



Newnham News

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Headteacher: Mr Edward Ferguson

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I feel paraphrasing a Dolly Parton verse seems appropriate:

*Here you come again
Just when I'd begun to get myself together
You waltz right in the gate
Quite often, rather late
Watch summer's peace and quiet evaporate*

As is always true, though, the Yin needs the Yang, and the peace and quiet only bring joy if there is the opposite joy of bustle and noise - which is where the children come in!

This September, the usual bustle of the start of term has been augmented by the (possibly less joyful) bustle of the ongoing roofing project. The poorly timed rain this morning was a useful reminder of why we will happily endure a little inconvenience to ensure we are weather proof and better insulated in time for the coming winter and the winters to come.

The start of the academic year always highlights how much the children mature and develop over the three terms. Comparing the incoming children in a yeargroup to the ones that left that yeargroup in the summer is to feel there are years between them, not just 12 months.

The difference is incredible - and slightly daunting!

Hopefully, you have all enjoyed at least parts, and hopefully all, of your summer break.

It has been lovely to see you all again and we are all looking forward to a positive and productive year ahead.

Kind regards,
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Reception children in for half days 7 - 10 Sept
Reception children stay and play 1.45 - 2.45 Fri 11 Sept

Reception children in full time Mon 14 Sept
Y3 trip to Wandlebury Tues 15 Sept
Y6 swimming (for 10 weeks) Wed 16 Sept
PTA meeting 6pm Thur 17 Sept

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

Whole school news

School Meals

The menu is attached and [online](#). The menu next week is Week 2. The cost of a school meal is £2.90.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may be entitled to funding for school meals. The system has changed this year and even if you currently receive Free School Meals, you must reapply after 1 August to secure funding for next year. For more information see www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. If you have any questions please email the Education Welfare Benefits Service (Free School Meals Team) on ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or 01223 703200.

PTA

The next meeting will be on 17th September at 6pm in the Y6 classroom.

Community news

Perform Drama Sessions

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform
Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a special introductory discount of £40 for members of Newnham Croft Primary School if they sign up by Tuesday 22nd September 2026. Parents should quote NWCR92026

when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120. You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#). Click to find [your nearest classes](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).

Free tennis trial

Active Parents at Cambridge University Real Tennis Club, Grange Rd, CB3 9DJ.

We're delighted to invite parents of Newnham Croft Primary School to join the Active Parents initiative at the Cambridge University Real Tennis Club. The Club is offering two free group lessons (1 hour duration) during September, providing a fun and friendly way to get active, try something new and meet other parents from the school community. Sessions are available in September on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9am, starting Tuesday 15 September. Real tennis is a great way to improve your fitness, coordination and wellbeing, while enjoying a sociable and welcoming environment. Come along with a friend, have a go and enjoy some time away from the school run! Parking is available at the front of the Club while you are taking part, and parents are welcome to use the Clubroom afterwards for a chat and a good coffee. Why not sign up with some friends and give it a try? We'd love to see you there!

Sign up [here](#) or use the QR code

