



Newbold Verdon Primary School

January 2026

Year 1 Spring term Newsletter

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome back to Year 1! We hope that you have had a happy and safe Christmas. We are excited for the new term and looking forward to seeing the children. We have an exciting term ahead, with a range of activities to support your child's progress and enjoyment in learning. We will keep you updated throughout the term with news and events on the website and through newsletters but here is some information that you need to know at the start of term.

Staff:

Teachers: Miss Bowe

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Boon and Mrs Bachynska

School is open from 8:40 and children need to be sat and ready to learn at 8:50. Please can you arrive as promptly as possible and school will **finish at 3.15pm.**

Water bottles – all children should bring in a named water bottle every day. We ask that all children bring in water to drink.

Snack – All Year 1 children will be offered a piece of fruit at afternoon playtime. There is no charge for this. Milk will be issued to those children who have paid for it. Please contact the office if you wish to sign up for milk. If the children are bringing their own snack in, please ensure it is a healthy snack.

Healthy school - We are part of the Food for Life initiative and know that children learn best when they are fuelled with a balanced, nutritional diet. Children should bring in fruit or vegetable snacks for breaktime and bottles filled with water only. We are a **nut and seed free school.**

Homework consists of reading 5 times a week, oracy topics, spellings and times tables. Children's maths homework is Times Tables Rock Stars and weekly challenges. Their spellings will be sent out each week, we focus on 3 words per week.

1. Reading – a Phonics book and a Sharing Book
2. Maths homework and TT Rockstar's
3. Handwriting- Letter Join homework- Handwriting is very important
4. Spellings practise

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Reading: Reading continues to be a priority in Year 1 as children build upon their Phonics knowledge and enjoy reading a range of books in class. Your child's Phonics teacher will send them home with a new Phonics book every week to develop fluency and confidence. They will also bring a book which you can read to or with your child. We encourage you to read together as much as possible. Please could you write in the Reading Diary every time your child reads to an adult. Thank you.

Maths - We are continuing the year by recalling and consolidating knowledge learnt from key topics, whilst proceeding to introduce new learning. We will then be covering pattern and algebra, calculating, numbers and the number system.

PE

Our PE day is Wednesday for this half term (please be mindful that this may change each half term due to the children having PE coaches as well)

Children will come into school in their P.E kit on their P.E days. PE kit consists of black shorts or leggings, white t-shirt, black hoodie or jumper and trainers. Please ensure that this is named.

PE kit:

Indoor: white T-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls.

Outdoor: white T-shirt, warm jogging top, joggers and trainers

We would like to remind you that **no jewellery** should be worn for PE. Ears that are newly pierced may be **covered for the first 6 weeks** (we advise the use of micropore tape rather than plasters to cover ears). After this time, children must be able to remove earrings themselves or not wear them on PE days. This is part of our health and safety policy for all children.

Forest School: Every child will have the opportunity to do Forest School every other Friday. During this time Miss Bowe will be on PPA. Please could you ensure your child have an extra pair of clothes to change into.

In terms of uniform, please ensure that all clothing is named or labelled to prevent jumpers etc being lost. Uniform need to be appropriately worn (especially black school shoes). Please remind your children not to bring toys into school, we don't want to see toys lost, broken or ruined.

We hope that both you and your child to have the best experience at school and we will help in any way that we can to make this possible. Please feel free to talk to us at drop off and pick up times or alternatively you can contact us on the year 1 email address for you to contact us directly on. any queries or concerns.

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Thank you for your support and co-operation.

With warmest wishes,

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Subject	Spring 1	Spring 2
History		Famous Queens
Geography	My School	
Science	All about me: animals	Plants

English	Handwriting practise in line with units	Handwriting practise in line with units	Handwriting practise in line with units
RE	1.4 What is the 'good news' that Jesus brings?		1.5 Why does Easter matter to Christians?
Art/DT	Sculpture and 3d		Textiles: puppets
Computing	Moving a robot		Grouping data

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PE	Invasion Games	Archery & Target CPD delivered by Sports Coach
	Safety: Safe adults and health and well-being	Citizenship
	Unit 4 Pitch	Unit 5 Music Technology



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