



# Newnham News

Friday 27 February 2026

Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for responding so positively to our request to remove all earrings and jewellery. It has been a very impressive and comprehensive removal process and has made it much easier to manage.

When discussing this amongst staff, the priority was the safety aspect. We realised that incidents involving earrings is unlikely but on the rare occasions where earrings are involved, outcomes are never less than gruesome.

Our other reasons with deciding to continue with our No jewellery policy revolves around precious things getting lost, the upset this can cause and also the fact that, without a school uniform, our children have plenty of opportunities to express themselves visually whilst also being ready for active sessions and playtimes.

Enjoy the newsletter and enjoy the weekend.

Kind regards,  
Edward Ferguson

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## Diary Dates

Open afternoon 3.15 - 4pm	Mon 2 Mar
CANCELLED Year 5 swimming	Tues 3 Mar
Reception vision screening	Wed 4 Mar

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

## Whole school news

### Reception are making a vet's surgery

Do you have any supplies that might help us make a vet's role play area in Reception? Small pet beds or a small cage perhaps? If you have anything suitable and wouldn't mind lending us some items, let the office know.

### British Science Week

We are still looking for egg cartons, plastic containers, plastic bags, tin foil, cardboard such as cereal boxes, and string for British Science Morning on 16th March. If possible, please could items be brought into school during the week before British Science Morning. Thank you.  
Mrs Markham (science lead).

### Change of shoes

Where possible, can children have a change of shoes with them. Now the weather seems to be improving, the children have happily been playing on the field but as it's not fully dry, feet can get a bit muddy. A change of shoes would save our carpets and keep our school clean.

### Tree planting

Year 3 planted a tree that was donated to the school by a parent when their child was saddened to see some of our trees being pollarded last year. Thank you.



### 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. Please pick up from the office from Tuesday 3 March, selecting which performance you wish to attend. Preferences will be allocated on a first come, first served basis to ensure an equal spread across both days.

## 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

We have had a very busy and exciting first week back in Reception! The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing our new class book, *Is There a Dog in This Book?* by Viviane Schwarz. It has inspired lots of lovely conversations about pets and how we care for them. Following on from this, we have been learning about what pets need to stay happy and healthy. The children have had great fun taking on the role of vets in our role play area and looking after our new puppy, Reggie (sadly not a real one!). In maths, we have been exploring weight by weighing the pets using non-standard measures, and the children have enjoyed comparing which animals are heavier or lighter. We also have a new dark tent in the classroom, which has been a cosy and exciting space for reading stories with torches and twinkly lights.

### Year 1

This week, Year 1 has been learning about *nouns* — naming words used to label objects, people and places. We linked this to the story *Martha Maps It Out*, where we spotted nouns and discussed how labels help us organise information. In computing, we used labels to group data, and in geography we labelled the countries of the United Kingdom: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The children have done a fantastic job making links across their learning this week!

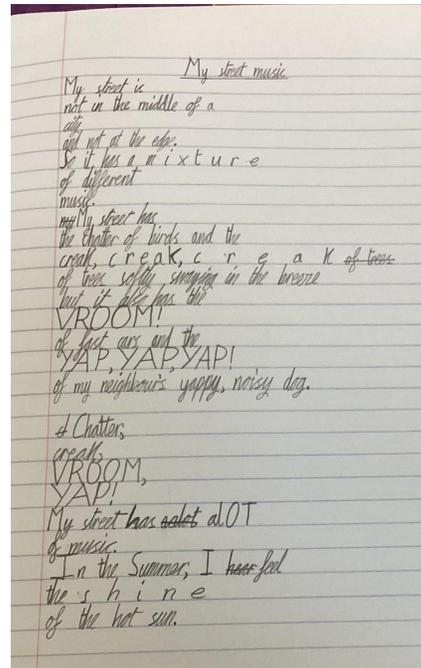
### Year 2

We have had a science-filled week, setting up a comparative test and exploring the question, “*What do seeds need to grow?*”, both in the classroom and at Forest School. In English, we have started our new class book, exploring synonyms for “said” and examining dialogue between characters. In maths, we have been comparing two-digit numbers using greater than and less than symbols and rounding numbers to the nearest multiple of 10. In PSHE, we discussed how to stay safe online, and in PE we practised circuit skills, including shuttle runs and leaping. In history, we began our topic on significant explorers by learning about the Wright brothers and considering our key question: *How did we learn how to fly?*

