



Newnham News

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Dear parents/carers,

It's been a lovely week here at the mighty Newnham Croft! The sunshine has brought giddy joy to both children and adults alike. Year 5 pupils bubbled with excitement about their residential; Years 2, 3, and 4 have been heading off for their swimming lessons; and Year 1 and Reception enjoyed an engaging workshop from Perform. All this, alongside fascinating science experiments, SATs preparation, and the wonderful learning I see every day as I walk around the school.

On Thursday after school, I attended the PTA meeting, where the main focus was planning the ever-popular Summer Fete. This year's event will raise funds for the development of our front community garden—a space the children have helped design, with guidance from the Eco Committee.

The date is now set: **Sunday 13th July, 12–3pm**. Please mark it in your diaries! The Fete is always a highlight of the school year, and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible.

PTA class reps will soon be reaching out for the many volunteers needed to make the event a success. Please do consider giving a little of your time—many hands make light work, and it's always more fun with a crowd!

Enjoy the classroom news, and have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

School closed - Bank holiday	Mon 5 May
Y4 swimming	Tues 6 May
Y3 swimming	Tues 6 May
Y4 trip to Grafham Water	Thurs 8 May
Y2 swimming	Thurs 8 May
Y4 return from Grafham Water <i>approx 4pm</i>	Fri 2 May

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

Whole school news

Education Inclusion Family Advisor newsletter

Please see the attached newsletter from the EIFA team.

School Chess Team

The chess league concluded on Sunday, with our A-team finishing an outstanding 6th out of 20. We should continue to improve with the weekly coaching, so we are hoping to improve next season and are aiming to finish in the top 5. Well done to Evan in Year 4 for captaining the school in our first competitive season.

Our B-team finished in the top half of the table (just!) and our Cs were 16th. Overall, we should be delighted with how we are acquitting ourselves. It is worth mentioning that many of the schools in the league go up to Year 11, which makes our achievements even more impressive.

Full results and fixtures can be found here: [Cambridgeshire Chess Championship](#)

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached. The menu after the holidays will be Week 3. The cost of a school meal is £2.65.

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.

Classroom news

Reception

It has been so lovely to welcome Reception back for a new – and very warm – term. We have started work on our new topic, *The Wonderful Outside*. All the children talked about what this topic made them think of, with many suggesting plants, animals, and minibeasts. In maths, we have been exploring time. All the children used small analogue clocks to show 12 o'clock, 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock, and 9 o'clock with the minute and hour hands. In Literacy, all the children have continued with their class book, *Aaaagh, Spider!* by Lydia Monks. They practised writing a short sentence to show what the spider thought of his new family. In science, the children went on a minibeast hunt in search of different insects, such as ladybirds and beetles. In Phonics, we started the week by exploring CVCC words, such as *champ*, *chest*, *punch*, *shift*, *shelf*, and *milk*. We also looked at CCVC words: *shrink*, *crack*, *frog*, *drum*, *plug*, and *drink*. Lastly, the tricky words we focused on were: *some*, *come*, *love*, and *do*. Well done for a hardworking week, Reception!

Year 1

Year 1 has been working on writing skills using a new medium as the computing focus this term is word

processing. The class has been finding the letter keys on the keyboard, finding out how to change the letter case and also using the backspace key to make changes. Once the children were familiar with the keys they were given the task of writing sentences using their new skills. Writing in the more usual format in English has been based on letter writing, ranging from postcards to thank you messages.

Year 2

Year 2 has had a brilliant beginning to the summer term. We've kicked off our swimming lessons, and the children have impressed us with how well they've organised themselves and got changed independently—well done, everyone! In English, we've been exploring similes and using them to create imaginative minibeast poems. The children have shown great creativity in their writing. In maths, we've been revisiting our work on money—adding two amounts together and calculating change with growing confidence. In science, we've launched our new topic on minibeasts. The children have been busy observing invertebrates in our school environment and learning how to use classification keys to sort and identify them.

Year 3

Year 3 has made an excellent start to the new term. In maths, we focused on subtracting 3-digit numbers using the column method. We have also worked on recognising parallel and perpendicular lines and counting in 50s and 100s. In English lessons, the children enjoyed planning a story based on *The Paint Job* by Alex Wharton. They worked



with sentences containing different fronted adverbials and used a range of conjunctions to link clauses. In science, we learnt about different types of contact forces and investigated which surface a toy car moves the furthest on. In our DT session, the children enjoyed designing their seasonal salads/coleslaws using the design criteria to help them think about adding different colours, textures and flavour combinations.

Year 4

This week we have started our new topic titled *What are rivers and how are they used?* We have learnt about the different parts of the river and have started a model of one river section. In science, we have also started our new unit

called *How does your garden grow?* We looked at the different jobs of the parts of a plant and looked closely at plants in our forest school session. In maths, we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, and learning about negative numbers. In English, we have improved our use of pronouns and punctuation for speech. I have been very impressed with everyone's hard work on times tables. Keep up the practice. Spelling words this week are plural nouns.

Year 5

In English, we finished writing and editing our play script ready for rehearsals next week. In maths, we revised 2-place decimals and rounding. We also enjoyed sharing our Tudor projects with the rest of upper Key Stage 2. Our Thorpe Woodlands residential was amazing, with children pushing themselves to try new things and work as a team to overcome challenges. Adults and children had a brilliant time!

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have been creating practice reading tests for the Year 5s, and started our new French project where we plan a trip to France. We have been continuing our maths revision for SATS.

By Christian and Ava

Community News

Girls football in Trumpington

Please see the attached leaflet for more information on girls football.