24 Oct
Y3 forest school	Fri 24 Oct
End of half term	Fri 24 Oct
Back to school	Mon 3 Nov

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

Whole school news

Parent consultations

Booking for parent consultations closes on Sunday- login [here](#) and book if you have not already done so. If you're struggling to login, do get in touch with the office.

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.

Book Fair

Thank you all so much for supporting our Book Fair at the beginning of October. Thanks to your purchases, the school has earned **£529.05** to spend on new books of our choice.

Classroom news

Reception

A busy week in reception looking at repeating patterns and symmetry in maths. In phonics, we have covered 'g,o,c,k' and



the tricky word 'is'. In forest school we made symmetrical patterns with sticks and leaves and had fun exploring.

Year 1

Last week, Year 1 learnt a poem titled "Purple Is..." by an anonymous poet. This week, the children used the same framework to create their own colourful poems. After carefully writing and publishing them in their best handwriting, they proudly shared their

poems with the Reception class.

For her version of the poem, Jophiel wrote:

Red is...

A pointy triangle
A curly ribbon
A pointy pencil

That is what red means to me.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we made the final adjustments to our moving monsters, strengthening pivots and linkages. In English, we planned and wrote our own alternative endings to *The Three Little Pigs*, working hard to include interesting adjectives and synonyms for *said*. In maths, we began our new unit on measure, exploring centimetres (cm) and the non-standard unit decimetres. In geography, we discussed our enquiry question: *Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?* In science, our investigation showed that the strength of some materials can be changed.

Please note that Year 2 has not brought a new reading book home this week, but they will receive a new Little Wandle book on Wednesday 22nd. Well done for all your hard work and perseverance this week, Year 2!

Year 3

Year 3 has had another busy week. In maths, we have been learning to measure lengths in centimetres and millimetres and learnt to read scales using a range of different intervals. In English lessons, the children learnt to identify the features that you might expect to find in a non-chronological report including headings, subheadings, paragraphs, images, and captions. In science, the children carried out an investigation to see which soils (clay, sandy and peat) drained the best and then considered the reasons behind this. Finally in RE, the children thought about what places they consider spiritual and how these places make them feel and who they felt connected to.

Year 4

This week in maths we used place value to add and subtract with more tricky 4 digit numbers involving zero as a place holder. We also continued to revise time, doing different time-related challenges depending on our confidence level. In English we have been writing our own stories in the style of *Grimwood* and checking to see if we need to practise any words from the year 1/2 spelling list. In RE, we looked at how Bahá'í teachings influence some people's practices. In science, we looked at how climate change can impact the water cycle and, therefore, the world and what can be done about it. In PSHE, we reflected on who is currently in our support networks and the value of sharing a worry with a trusted adult. Spellings coming home this week are from the Year 3/4 spelling list.

Year 5

Year 5 have been finishing their topic of Ancient Greece by thinking about the Olympic Games and researching their favourite Olympic activity. They learnt that there were eight sporting activities altogether. In Science, we looked at what happens to a balloon when increasing amounts of vinegar are added to bicarbonate of soda. In English, we have started exploring the poem *The Walrus and the Carpenter* by Lewis Carroll. The class have begun reciting some of the stanzas and have identified some of the key poetic features of this traditional poem. In maths, we have been working on column subtraction and using the expanded method to find the

difference between two sets of amounts. Well done, Year 5, for a very hard-working week!

Year 6

This week we had a new student teacher called Miss Baxter. We finished our class book called *The Boy in the Girls' Bathroom*. The whole class said that it was a really great book. We rate the book 9/10. On Friday we had a bake sale and the cakes were delicious! Next week on Thursday we are going to have a cross-country run at Grantchester Meadows. We are also preparing and making our Masterchef goodies. Our topic is scones and we're all very excited. For the cross-country run, Y6s have to eat a big breakfast for a lot of energy.

By Edie and Sophia

PTA news

Fireworks Night

The PTA warmly invite everyone to fireworks night on **Saturday 8**

November- Here is the link for the tickets:

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1371970892>