



Newchurch Primary School

News from Newchurch Primary School and across the Federation

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VALUE: FRIENDSHIP



WE CAN LIVE RESPECTFULLY - ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Mrs Parkin did something a little different in assembly this week!



She shared, with the children, that the theme is The Rule of Law but also recognised that it is Road Safety. Mrs Parkin skilfully combined these together to look at safety rules in general, but particularly when out and about using the road. Mrs Parkin stressed that this is particularly important as nights draw in and it is dark much earlier since we have returned to school following half term.

Mrs Parkin shared how important it is for children to know and understand how to stay safe as a pedestrian and as a cyclist. She then showed the children a road safety video and talked about these rules:

- Hold a grown up's hand when out and about
- Find a safe space to cross the road - pedestrian crossings are best
 - Stop, look and listen - look right, left, right before crossing
- When you are sure that there is nothing coming, keep looking and listening as you WALK across the road
- Wear bright and reflective clothing so that you can be seen in the dark

The assembly ended with a fun quiz for all of the children which they really enjoyed!

WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—CHRISTMAS MENU!



Our Christmas dinner is taking place on **Thursday 19th December**.

Chartwells have provided us with the menu this week and we politely request that you confirm your meal choice as soon as you are able on the form sent to you, after this payment will be added to school money for you. Please note there will be no charge for KS1 and Free School Meals but it is very important that your meal choice is still registered on the form.

Sadly we will not be able to take any orders after 6th December as this is the absolute deadline set by our catering company. As you can appreciate ordering sufficient produce for Christmas dinners for all primary school children across the Isle of Wight is a massive 'mission possible' and so please do not put staff in a tricky position by requesting a Christmas dinner after the 6th December as this simply will not be possible.



Children are also invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on this date should they wish to do so.



I CAN MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES



NEW PARENTS MAKE THE HEALTHY CHOICE TO VISIT NEWCHURCH

This past Monday, Newchurch Primary School had the pleasure of welcoming parents for a tour of our lovely school and facilities. The visit provided an opportunity for families to explore our calm learning environments and consider Newchurch as their choice for primary education starting in September 2025.

We were delighted to see so many enthusiastic parents and children, and we hope the tour gave a comprehensive insight into the nurturing and creative atmosphere we strive to maintain at Newchurch and it has been lovely to receive such positive feedback:

'Open, friendly and knowledgeable staff, the Head was very passionate about the school ethos and also knew the pupils by name. The warm, calming but stimulating atmosphere of the school and outdoor spaces were inviting too.'

'I was totally blown away by the school. It has such a lovely, warm and calm atmosphere. The staff all seem so friendly, the aesthetic felt so calming and positive.'

'Really informative tour. Very impressive school and a lovely ethos.'

'We really enjoyed the tour, it is a lovely school and compares favourably to the others we've visited.'

Important Reminder: The closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**. If you have any friends or family members who are considering Newchurch for their child's education, please encourage them to contact the school office to arrange a tour. We are more than happy to accommodate additional visits to ensure everyone has the chance to experience what makes Newchurch special.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE—ON THE PLAYGROUND

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils, we would like to address an important matter regarding playground activities.

Playground Space and Safety Concerns

Due to the limited space in our playground and the increased risk of accidents, we kindly request that children **do not bring footballs from home**. While we understand the enthusiasm for playing football, the confined area makes it challenging to ensure everyone's safety during playtime. We have also noticed that some balls that have come in recently are of a professional standard and not an appropriate size for smaller children to play with and also we are getting lots of balls coming in which is making it tricky to manage.

School-Provided Equipment

To ensure that all students can enjoy their break times safely, we will provide appropriate sports equipment that is suitable for our playground size. This will help us manage activities more effectively and reduce the risk of injuries.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Our primary goal is to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all our students.



WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN—INSET DAYS CONFIRMED

Please be advised that our final INSET Day for this academic year has now been confirmed. The school will be closed to pupils on the following dates:

Monday 2nd June 2025

Monday 28th July 2025

Friday 20th June 2025



Tuesday 29th July 2025



POETRY CORNER

It has been National Road Safety Week this week and so Bernard Youngs poem about bicycle safety seems entirely appropriate for our Poetry Corner this week.

Be A Brainy Bike

by Bernard Young

Your brain is brilliant
Keep it safe and sound
Encase it in a helmet
In case it hits the ground

Your life is precious
Don't throw it away
Stick a helmet on your head
If you bike today



MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND BEING A ROAD SAFETY HERO!

Please help to keep me safe near roads.

