



Newnham News

Friday 3 July 2026

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that the results from this year's national assessments have been so positive again.

In Early Years, 70% of children achieved a Good Level of Development, above the 2025 national average of 68.3%.

Our Year 1 pupils performed exceptionally well in the Phonics Screening Check, with 93.1% meeting the expected standard, compared with a national average of 80%.

Year 4 pupils achieved an average score of 21.1 in the Multiplication Tables Check, slightly above the 2025 national average of 21.0.

At Key Stage 2, outcomes were particularly strong. In Writing, 84% of pupils achieved the expected standard (national 72%), while 22% achieved greater depth (national 13%). In Science, 97% of pupils achieved the expected standard, compared with a national figure of 82%.

Unfortunately, the publication of this year's Key Stage 2 Reading and Mathematics results has been delayed nationally due to an issue with the Department for Education's assessment provider, so we cannot share those with you at the moment.

These results are a testament to the dedication of our pupils, staff and families. Congratulations to everyone for all your hard work. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

PTA Summer Fete	Sun 5 July
Y6 sleepover	Thurs 9 July
Sports Day	KS2 9.10am Wed 15 July

KS1 1.20pm

Y6 leavers' assembly

9.05am Fri 17 July

Last day of term

Fri 17 July

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

Whole school news

Teachers for next year

Whilst we are still finalising places for our support assistants, below is the list of which teachers will be where:

- Reception - Miss Wakelen (Ms Mangera Fri afternoon)
- Year 1 - Mrs Mangera (Ms Genochio Friday)
- Year 2 - Miss Harvey
- Year 3 - Mr Goller
- Year 4 - Ms Genochio (M,T) and Mrs Kivisild (W,T,F)
- Year 5 - Mrs Markham
- Year 6 - Ms Holliday (M-Th) Mrs Turner (Fri morn).
Ms H and Mrs T will alternate on Friday afternoons.

Charity afternoon

Next Friday (10 July) we are having a charity afternoon. There will be various games and activities, which will cost 50p to take part in. Please send your child in with £2.00 at most, in change. We are raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Parenting workshops

Please find attached information from our EIFA (Education Inclusion Family Advisor) with information about free parenting workshops on topics such as sleep, and managing your child's emotions as well as 1:1 support on issues such as challenging behaviour and sibling rivalry.

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week will be Week 3. The cost of a school meal is £2.75.

Classroom news

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been learning about sea creatures and using our knowledge to write simple non-fiction sentences in English. In maths, we have been exploring sharing and learning that some numbers can be shared equally while others cannot. Our role-play area has become a People Who Help Us setting, where the children have enjoyed taking on roles such as doctors, firefighters and police officers. Thank you to all the family members who joined us for lunch on Thursday – the children were delighted to share this special experience with you.

Year 1

We have been continuing with our work on watercolours where Year 1 has been experimenting with how the colours mix and flow to create interesting patterns and shapes. This week the children looked carefully at their paintings to see what the marks reminded them of before using their imaginations to add details and bring their ideas to life. We have loved seeing their creativity shine through, and each piece of artwork is wonderfully unique.



Albert's desert scene

Year 2

This week, the children reflected on their time in Year 2 by completing their pupil reviews and thinking about all they have enjoyed and achieved throughout the year. In History, we finished our learning about castles by exploring how they changed over time, analysing how effective their different features were, and designing our own castles. In computing, the children created their own programs by selecting images, planning an algorithm, and building sequences of blocks to match their designs. We also had our final swimming session, and the children should be very proud of the excellent progress they have made over the last 5 weeks. In PE, we continued practising our Sports Day skills, while in maths we recapped subtraction strategies through fun games, including the children's favourite, Race to 0.

Year 3

It has been another great week in Year 3. At the start of the week the children worked really hard on completing their end of year assessments. In our maths lessons, we consolidated previous learning on how to calculate the duration of tasks. We also learnt to recognise what horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines are and learnt to draw shapes that included them. In English lessons, the children really enjoyed writing their own stories based on *Badgers Parting Gifts* by Susan Varley. In our history sessions we learnt about what Tudor and Victorian children did for their leisure time and what has continued into the modern era and what has changed.

