

# Newnham Junior School



28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

It has been an amazing term where the children have worked really hard and made huge progress. It is a pleasure to walk around the school, going into classrooms and see how happy and well behaved the children are. The achievement and progress made outside the classrooms this term has also been incredible in sport, music and academic events. As I regularly mention, none of this would be possible without your support, the dedication of the teachers and the enthusiasm of your children.

**5S** – Mrs Nuth returns from Maternity Leave next Thursday and will resume as class teacher in 5S for the Summer Term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Smith for teaching 5S for the Autumn and Spring Terms and to wish him well for the future.

**Summer Term Clubs** – All Spring Term Clubs have now finished. Summer Term Clubs were sent out on Thursday and clubs will go live on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

**Asda Cashpot for Schools** – £429.80 was raised, thank you.

**Girls Football Finals** - On Wednesday the Year 5/6 girls football team travelled to Thamesmead in Kent to compete in the South-East of England regional football finals. The girls had won their district, borough and county competitions in order to reach this stage. We represented the county of Middlesex and competed against schools representing Sussex, Suffolk and Inner London. The girls drew their first 2 games 0-0, competing well against two tough, talented sides. In our final game, the girls fell to a 2-0 defeat - their first defeat and goals conceded across the whole season. This means they have stopped one stage short of qualifying for the National finals which would have been a monumental achievement.

The girls and the whole school community should be extremely proud of what they have achieved this year and I hope they look back on their experiences with fondness. I would like to thank all the parents/carers for their support and I know it has meant a lot to the girls also. I would like to wish all the Year 6 girls the very best in their continued footballing adventures and hope they can continue to reap the benefits of being involved in school sport - Mr Frape

**Maths Challenge** – On Thursday four children represented Newnham at the Ruislip and Northwood Maths Challenge. It was a very tough competition with puzzles which many of the adults struggled to solve and questions which required a huge amount of resilience and resourcefulness to answer. Despite all of these issues Newnham were victorious and retained the trophy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

**Seated Volleyball** – This morning 8 children represented Newnham in a seated volleyball event at Cranford Community College. The children participated in different volleyball activities in the first part of the event and finished by playing 3 matches against other schools, where they won 2 and lost 1. It was not a competition with medals and trophies but the children did win the award for being the most respectful team and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

**Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Challenge 24<sup>th</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April** - Thank you for your continued support in encouraging walking to school. We are doing so well that every time I log the data, the system always asks me to double check my input as it seems unbelievable that we have so many children walking, scooting or cycling to school! The children will receive some badges in celebration of their efforts. These badges have been designed by children from across the UK and are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays and yogurt pots. There are 5 designs to be collected and there will be more chances to earn other badges next week. Mrs Ullah

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**Lunches** - Please remember to cancel hot lunches if your child will not be eating them

Eco-Team Food Waste Update	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK	COST TO THE SCHOOL
Junior meals ordered but not served	15	16	£38.41 (£2.41 each)

**Year 5 Design & Technology (DT) Lessons** - The Year 5 team are asking any parents, carers or grandparents with woodwork skills to support their DT Topic on Moving Vehicles. The children will be planning, measuring, cutting with hacksaws and using hot glue guns to join to make their bases. They will then be creating electrical circuits to drive the axle and wheels, followed by designing and creating 3-D bodies for their cars, made out of card. The classes do DT on the following days/times: -

- 5BC Thursday from 1:15pm - 3:15pm (April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- 5N Fridays 1:15pm - 3:15pm (April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- 5P Thursday 11-30am - 2:15pm (with lunch hour in between) (April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>)

If you could spare a little time each week as detailed above, we would be very grateful (even if you can't make all the dates.) Please let the office know if you can help and we will contact you straight away. Thank you.

**Dates for your diaries** - See below for dates through to the end of the Summer Term. Further details will follow in due course.

DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
<b>MARCH</b>			
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	3 & 4 5 & 6	FONJSA Easter Disco FONJSA Easter Disco	3.30 - 5pm 5.30 - 7pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	6	B Team Netball Tournament (Burgundy, Storm and Midnight)	1.00 – 4.00pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	All	FONJSA Break the Rules Gateway deadline	
<b>APRIL</b>			
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	All	FONJSA Break the Rules Day	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	5P	Last swimming lesson	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6	Borough Netball Tournament (Silvers)	1 - 4pm
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Consent deadline – Neasden Temple trip</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4UW	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9 – 9.45am
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4CH	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	2.30 – 3.15pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4BF	Class Assembly (parents/carers welcome)	9.00 – 9.45am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	All	Last day of term	1.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	All	Easter Holidays	
9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	All	Nick Jones Holiday Club – here	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Summer Term starts	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3 & 4	Parent/carer session in our hall Supporting reading in Years 3 & Year 4	9am
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5	Visit to Hampton Court Palace	Back at 3.15pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6	School Journey – 6 <sup>th</sup> payment due	
<b>MAY</b>			
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>		Cross Country competition	4 – 5pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	Visit to Neasden Temple	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	All	May Day – School closed	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Parent/Carer Session in our hall	9am

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		Helping children get organised	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>		Spelling Bee	3.45 - 4.45pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Laser Tag	3.15 – 6.15pm
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	6	SATS week	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	After School Tennis Club cancelled	3.15pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	Quadkids	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6	Visit to Chessingtons	Back at 5.30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	International Day	
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	All	Half-Term	
<b>JUNE</b>			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Training Day – School closed	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	6KN & 6R	Visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	6S	Visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	Coffee Morning - Julie Browne SEND Governor	9am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	All	Parent/carer session	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6	Boys' Cricket	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Inclusive Football competition at Harlyn	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6	School Journey departs	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>		District Sports competition	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>		West London Games competition	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6	School Journey returns	
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Payment deadline – FONJSA Family Fun Night	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Class photographs	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3H	Visit to Eastcote Library	10am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3C	Visit to Eastcote Library	11am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>		Cricket Festival	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3LM	Visit to Eastcote Library	11am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>		West London Netball Finals	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	3	Pedestrian Training	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Family Fun Night	6pm – 9pm
<b>JULY</b>			
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 & 4	Lower School Sports Morning	9.45 – 12 noon
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 & 6	Upper School Sports Afternoon	1 – 3.15pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Music for a Summer's Evening	6.30 – 8pm
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Payment deadline – FONJSA End of Term Disco	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Coffee Morning - Julie Browne SEND Governor	9am
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	4	Trip to Whipnade Zoo	Back at 4.30pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Rounders competition	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3 – 4	FONJSA End of Term Disco	3.30 – 5pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	5 – 6	FONJSA End of Term Disco	5.30 – 7pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All	Go Green & Keep It Clean Day	3.15pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6	Rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip	All day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6	Rehearsals at Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip	All day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6	Performance at Winston Churchill Hall	7pm (TBC)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5	Visit to Woburn	Back at 4.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All	Term ends	1.30pm

**FONJSA Break the rules for April fools!** - On Tuesday April 1st children will be allowed to break the following school rules for a fee of £3 - payment on gateway.

The following rules can be broken:

- 1) School uniform must be worn
- 2) Black school shoes only
- 3) No crazy / coloured hair or Nail varnish!

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**Community news** – details attached.

- **Police Edibles Letter & Information Sheet**

- **Mr Mullens** private football sessions. Individual or small groups of up to 4 children.

Available summer term on weekdays from 4.30-5.30pm. Sessions will take place on the school astro.

Email [mrmullens@hotmail.com](mailto:mrmullens@hotmail.com) or follow @mrmullensfitness on Instagram and private message to book or ask any questions.

**Easter holiday activities** - Details are available on our website.

- Nick Jones Music/Tech club – taking place at Newnham from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April.
- Northolt Leisure Centre will be running swimming crash courses throughout the Easter holidays 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April and 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April.
- AJ Soccer Easter Camps

**Last day of term** - Please note that we finish on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April **at 1.30pm** for the Easter holidays. From everyone at the school, we hope you have an enjoyable break. Children can bring in their own games on the last day (not the electronic type please). This is a normal uniform day.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher