

# Newnham Junior School



2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are well.

Today we are saying goodbye to Mrs Mead, who has been working as a volunteer and as the school's IT technician since 2004. Alongside being a brilliant and hardworking technician, she has been a fabulous colleague and friend to many of the staff at the school. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a happy retirement and give her your best wishes for the future.

**Summer Term Curriculum Plans** – Please find attached.

**VE Day** – As mentioned last week, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May marks 80 years since Victory in Europe Day and we will be commemorating this in school as follows: -

- The children are invited to dress in 1940's clothing (see google classroom for ideas) or wear red, white & blue (or red as an alternative) – no football kit please.
- We will be having an afternoon picnic on the playground or field (weather permitting). We will be sending home a Union Jack lunch box for you to use for this. Please note, your child will have their lunch in school as normal and this picnic is just for a snack and a drink.

**Warm weather** – As the weather gets warmer may we remind you that children can now wear their summer uniform. (Grey trousers or shorts (boys or girls) and black, grey or white socks. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and 'cut', not sportswear or fashion styles. Pink and white gingham dresses. Black shoes or black trainers with no white/coloured soles or logos). Your child must wear their tie into school and the leadership team will allow them to take them off if the weather is hot. Please also ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day, is wearing sun cream (to be applied at home please) and has a named sun hat. If your child suffers with hayfever please ensure medication is given before school.

**Upcoming parent events** - Please add these to your diary as we would like to see as many parents as possible! Our SEND governor Julie Brown is going to run some sessions on different topics, starting with **Helping Your Child Get Organised on the Wednesday 21st May at 9am**. This will be followed by 2 more sessions and we will be asking for your ideas on what you would like covered and agree these at the first meeting.

**Relationships and sex education** - In previous years we have also had a talk on **RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) - what do we teach and why?** Ms Curtis would like to gauge interest in holding this again this term as many of our school parents may have already attended in previous years. If you would like this to go ahead please click on the link and let us know.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKtovY-XiHYFP5xiC2LkWTtWwqZNmkste0CJNT0yqk5wL0sQ/viewform?usp=header>

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

<b>Eco-Team Food Waste Update</b>	<b>LAST WEEK</b>	<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>COST TO THE SCHOOL</b>
Junior meals ordered but not served	13	28	£67.48 (£2.41 each)

**Dates for your diaries** - See below for dates through to the end of the Summer Term. Further details will follow in due course. Please note that Year 5 & 6 sports day date has changed as it was on the same day as Pinner High School's induction day.

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DATE	YEAR OR CLASS	DETAILS	TIME
<b>MAY</b>			
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	All	Payment deadline for Laser Tag	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	All	May Day – School closed	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	VE Day – see above	
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
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> –23 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Talent Showcase week	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	Quadkids	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	All	Coffee Morning - Julie Browne SEND Governor – helping your child get organised	9am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6	Visit to Chessington	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	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>		Girls' cricket	
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 – supporting parents	9am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	3H	Visit to Eastcote House Gardens	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	PinnFest	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	3C	Visit to Eastcote House Gardens	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6	Boys' Cricket	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Inclusive Football competition at Harlyn	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3LM	Visit to Eastcote House Gardens	
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	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	3	Support Plan meetings	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	4	Support Plan meetings	
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
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	6	Support Plan meetings	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3LM	Visit to Eastcote Library	11am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	Upper School Sports Afternoon	1 – 3.15pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	5	Support Plan meetings	After school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	3	Pedestrian Training	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	All	FONJSA Family Fun Night	6pm – 9pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>		London Netball Finals Redbridge	
<b>JULY</b>			
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6	Hillingdon Schools Secondary Transition Day	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 & 4	Lower School Sports Morning	9.45 – 12 noon
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All	Music for a Summer's Evening	6.30 – 8pm

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Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All	Payment deadline – FONJSA End of Term Disco	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	All	Exhibition Evening	4.30- 6.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	4	Trip to Whipsnade Zoo	Back at 4.30pm
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
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5S	Last swimming lesson	11.30am
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 Laser Tag** – The payment deadline is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## Community news

### Online Parenting Support

Hillingdon Family Hub Network - We understand that getting support as a working parent to young children can be challenging. That's why we have created an online parenting offer specifically designed to support working parents. Workshops and courses are available both during the day and in the evening and delivered by qualified early years staff in an engaging and non-judgemental manner.

Our workshops cover essential topics such as:

- Fussy Eating
- Toilet Training
- Behaviour Strategies
- Support for parents transitioning their children into childcare and/or school

Additionally, we offer two comprehensive online parenting courses:

- Exploring Parenting Together - A fun five-week course designed to help parents improve their relationship and behaviour with their children.
- Ducklings - A four-week course aimed at supporting parents who have a child newly diagnosed with autism spectrum condition or who is awaiting an assessment with the Child Development Centre.

The timetable can be found at: [Services we offer at our family hubs and children's centres - Hillingdon Council](#)

**Local Community Notices** – Details available on our website

- Saturday Swimxcelerate lessons at Merchant Taylors School
- **PSD Half-Term Funweek** – Takes place at Newnham from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Wilkey  
Headteacher

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