1. Always hold my hand when we walk near roads and cross roads at safe places
2. Help me ride my bike on safe paths away from traffic
3. Make sure I always sit in my special car seat when we travel by car
4. Drive at safe speeds and never using a phone while driving.

Thank you for being my Road Safety Hero!



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE—ROAD SAFETY WEEK 2024

This week has been national Road Safety Week the theme this year is **AFTER THE CRASH EVERY ROAD VICTIM COUNTS**. We teach the children the importance of road safety as part of their PHSE curriculum and this is especially important given the location of our school.

Please can we remind parents that the **speed limit in Newchurch village is 20mph**. This includes the approach to and vicinity of School Lane.

We do get alerts from concerned parents at the speed at which cars drive down School Lane and have been alerted to 'near misses' from members of our community within the area of the car park.

School Lane is a public highway and therefore access is needed to the neighbouring properties at all times. Please look left, right and left again when exiting the carpark as there may be traffic approaching unexpectedly from the end of the Lane, do not assume the road is clear and simply pull out as this could cause an accident.

Thank you for your awareness.



CAN WE MAKE IT HAPPEN—WINTER WARMERS!

We have definitely felt a bit more of a winter chill in the air this week with temperatures dropping to single figures - we even saw some snow yesterday! Weather forecasters are promising more cold weather for next week too with sharp frosts and freezing temperatures. With this in mind please ensure that your child **ALWAYS** wears a coat to school along with any other suitable items to keep warm whilst playing and learning outside.

We have seen some lovely hats, scarves, gloves and ear muffs appearing this week which is great but not all have been named and we have seen some really sad children when their items have gone missing.

Please make it your 'mission possible' to name every item that is coming to school this weekend.



MAKING IT HAPPEN ON THE PITCH!

U11 BOYS VS ST BLASIUS

On Thursday, Newchurch travelled over to Shanklin to play St Blasius in a U11 football league match. With Newchurch still unbeaten in the league the hopes of this continuing was high. The game started fast with Newchurch having multiple attempts at goal but unable to find the target. It was Brook who opened the scoring with his strike from close range finding the bottom corner. Soon after Brook got his second of the game through a calm and tidy finish into the bottom corner ...2-0 Newchurch!



Alfie then caught on to a goal kick which fell right to his feet. First time Alfie struck the ball goal bound scoring Newchurch's 3rd... 3-0! Just before the half time whistle, Stan had won a free kick just inside his half, to which he had struck goal bound, with a little bit of assistance of a deflection Stan had made it 4-0!

The second half began and Newchurch continued to be on the front foot. A brilliant cross into the box from Stan led to Brook producing a moment of brilliance with a back heel into the back of the net. Completing his hat trick in spectacular fashion... 5-0! Stan won a penalty soon after calmly tucking it away into the bottom corner making it now 6-0! Two more well worked goals followed by Brook and Rocco making the final score 8-0 to Newchurch! What a result!

Squad: Oscar S, Rocco H, Alfie J, Toby Fs, Bodhi M, Stanley D, Jenson W, Oscar H, Brook KW, Buddy J



U11 GIRLS POKÉMON CUP

On Friday, Newchurch travelled over to Cowes to take part in the U11 Girls Pokémon cup final. Newchurch had been drawn in a group with The Bay, Ryde School and Carisbrooke. The first game was against The Bay. With the girls learning to play with only 7 a side on a really big pitch there was some very good football on display but unfortunately Newchurch lost this game 1-0. The second game of the group was against Ryde School. This game was a big improvement on the first game now the girls knew their best game plan. A brilliant passing move led to Grace S scoring the only goal of the game meaning Newchurch win 1-0. Newchurch qualified as runners up in the group for the semi finals.

The semi finals were against Hunnyhill. This game could not have been any closer with both teams being careful not to concede a crucial goal. After a Newchurch corner, Hunnyhill caught us out on the counter attack and scored with 10 minutes left to play. Fortunately for us the girls didn't give up. They battled and worked their socks off and Maisie found Newchurch the equaliser 1-1. The full time whilst blew and it was time for penalties. Both goalkeepers making some brilliant saves in the shootout but unfortunately Newchurch just lost out and it was Hunnyhill who won and progressed to the final.

All the girls should be so proud of themselves. Only conceding 2 goals all tournament, showing great resilience and scoring a total of 9 goals throughout.

