



# NEWENT NEWS

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## Message from our Headteacher

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have had a fantastic week at school, marked by excellent behaviour and strong effort in lessons. This has been complemented by some beautiful weather, which has made breaktimes and lunchtimes even more enjoyable for our students.

There has also been a wide range of enriching extracurricular activities, including trips to galleries in London, the final Mock Parliament sessions and a superb performance of *The Woman in Black* at a Bristol theatre, led by our English team. Alongside this, our students have achieved a number of sporting successes, which Mr Edgell has written about later in Newent News.

This week also saw the launch of our new streamlined Key Stage 3 homework policy, with students now being set homework in Maths, English and Science through our online platforms. I am really pleased that many students have already made good use of the teaching assistant-supported IT rooms at lunchtimes, and I hope this continues. This approach will help students make real progress in Maths, English and Science, benefit from instant feedback, and have dedicated time to complete their work effectively.

Staff are working incredibly hard on our summer priorities, which include delivering high-quality revision lessons for Years 11 and 13, reviewing curriculum and assessment, and continuing to adapt lessons to meet the needs of all students. This week, we also welcomed our School Improvement Partner for a School Improvement Visit. He shared very positive feedback, highlighting the improved quality of teaching and the exceptional behaviour of our students. His input is greatly appreciated and, alongside the commitment of our hardworking staff, is helping us to continue driving the school forward.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support with our punctuality protocol. This is having a highly positive impact on lessons and ensuring that students are maximising every learning opportunity.

Have a lovely weekend, and thank you as always for your support.

Warm regards,  
**Mr B Dumayne**  
Headteacher

## Clubs and Activities

**Housepoint of the Week  
For w/c 27th April**

\*Lesson Contribution\*

### Monday 27th April

\* Theatre Film Club - 1pm in G7

### Tuesday 28th April

\* Duke of Edinburgh Break & Lunch in Library  
\* Yr12 UCAS Discovery Trip  
\* GCSE PE External Moderation

### Wednesday 29th April

\* Duke of Edinburgh Break & Lunch in Library

### Thursday 30th April

\* A Level PE External Moderation

### Friday 1st May



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## Year 8 Work Shadow Day 2026:

We are delighted to share that for the second consecutive year all of our Year 8 students participated in Work Shadow Day on Thursday 16th April. The day itself gave the students a brilliant opportunity to spend the day with a family member to develop their understanding of the role and in turn begin to consider their own future aspirations and career plans. The students attended a variety of placements such as estate agents, local primary schools, car garages and farms. Thank you to our local community for hosting the students throughout the day.

Please see below some of the feedback from our Year 8 students:

*"I now know more about what I want to do when I am older and the subjects I need to take to create my own business"*

*"I learnt that my father has to work very hard in his job!"*

*"This has helped me learn to deal with customers and how to speak with members of the public"*

*"Spending a day working with animals confirmed that I definitely want to do the job in the future"*



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## Geography News:

### Year 8 Trip to Cotswold Farm Park

On a beautiful, sunny Monday 20th April, 41 Year 8 students went on a Geography trip to the Cotswold Farm Park near Guiting Power. It was a fantastic day, and students really enjoyed the experience.

Throughout the course of the day pupils were tasked with completed a booklet on climate change. To start the day, students received a talk from a senior member of staff from the park on how agriculture at the farm is affected by climate change; a topic the year 8's recently completed before Easter.

Pupils also completed a task relating to renewable energy sources and Asian animal breeds which tied nicely into their current topic of work on the continent of Asia. In the afternoon students had great fun exploring the park in groups, finding out about the animals and even feeding/handling some of them!





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## PE News:

### Rowing:

We had a lovely afternoon this week at Glos rowing club as part of Just Row Gloucestershire. 12 students got the opportunity to have a go at rowing. Great effort was shown by all.





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## Football:

Our U15 boys football team progressed to the Quarter Finals of the County cup by winning this week's District tournament. Some excellent team work on show. Player of the tournament Henry.



