



Newnham News

Friday 13 March 2026

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

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Whole school news

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next Friday we will be marking Red Nose Day and supporting Comic Relief with a school joke competition.

Children will have the chance to share their jokes in class, with the best ones being shared with the whole school in an assembly of laughter (hopefully!)

If you would like to support Comic Relief, there is a Newnham Croft JustGiving page for donations (click [here](#) for link). We will also have a collection bucket at the school gate on Friday morning for anyone who would prefer to donate in person.

A huge thank you to our PTA and to all the children who took part in the recent Readathon, which raised an impressive £940. This is a great start towards the target for the PTA's playground renovation project.

If you would still like to contribute to the playground renovation, you can do so via the crowdfunding page (click [here](#) for link).

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Year 5 swimming (bring PJs)	Tues 17 Mar
Y6 Hilltop trip	Wed 18 Mar
Reception forest school	Fri 20 Mar
Y1 forest school	Fri 20 Mar
Y6 children return from Hilltop	approx 11.30am Sat 21 Mar

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

Year 3 and 4 performance

Year 3 & 4 will be performing *Oliver with a Twist* for their families on Monday 23 March at 5.30pm and Tuesday 24 March at 1.30pm. As space in our hall is limited, entrance will be strictly by ticket. Each family will be allocated 2 tickets only. The evening performance is now full but there are plenty of tickets for Tuesday afternoon.

School Meals

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

Classroom news

Reception

This week in Reception we have been very busy with our learning. In maths, the children have been working hard on subtraction using a number line. They have been working in pairs to solve problems, writing their own number sentences and using the number line to help them work out the answers. The children are beginning to understand that when we take away, the numbers get smaller, and they have shown great teamwork when explaining their thinking to their partners. We have also been busy preparing a special Mother's Day surprise, and the children have put a lot of effort and care into their work. We are sure it will bring lots of smiles! In English, we enjoyed reading a poem about a pet cat. The children then used this as inspiration to create their own class poem about Bobby the dog. They had lots of wonderful ideas and used some great describing words to bring Bobby to life in their writing.

Year 1

This week in maths, the children have been learning about halves and quarters. They explored how a whole can be shared into equal parts, learning that a half is one of two equal parts and a quarter is one of four equal parts. Using practical resources, folding shapes and sharing objects, the children discussed whether parts were equal and explained their thinking. The children are looking forward to putting this learning into action at home - they could perhaps help

cut foods such as sandwiches or fruit into halves or quarters and talk about making the pieces the same size.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we planned and wrote an alternative ending to our class book *Grandad's Island*. In maths, we used different strategies to add and subtract, finishing the week by using number lines to add and subtract tens and ones. The children carefully partitioned numbers into 10s and 1s and explored the pattern when adding or subtracting multiples of 10. In history, we investigated why Bessie Coleman is historically significant using



photographs. In DT, we used a template and began joining fabric using a running stitch. In science, we measured and compared our seeds and described what seeds need to germinate. We also worked scientifically to record our data in a table. Well done for a great week, Year 2!

Year 3

We used a map and instructions to tell us what to do and where to go. For example, we were teaching a dog how to get to school! In RE we've been looking at how Adam and Eve had to choose between free will and perfection. They chose free will by eating the apple. They were punished for making clothes for themselves and were thrown out of the Garden of Eden. In maths this morning, we created our own number sentences. We have also been working on column addition and subtractions. In science, we have been planning our child led projects which are all about our bodies and bones. We plan to make all sorts of different things to show information - a small book, a model and even a pop-up book.

By Florence and Mia

Year 4

In maths, we counted up to find change for amounts of money, ordered one-place decimals and also rounded them to the nearest whole number. In English we wrote the exciting problem solving part and the ending of our story. We were archaeologists for history this week. We

examined ancient Mayan ruins to see what we could find out. In RE we thought about what messages parables have for Christians. For e-safety we tried to identify where the risks might be in our own use of technology. We have been very busy with rehearsals for our upcoming play and preparing ourselves for rehearsals without scripts next week! This week spelling words have 'au' making an /or/ sound.

Year 5

Year 5 has had a very active and busy week. They began the week by visiting West Road Concert Hall to see the Cambridge University Wind Orchestra. We then had two swimming sessions to make up for the one that was missed last week. In maths, Year 5 has been exploring X and Y coordinates. To engage the class, they used the frog method to work out the difference between different measurements. In English, the class has been using relative clauses to plan and create their introductions in preparation for completing their persuasive writing pieces for Mr Ferguson. In geography, Year 5 explored why people choose to migrate, and in RE the class continued their learning from our last lesson on Samsara. Just a reminder that next Tuesday, 17th March, when we go swimming, everyone will need to bring pyjamas to wear over their swimming costumes as part of Safe Swimming Week.

Year 6

Y6 were once again busy bees! First of all, the dance competition is on Friday. We practiced hard and we are all nervous and excited! Secondly, the A team football took place on Wednesday but sadly Mr Goller was quite sick so Mr Ferguson went instead. Thirdly on Thursday, we brought sunglasses. It was for a science project and there was a sunglass trading situation. Lastly, Hilltop is next week! Y6 has been buzzing about it and good luck to Ms Elbourne on the rooms. Thank you for reading!

By Ahyun

Community news

School music festival

The Easter music festival will take place on March 27th in the school hall (4:30 - 5:30pm). It will feature a performance from the Newnham Croft orchestra followed by solo performances by the school budding musicians. Any child is welcome to perform. Please fill the following form if your child would like to be included in the list of performers: <https://forms.gle/6C2ZfRDfscyE2PK76>

Parents webinars

Please see the attached flyer with details on free webinars on online safety.

Easter activities in the Fens



The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants

Build a bird box

**Love birds, making crafts and exploring outdoors?
Join us in the Easter holidays for family fun!**

Build and decorate your own nest box to take home. Each family ticket includes the kit to make one box. More bird-themed crafts available too and the opportunity to explore the beautiful nature reserve looking for the birds that call it home. Continue exploring, bug hunting and den building after the event. Why not bring a packed lunch and stay all day?



Location: Ramsey Heights Nature Reserve,
Chapel Road, PE26 2RS
Date: Thursday 2nd April 2026, 10am - 12pm
Price: Wildlife Trust BCN Member Family £12.50,
Non-member Family £15 (plus Eventbrite fees)

Book online:
wildlifebcn.org/events

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