Squad: Mollie P, Maisie M, Thea W, Leah H, Amelia B, Scarlett B, Grace S, Isla G, Liv B

U11 GIRLS VS. ST FRANCIS

On Monday Newchurch travelled to St Francis to play their match in the U11 Girls League. The game started fast when Isla dribbled the ball down the left hand side and passed it to Maisie who scored from close range 1-0! Soon after Grace dribbled the ball past 2 defenders and calmly placed it into the bottom corner. Newchurch displayed some amazing defending, stopping St Francis from scoring. Newchurch continued to attack, when Jessie played a lovely pass through to Isla who scored Newchurch's third goal. The score was now 3-0. Two minutes later Isla played a lovely cross to Maisie who scored her second and the fourth of the game. Half time arrived with the score 4-0 Newchurch!

The second half began much the same as the first. Newchurch continued to be dominant with plenty of shots being taken at the St Francis goal. Newchurch continued to defend really well limiting the amount of chances St Francis had. Newchurch continued to attack but couldn't break down the opposition defence.

Final score Newchurch 4-0 St Francis. Well done everyone.

Squad: Emily M, Maisie M, Thea W, Leah H, Phoebe N, Scarlett B, Grace S, Isla G, Jessie, Amelia B

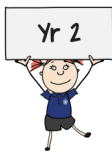


SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING THIS WEEK?



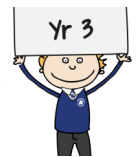
This week Donaldson Class have been reading *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?* We have learnt to sign along to the story using British sign language and have enjoyed retelling the story using sign language clues to help us remember the correct order the animals appear in. Ask us to show you the signs for red, blue, green, purple and yellow. We have been developing our super science skills and thinking about the different habitats that animals might hide in. We have had a go at predicting who might be hiding in a farmyard scene, talking about which animals might be living in the pond, the sky and the grass. We have been practicing how to use a pair of scissors and really persevered to cut out the animals from the story and turn them into stick puppets. We used our puppets to retell the story and then we also used them to test which background gave them the best camouflage. In maths we have been telling the story of 5 and using a part part whole model to show all of the different ways you can make 5.

Rosen class has been consolidating their knowledge on subtraction and having been using number lines to help them solve number sentences. They have been working hard on their sentence writing through text led dictation linked to their phonic sounds. In Design Technology we have been starting to look at moving picture books. From this the children have started to design their own pictures with a part that they are able to move. In Science we have been continuing to sort different materials by their properties using a Venn diagram. However this time the children have decided on their own categories to sort their objects by. We also had our first Key Stage 1 rehearsal and really enjoyed seeing how our Nativity will all come together.



This week, Year 2 has been busy starting to practice the Christmas Nativity. We have been having lots of fun!! In English, we have been planning our own version of the story 'The Queens Knickers' but instead our story is called 'The Royal Guards Hats'. We have been using story maps to help us set the scene, create a build up and resolution for our class story. Once we have finished the class story, we are all going to have a go at creating our own story and writing it in our books. In Maths, we have begun subtracting 2 digit numbers from other 2 digit numbers, focusing on 10's and 1's. We have been working really hard with this as some of it can be quite difficult! We have continued learning about Queen Victoria in History and learning about how she became The Queen and what she did while she was Queen. We learnt lots of different vocabulary and what it all meant, such as, government, prime minister, law, monarch and monarchy. We continued with portrait and landscape in Computing this week, and looked at different pictures and discussed how we could make the pictures better with what we have learnt. We started DT and we are all very excited to learn to start sewing.

This week in Wharton Class we have been continuing our work on addition and subtraction including estimating and looking at complements to 100. In English we have been working on adverbials about the Tin Forest. We have also been looking at spelling contractions such as isn't. In Science we have used our own experiments to see which magnets are the strongest. In PSHE we have been looking at our community, we have defined what this word means and identified the different communities the children belong to.



Year 4 have been learning about lines of latitude and the different climate zones this week. We talked about the type of weather we would expect to find in each zone and which countries lie there. We discovered that the UK has a temperate climate. In science, we have been learning about the different types of teeth and what they are used for. We explored our own teeth first of all and then looked at some pictures of animal teeth. We studied some pictures of animal skulls and predicted what the animal's diet would be based on their teeth. We have been exploring area in maths this week and have learned different ways to work out the area of a shape. We found that our times table knowledge comes in really handy! We wrote a narrative in our English lessons to recount a section of our class text from a different character's point of view. The children did a great job of demonstrating the skills they have learned so far this half term.