Year 4

Another wonderful week in Year 4! The children have impressed us as authors this week writing a prelude to the story *Flotsum*. They will be publishing their own versions of the book ready to be enjoyed by other children in KS2. In science we began our research project answering the question "How do environmental changes impact endangered species?". We've also been captivated by the class book "The Unlikely Tale of Chase and Finnegan" which has us on the edge of our seats and willing on our protagonists as they overcome their challenges. Audible gasps and empathetic sighs have been heard as we enjoy this heartwarming story together. We enjoyed an art gallery visit in our classroom as we looked at each other's watercolour paintings exploring water, waves, and treasured objects. We have been building skills and exploring the use of watercolours over several weeks and the children were brilliant at reflecting on and complimenting their work. In maths, we sat three assessments (one arithmetic and two reasoning). In English, we put the final touches to our persuasive letters and started preparing them to send. In PSHE, we talked more in detail about changes that occur during puberty, specifically focusing on periods.

Year 5

Year 5 has had a very busy week preparing for Sports Day, writing up their final narrative pieces, and beginning to plan their final DT projects. In maths, we have been recapping the column method to add and subtract money, decimals, and whole numbers (3-, 4-, and 5-digit numbers). In English, Year 5 revisited expanded noun phrases, speech marks, and metaphors, which the class then applied in their final writing pieces. In RE, Year 5 has been learning about the different denominations of Christianity. In DT, everyone had a go at designing either a slipper or a puppet. They thought carefully about the colours and materials they would like to use for their projects. Well done for a hardworking week, Year 5.

Year 6

On Tuesday we shared some poems and we also did some sports day tryouts. On Wednesday some people went to a rounders tournament and they came second. On Thursday we were working on the computers in SketchUp. On Friday we were learning about different Christian beliefs.

By Eassa and Solly

PTA news

PTA School Summer Fete - Sunday 5 July 2026 1pm - 4pm

Come one and all to the summer event of the year! Join our wonderful school community for this year's Summer Fete and enjoy good food, fun activities, and exciting raffle prizes.

To beat the queues, we're trying something a bit new this year to encourage as many of you as possible to book in advance. If you book [online](#), tickets are £4 adult and £2 child. On the day it will be £5 adult and £3 child. As always, if there are any families needing support with buying tickets, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Raffle

Our ever popular raffle will be back. If anyone can offer any exciting raffle prizes, please do send an email to the PTA (newnhamcroftpta@gmail.com).

Many hands make a school summer fete

The success of the Summer Fete always depends on many helping hands, so please do put yourself forward to help with either setting up, scooping yummy ice cream, serving food, playing bar tender, keeping an eye on the inflatable, or welcoming one and all at the gate. It is incredibly helpful to know in advance who can help out, so please do put your name down [here](#) as a volunteer.

Reception stall at summer fete

Reception is looking for donations of books to be sold at the summer fete. Please, bring your donations to school and leave them in a box at drop off or pick up all next week.

Moreover, we will be also collecting not needed toys you have at home to replenish toys for Reception. Items requested are:

Baby dolls, clothes and accessories

Small metal toy cars

Farm animals

Shells

Small figurines

Plastic jugs and toys for water play

Magnet sets

Small emergency service vehicles

You will find our tables set in the hall area on the day of the fete.

Thank you all for your support!

Community news

Sheep's Green Learner Pool is there for you!

With the weather improving, why not head down to Sheep's Green Learner Pool after school one day? This lovely hidden gem, just a short walk from school, is often quiet during the week, making it a wonderful place to relax, cool off, and enjoy a swim. Perfect for children who have outgrown the paddling pool, the pool is 90 cm deep, making it an ideal place to build water confidence and start practising swimming strokes in a safe environment. The pool is open every day after school from 3.30pm–6.30pm and from 10am–6pm at weekends. Best of all, adults can have a dip too and entry is completely free! Find out more <https://sheepsgreen.wordpress.com/>

Flute and Recorder Lessons with Paulo

Learn to play the flute in a fun and inclusive environment, at school! New availability coming up from September. Please write to organise a taster lesson this term! 😊 Open to everyone from Y3 upwards, lessons are 20 or 30 minutes long (great if you want to join the school orchestra in the future!). Get in touch at pauloghi@gmail.com or ghigliaflutestudio.com

Summer at the Museums

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Do you play an orchestral instrument?

Cambridge Young Performers Orchestra is inviting young musicians to a free one-off open rehearsal on Thursday 9th July, 6:30–8:00 pm in the school hall. We welcome players of all orchestral instruments, including percussion. The rehearsal is open to ages 10+ (including secondary age) and musicians of approximately Grade 3–4 standard and above. Parents are welcome to stay and watch or drop off and collect at the end.

CYPO is a friendly, vibrant orchestra and whether you're already part of an orchestra or looking for an exciting new musical challenge, we'd love to welcome you. You can find out more here <https://www.eloisekendall.com/cambridge-young-performers-orchestra> or email Ellie Kendall ellie_kendall@hotmail.co.uk.