## Golf:

Last week 4 boys represented NCS at the County Schools Golf Championships held at Stinchcombe Hill golf club. A great experience for Freddie, Jack, George and Issac. We will look to build on this over the coming years.





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## Year 10 GCSE PE:

Wednesday we took 16 Year 10 GCSE PE students over to Hartpury to see what opportunities they offer. Students also had to come up with new games in a coaching session. Many thanks to Mia from the outreach program at Hartpury





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## Art News:



Year 10 and 12 art students enjoyed a wonderful adventure into the world of contemporary and historical art during their visit to The Tate Modern and The Victoria and Albert Museum this week. We started our day early with a bleary-eyed 7 am meet up in the coach park at school. Our Art and DT teacher, Mrs Peake, entertained us with fun facts and points of interest as we entered the capital, sharing insider knowledge and experience of her hometown. Penny, our art and display technician, also informed us that the source of the Thames is in fact in our own county of Gloucestershire!

Students were introduced to how to record art in a gallery setting and encouraged to identify those pieces of art that they didn't like as well as those they did. We were keen to hear and value all opinions and responses. After our engaging morning soaking up the striking art of The Tate Modern we crossed the city to Kensington and The V&A. The scale of this gallery/museum is quite incredible and there is truly something for all our students: rooms full of ceramics, sculptures, glassworks, photographs, paintings, furniture, fashion and design.

Our coach driver Phil brought us all safely home after a much appreciated stop for tea at Reading Services. All students behaved impeccably throughout and thanked Phil for his role during the day. We have set a competition now for the best double page artwork response to the art trip with a £20 prize and a much coveted art badge. All entries to Ms McClay by Friday 1st May please.

We are excited to see what you will produce! Competition details on Satchel.



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## Community Day 2026:



## Newent Community School & Sixth Form Centre

# COMMUNITY DAY

*Working together for a stronger Newent!*



## FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

On Friday 19th June 2026, Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre will be taking part in our first Community Day.

This day is designed to give our students the opportunity to become actively involved in the local community by supporting local businesses and community venues with practical jobs and activities.



Through Community Day, our students will work alongside our staff and members of the community, demonstrating our core value of **Teamwork** while making a positive and meaningful contribution to the Newent area.



We would be delighted if you would like to participate by offering a task, project, or activity that our students could support on the day. All groups of students involved in the project will have staff supervision throughout.



SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES



BUILDING COMMUNITY LINKS



MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE



TEAMWORK IN ACTION



If you are interested or would like further information, please contact me via email at

[imccarthy@newent.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:imccarthy@newent.gloucs.sch.uk)

*Thank you for supporting our community!*



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## Meet and Eat:

Please see our 3 week Spring/Summer 2026 Menus

**WEEK 1 - Spring / Summer 2026**

**FOOD ALLERGIES** – Due to the nature of the school kitchen, no guarantee can be given that traces of allergens will not be found in the preparation area. Please speak to a member of staff if you have specific concerns.

<b>Breakfast: (from 8am)</b>	<i>Includes: Danish Pastries / Hash Browns / Yoghurts</i>				
<b>Breaktime:</b>	<i>Includes: Bacon Baps, Hot Dogs, Pizza Slices</i> <i>Sausage Rolls, and Steak / Cheese and Onion bakes available on a Wednesday and Friday</i>				
<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Dish of the Day</b>	Beef Bolognaise	Chicken Korma (H GF)	Beef burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken Breast (H GF) Stuffing (V H)	Battered Fish (H)
<b>Vegetarian Dish</b>	Quorn Bolognaise (H V)	Chickpea Korma (H GF V)	Bean burger in a Bun (H V)	Quorn Fillet (H V GF)	Creamy Tomato Pasta Bake (V H)
<b>Sides</b>	Garlic Bread Slice (H V) Mixed Salad	Steamed Rice (H V GF) Naan Bread (H V)	Seasoned Wedges (H V GF) Homemade Slaw (H V GF)	Roast Potatoes (H DF V GF) Carrots and Broccoli (H DF V GF) Gravy (H DF V GF)	Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans or Mushy Peas (H GF VE V)
<b>Dessert</b>	Vanilla Shortbread (V H)	Vanilla Ice Cream (H V GF)	Chocolate Crunch and Chocolate Custard (H V)	Rice Pudding and Jam Sauce (H V GF)	Lemon Cake (V H GF)