Duffy Class have been busy this week looking at equivalent fractions, using known multiplication facts, to work them out. The class has learnt that if you know your tables, fractions are that little bit easier. Keep practising them at home. In English we have been looking at prepositional phrases, telling the reader where things are positioned in words. These act as another sentence starter to use, other than 'the'. These will help us write our own settings for the Spooky Dark mountains, located on the Land of Neverbelieve. In Geography we have been looking at maps of Newchurch throughout the ages and how they have changed through time. We have seen how Newchurch has been developed and the land use of the village. We have produced our own up-to-date maps of the village, plotting residential, commercial, industrial and recreational sites. In science this week, we have also been looking at the order of the planets and coming up with our unique mnemonics, to help us remember them. It will be interesting to see if they can name them at home.



Following on from their work last week on figurative language, this week the class have been creating their own setting descriptions of a World War II battlefield. Using a range of sentence structures and descriptive noun phrases, the class created some fantastic pieces of writing! In DT, the class used straws to create a 3D structure of an Anderson shelter. They practised different techniques of joining and investigated how to strengthen their structures. As part of our PSHE topic, 'Valuing Difference', Year 6 looked at some of the cultural norms from other countries and how we can be respectful of these. Finally, we wanted to say a big well done to the whole of Year 6 who took part in their mock SATs this week, showing great maturity, determination and hard work!

CONVERSATION STARTERS!

Want to know what your children have been learning this week? Here are some conversation starters that may help you talk to them about what they have been up to in class!

YEAR R

Talk to me about ... camouflage

Words to use .. colour, hide, disguise, cover, mask, conceal, invisible

Top tips ... Can you practise using scissors at home? Can you cut along a straight line? Can you cut around a shape?

We have been reading ... Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see? by Bill Martin Jr

YEAR 2

Talk to me about... subtracting numbers

Words to use... portrait and landscape

Tips for the week... please practice the nativity songs.

We have been reading... The Victorians by Alison Honey

YEAR 4

Talk to me about...the similarities and differences of the people we share our world with.

Words to use...ethnicity, religion, beliefs, culture, customs.

Tip of the week... remember to keep practising your spellings at home!

We are reading... Pugs of the Frozen North by Phillip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

YEAR 6

Talk to me about... the impact WWII had on our local area.

Words to use... shipyard, Cowes, Ventnor, look out, coast, veterans, memorial.

Tips for the week... talk to your families at home about your mock SATs this week.

We have been reading... World War II fact books.

YEAR 1

We have been learning . . . Subtraction

Words to use . . . subtraction, taking away, smaller, less than, difference, number line

Tips for the week . . . Can you try some simple subtraction number sentences within 10.

We have been reading . . . Lost and Found, by Oliver Jeffers

YEAR 3

Talk to me about... communities

Words to use... being yourself, self-esteem, citizenship, community, healthy lifestyles, support networks

Tips for the week... recognise the benefits that come with belonging to a community, in particular the benefit to mental health and wellbeing.

We have been reading... The Tin Forest by Helen Ward

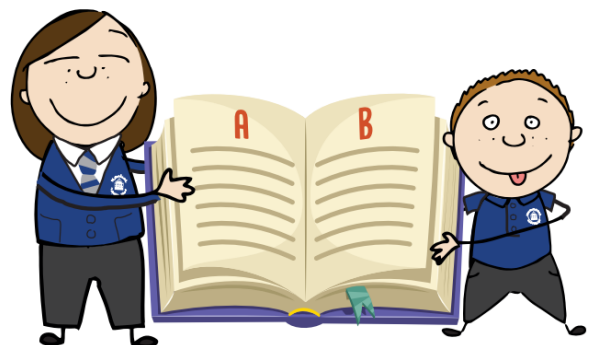
YEAR 5

Talk to me about..... planets.

Words to useEarth, Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Uranus, Mercury, Saturn, Neptune.

Tips for the weekshow all your workings when calculating fractions.

We have been reading.....The Land of Neverbelieve by Norman Messenger



Key Stage 2 Celebration Assembly



Year 3: To be awarded next time

Year 4: Woody M

Year 5: Elodie W

Year 6: Jack-James O

Sticker cards:

GREEN: Maisie M (7) Woody M (3)

RED: Archie M (3) Olivia B (5)

YELLOW: Thea W (7)



Bella Mai N



Alfie J



Baxter B



Logan D



To be awarded next time

WELL DONE! We are so proud of all of our winners!

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS

Children are more likely to eat fruit & vegetables

They make food fun in the dining hall with friends

Improved behaviour & concentration

Experience exciting tasty theme days



**THEY ARE FREE IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
SIGN YOUR CHILD UP TODAY**

Chartwells
So much more than fantastic food

Lunchtime Menu – Chartwells for week beginning 25th November 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger & Wedges	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian	Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger & Wedges	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza	Veggie Fingers & Chips
Dessert	Flapjack with Fruit	Apple Crumble & Custard	Rice Pudding	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie