



# Newnham News

Friday 22 May 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Although a long last week, the half term seems to have arrived so quickly - always a sign of a happy and positive few weeks in school.

For me, the start of this week was a delight - channeling my inner chauffeur (or, more probably, second-rate bus driver) as the designated driver for the Reception class' Monday visit to Hay Green Farm.

From that start, we had: Year 5 and 6 rugby; Years 2-6 Public Speaking assembly; the Year 5 performance; Britain's Got Talent (written and produced by the children); a Year 6 literary festival event; a visit by Daniel Zeichner, MP; and the International Afternoon. Throw in all the usual lessons and learning and it has been absolutely choc-a-bloc ("very full" for those unfamiliar with that phrase).

I would like to say a big thank you to some of our South Korean parents who have been so generous with their time, effort and enthusiasm in helping us prepare this year's International Afternoon. You made it the success that it was.

A reminder that Monday 1st June is a training day, so we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2nd June, refreshed and ready for the always brilliant last half term of the academic year.

Enjoy your (sunny) half terms.

Kind regards,  
Edward Ferguson

## Diary Dates

End of half term	Fri 22 May
Back to school	Tues 2 June
Y3 swimming	Tues 2 June
Y4 swimming	Tues 2 June
PTA meeting	5.30pm Tues 2 June

Y4 trip to Museum of Cambridge

Thurs 4 June

Y4 forest school

Fri 5 June

Y2 swimming

Fri 5 June

Y6 forest school

Fri 5 June

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

## Whole school news

### School Meals

The weekly menu is attached and [online](#). The menu after half term will be Week 1. The cost of a school meal is £2.75.

### Classroom news



### Reception

Reception had a fabulous trip to Hay Green Farm on Monday where they fed cows, lambs, goats and chickens and helped plant pumpkins. They have all really enjoyed writing about their experience. A huge thank you to Youngin's mum, Bosun, for coming in on Wednesday morning to talk to the children about Korea. The children coloured

*mugunghwa* and stuck them on a map ready for international day.

### Year 1

Following on from our recent learning about free verse poetry, Year 1 have been busy writing their own poems about butterflies. The children explored a simple poetic structure inspired by Shirley Hughes' poem *Mudlarks*, helping them to organise their ideas and express their thoughts creatively.

They chose exciting describing words and created lovely images of butterflies, before publishing their poems with colourful illustrations.

#### Little Butterflies by Elke

I like butterflies  
Butterflies are cute and sweet  
Fly little butterfly  
Fly, fly, fly  
The cute kind  
I do like butterflies!

#### **Year 2**

This week in Year 2, we have been very busy with lots of exciting learning! In maths, we practised telling the time and ordering analogue clocks, as well as recapping the months of the year. In art, we finished our decorative tiles by painting them and then evaluated our work carefully. In geography, we welcomed some children into our classroom to help us answer our enquiry question, "How do people use our local coast?" We recorded our results using tally charts and presented our data in pictograms. To finish the week, we created fantastic Korean mythology and folklore shadow puppets and wrote instructions explaining how to make them. We used time conjunctions, imperative verbs and adverbs in our writing.

#### **Year 3**

Year 3 has had a busy week. In maths, the children used bar models to find fractions of amounts. In our English sessions the children have really enjoyed starting to read *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. In science the children learnt about the life cycle of a plant and designed a super seed that could be dispersed in multiple different ways. At the start of the week the children really enjoyed making their seasonal coleslaws and salads in DT. Thank you to all the adults that volunteered to help with this and the swimming sessions at the Leys Pool.

*Remember, we have swimming on the first day back!*

#### **Year 4**

In maths, we finished our decimals and fractions topic by using our place value knowledge to do quick additions and subtractions of ones, tenths and hundredths and also placing 2-place decimals on number lines. In English, we looked at the techniques Malala Yousafzai used to make her Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech powerful and persuasive and then worked in groups to rehearse one of

her speeches to perform. In science, we collected a variety of leaves from the school grounds and then created classification keys to sort them by their features. We also enjoyed preparing presentations about Korea in preparation for the international afternoon.

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#### **Year 5**

Year 5 has had a very productive and theatrical end to their final week of this half term. They performed *Britain's Got Talent* and did an amazing job. All lines, songs, choreography, and dances were performed brilliantly and independently. They took complete ownership of the play. Thank you to all the parents who came to support them. We also prepared and constructed some traditional Korean games along with Year 6 in preparation for the International Afternoon. Two members of the class bravely took part in the KS2 speaking competition, Alice and Sammy and did really well. Well done, Year 5, for an excellent end to the term!

#### **Year 6**

This week, we began writing and planning our play. Some groups have been practising dances for the songs. In English, we have continued our non-linear stories. We have also been preparing posters for International Afternoon on South Korea. Yesterday, we had a very exciting trip to see Matt Goodfellow, a poet and author of our class book, *The Final Year*. We each received a signed copy of his new book, *Six Weeks*. In PE, we had our last rounders sessions and some of our class took part in a girls rugby festival. Joylin and George went to the final public speaking round and both did very well. Everyone who took part in the heats also had brilliant speeches. In music, we have been practising our play songs and choosing our favourite ones.

*By Matilda and Ziyuan*

### **Community news**

#### **Junior Scientist's Day**

See the attached poster for more information on a fun afternoon at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit on 28 May for Year 1 and Year 2 children.

#### **Girls rugby**

See the attached flyer for Cambridge Rubies, a girls rugby club here in Newnham.