**Main Meal Deal (2.95)** – Dish of the Day & Dessert (when purchased at the same time)  
**Jacket Potatoes and butter (€2.35)** available daily - with cheese (41p) and/or beans (41p)  
**Ordering Service for Paninis during break at Meet 'n' Eat**  
**Grab'n'Go (€2.95)** – Sandwich/Panini/Baguette with bag of Crisps / piece of Fruit

**GLUTEN FREE** – Dish of the Day and Dessert available daily

*Freshly Baked Baguettes, Sandwiches and Wraps with variety of fillings*  
*Fresh Fruit Pots, Jelly Pots, assorted items of Fresh Fruit, and Yogurts*  
*Bottled water 500ml, Flavoured water 500ml / Fizz 300ml*  
*Traybakes / Cookies (subject to availability) – Lunchtimes only*

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**WEEK 2 - Spring / Summer 2026**

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<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Dish of the Day</b>	Mini Meatball Pasta	Sticky Chicken (GF)	Chicken Wraps with a Tomato mayo sauce	Roast Loin of Pork Sage and Onion Stuffing (V H)	Battered Fish (H)
<b>Vegetarian Dish</b>	Veggie Meatball Pasta (H V)	Sticky Quorn Pieces (H GF V)	Chickless Wraps (H V)	Mac'n'Cheese (H V)	Creamy Tomato Pasta Bake (V H)
<b>Sides</b>	Garlic Bread Slice (H V) Mixed Salad	Steamed Rice (H V GF) Broccoli	Seasoned Wedges (H V GF) Homemade Slaw (H V GF)	Roast Potatoes (H DF V GF) Carrots and Broccoli (H DF V GF) Gravy (H DF V GF)	Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans or Mushy Peas (H GF VE V)
<b>Dessert</b>	Vanilla Shortbread (V H)	Vanilla Ice Cream (H V GF)	Chocolate Crunch and Chocolate Custard (H V)	Rice Pudding and Jam Sauce (H V GF)	Lemon Cake (V H GF)

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<b>Dish of the Day</b>	Pepperoni Pasta	Chicken Gyros (GF)	BBQ Pulled Pork (GF)	Roast Gammon (GF)	Battered Fish (H)
<b>Vegetarian Dish</b>	Veggie Pasta (H V)	Quorn Gyros (H GF V)	BBQ Pulled Jack Fruit (H V GF)	Mac'n'Cheese (H V)	Creamy Tomato Pasta Bake (V H)
<b>Sides</b>	Garlic Bread Slice (H V) Seasonal Vegetables	Flatbread (H V) Tzaki / Red Onion / Tomatoes (H V GF)	Served in a bun (H V) Homemade Slaw (H V GF) Sweetcorn (H GF V)	Creamed Potatoes (H V GF) Seasonal Vegetables (H DF V GF) Gravy (H DF V GF)	Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans or Mushy Peas (H GF VE V)
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## Newent Samba Band:



**Newent  
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## **NEWENT SAMBA BAND NEEDS YOU!**

**TRY SOMETHING NEW AND FUN!  
FIND YOUR GROOVE!**



**What is it?** Brazilian, carnival style drumming group.

**Who is it open to?** Anyone who wants to join

**When?** Wednesday lunchtimes – bring lunch.

**Where?** H20

**What do you need?** Yourself!

**JOIN US!**