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Newbridge Newsletter

Lower School



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January 2026 - by Angie, Academy Principal

Dear Families

January has been a fairly quiet month with pupils settling back into school after Christmas and working towards their personal goals and annual outcomes. We started Arts Week last Monday. This has been a chance for pupils to express themselves and create some fantastic pieces of artwork that will be on sale at the next 'Pupil Progress Morning' in March. Art is a great way for pupils to explore different materials and use different tools and methods. All the artwork has been created independently by the pupils and I'm sure it will be a great exhibition.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about the timings of our school day. We start at 8.45am and unless there are individual agreements in place, we expect pupils to arrive on time each day. Pupils that come later are missing out on vital learning time and disrupt the morning routine. At the end of the day, all pupils are expected to be picked up on time between 2.45pm and 2.50pm. Parents must inform the school if they are running late so provision can be put into place. Please note that after school hours, we cannot guarantee that your child will be supported by their class team and maybe with other teachers or senior leaders that do not know them as well.

Next week is 'Children's Mental Health Week' where we will be putting on some extra activities to support pupil well-being and relaxation. Also included below is some relevant information on E-safety ready for Safer Internet Day.

Finally on the last day of term, Friday 13th February, we will be having a Valentines disco where all pupils are encouraged to wear red for the day. If you are able to send in any party food that would be fantastic, but please ensure no foods contain nuts. There will be a disco in the afternoon for all the pupils that want to join in with lots of food, music and dancing.

Kind regards
Angie, Tor, Joe and Karen

Safer Internet Day - 10th February 2026

At Newbridge School we recognise the importance of online safety for our pupils, particularly considering their unique complexities and vulnerabilities. As such, we place great emphasis on implementing additional precautions to ensure our students' safety in the digital world. We achieve this by collaborating closely with parents/carers, teachers, and teaching assistants to equip them with the knowledge and resources necessary for supporting children online.

For Safer Internet Day, learners will be creating a special internet safety profile in their classrooms, where they can identify what they like to do online and what they like to watch on YouTube. This way we can all keep them safe and be aware of what they are being exposed to. This is important to help keep our learners safe online, making sure both home and school together know what our children enjoy doing online and how we can do this safely with our support and supervision.



Helpful resources for keeping children safe online: Websites

NSPCC - https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=nspcc_share_aware&gclid=CNnjsOrI8swCFckV0wodRFwE6Q&gclsrc=aw.ds

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Child Net - <https://www.childnet.com/>
<http://childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

The childnet website has a section for children with SEN, which you may find helpful.

Useful Phone Numbers

NSPCC - online safety helpline where you can find practical advice about how to set parental controls on devices: 0808 800 5002

NSPCC Adult Helpline - where you can call and speak to someone about a concern you might have or to check that what you are doing about online safety at home is correct and appropriate: 0808 800 5000

Child Internet Safety Link

Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Online Safety Support for Parents and Carers

CEOP - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
UK Safer Internet Centre - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

This is a really helpful online safety blog regarding using YouTube:

YOUTUBE - Safety Detection Website <https://www.safetydetectives.com/blog/parents-guide-for-safe-youtube-and-internet-streaming-for-kids/>



Dates for the Diary

- Mental Health Week: 10th Feb 2026
- Safer Internet Day: 10th Feb 2026
- Valentine's Day Disco / Half Term: 13th Feb 2026
- Children Return to School: 23rd Feb 2026
- Lunar New Year: 26th Feb 2026
- World Book Day: 5th March 2026
- Pupil Progress Meeting: 10th March 2026
- Mother's Day: 13th March 2026
- St Patrick's Day: 17th March 2026
- Comic Relief: 20th March 2026
- Easter Events: 27th March 2026



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE	Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm
ASDA	Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend
ASK ITALIAN	Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays
BELLA ITALIA	Children eat free Sunday - Thursday
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE	2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult
BILLS	Kids eat free Monday 17th - Friday 28th Feb
BREWDOG	Kids eat free this Feb Half Term
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE	2 under 16s get free breakfast daily with 1 adult!
COCONUT TREE	Kids eat FREE from 10 th to the 16 th of Feb 2026.
CAFE ROUGE	Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week
DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES	Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch
FRANKIE & BENNY'S	Kids eat FREE during all school holidays
FUTURE INNS	Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal
GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS	Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day
IKEA	Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am
LAS IGUANAS	Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App
MARCO PIERRE WHITE	Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend
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Our School Day

8.45am to 9am: Pupils arrive at School

9am to 11:30am: Morning Session

11.30am to 1pm: Lunchtime

1pm to 2.45pm: Afternoon Session

2.45pm to 3pm: Home time