### Year 3

Year 3 has had a great first week back. In English they have been inspired to write free-verse poems about the street they live on and have been encouraged to include a range of expanded noun phrases, onomatopoeia words and

alliteration. The results are really impressive. In maths, the children started off the week by measuring lines in



centimetres and metres and answering questions about the perimeter of different regular polygons. Later on, the children learnt how to recognise the names and properties of different 3D shapes. In history they started to look at where the Ancient Mayans lived and what solutions they came up with to the problems they faced. In science the children started to learn about the functions of the

skeleton and how they differ.

### Year 4

In history, we started our new topic all about The Ancient Mayans, thinking about how long their civilisation continued and the challenges of living in a rainforest. In maths, with Mrs Cullen, we started adding money using decimals and checked we know the 9x tables. With Mrs Kivisild, we finished our 3D shapes topic by sorting shapes by their properties in different ways in Venn diagrams. We then moved onto our new decimals topic by looking at how the tenths column works in a place value chart and recognising how to write different numbers of wholes and tenths as one-place decimals. In English, with Mrs Cullen, we started writing our own stories with details about characters, using sounds and starting sentences in different ways. With Mrs Kivisild, we began a topic on persuasive leaflet writing by exploring different travel books and how they convince us to visit different places. In RE investigated similarities and differences between Judaism and Christianity. In science, we explored how sound is produced through vibrations and tested different musical instruments to see how it works. Spelling this week is words ending -ious and -eous.

### Year 5

It has been lovely welcoming Year 5 back for the second part of the spring term. The children made the most of the beautiful weather by going outside and selecting three flowers to dissect, identifying the different male and female parts as part of their new science module, *Reproduction and the Life Cycle*. In geography, the children

were introduced to their new topic, *Changing Population*. They explored why the population has increased over the last 500 years and which factors have played a vital role. In maths, we have been recapping addition and subtraction using the frog method and the column method to solve calculations. Year 5 has also been learning how to find missing numbers in addition and subtraction number sentences. In English, we have started a new module on persuasive writing. The children have been exploring letters and stories that use persuasive language and techniques to convince the reader to do something. Well done to Year 5 for a fantastic first week back!

*Please note - swimming on Tuesday 3 March has been cancelled due to pool maintenance. We will have 2 sessions the following week: Tuesday 10 and Friday 13 March.*

### Year 6

This week we have started our SATs prep and getting into the routine of our daily SPaG. In English, we have started a short book called *War Game* to finish off our WW1 topic. In computing, we have started our topic of spreadsheets. We also had a wonderful British Sign Language assembly by Joylin in Y6. New graphic novel books have arrived, and Y6 are thoroughly enjoying them. We have just found out about our new geography topic, Population, which we are all very excited to start! This week was amazing, as always, and we are fully looking forward to the week ahead. Happy weekend!

*By Phoebe and Ziyuan*

## Community news



[www.trumpingtonkidsclotheshub.co.uk](http://www.trumpingtonkidsclotheshub.co.uk)

**Pop Up 'Pick Your Own' Children's Clothes Stall!**

**FREE Children's Clothes For All!**

**Everyone  
Welcome!**

**Saturday 28th February  
10.30 - 12.00**

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years**

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Donations  
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Years Only**

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## Parent Talk: Raising Kids in the Smartphone Era

Practical ideas and friendly conversation about helping kids thrive in the age of smartphones. We'll look at what's working for families right now — from first phones to healthy habits at home. No judgement, just real talk and small steps that make a difference.

### When

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
March  
8pm**

### Where

**Newnham Croft  
School  
Chedworth Street**

### SPEAKER:

**AMY RUFFELL  
Cambridgeshire  
Regional Lead  
Smartphone  
Free Childhood**

**Open to all!  
(not limited to Newnham Croft parents)**