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### **SPRING TERM 1 2026 DIARY DATES**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet Day  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February: **SCHOOL CLOSURES** – half term  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: **SCHOOL OPENS**  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March: TLLT Music Event at Middlesbrough Town Hall  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Professional Development Day: **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Parent Consultations: Pupil Reports  
 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Parent Consultations: Pupil Reports  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: H TEMPEST Class photographs  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: **SCHOOL CLOSURES** end of term  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April: **SCHOOL OPENS** – Summer Term 1  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: **SCHOOL CLOSED** – Bank Holiday  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: **SCHOOL CLOSURES** - half term  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: **SCHOOL OPENS** – Summer Term 2  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jul/ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Jul: Professional Development Day: **SCHOOL CLOSED****

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### **CONTACT NUMBERS**

Please notify the school office if any of your contact details have changed - address, landline number, mobile phone number etc.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those families who have already returned the Questionnaire. Your thoughts and opinions about Newham Bridge Primary School are valued and greatly appreciated. Please find the collated results. The questionnaire results are shared with all Staff, the Local Governing Board and The Legacy Learning Trust. We would like to thank you again for your feedback/comments.

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child feels safe at this school.	75%	27%	-	-	-
2	My child is happy at this school.	73%	22%	6%	-	-
3	Communication from the school is clear. (Gateway app, newsletter, website, telephone, letters)	63%	37%	-	-	-
4	I feel happy about the care my child receives. This school ensures my child is well looked after.	73%	25%	-	-	-
5	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year. (Meetings, website – class pages)	58%	34%	7%	-	2%
6	My child is taught well and is encouraged to achieve at this school. The school has high expectations for my child.	63%	36%	-	2%	-
7	The school has high expectations for my child.	53%	44%	3%	-	-
8	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	51%	42%	2%	-	3%
9	The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. Good behaviour and conduct are encouraged at this school.	61%	37%	2%	-	
10	This school deals with any cases of bullying quickly and effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	37%	34%	-	-	29%
11	The school supports my child's wider personal development.	58%	34%	3%	-	5%
12	I feel I can discuss queries and concerns with the school.	68%	31%	-	-	2%
13	When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	63%	31%	2%	-	3%
14	This school helps me to support my child's learning.	64%	32%	2%	-	
15	If your child has SEND (special educational needs) does the school give them the support they need to succeed.	29%	19%		2%	27%
16	Homework set, supports my child's learning in school. (Times tables Rock Stars: TTRS, Spellings etc)	53%	32%	3%	-	7%
17	The school lets me know how my child is doing. (Aut: Consultation, Spr: Annual report, Sum: Monitor report)	61%	34%	2%	-	-
18	My child does well at this school.	66%	32%	2%	-	-
19	The school is well led and managed. When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interests at heart. (Leadership, Governing Body, Trust)	66%	42%	3%	-	3%

20	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	64%	22%	3%	2%	5%
21	I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes	96%	No		3%

**Thank you for your comments and suggestions.....**

### POSITIVE

- \*My children are happy in school, so a big thank you to all the staff who make this possible.
- \*Really pleased to see the improvements to the school gates last summer, as this was a previous concern.
- \*Regarding school meals – cannot understand the rationale for declining a child food. To be reviewed with kitchen staff.
- \*I am happy with the school and the support my child receives.
- \*I love the personal touch to school- teachers, admin and HT all know the children's names, regardless of year group.
- \*Our son hasn't been at NB very long but he is happy to attend, has made friends and enjoys school. Staff do a brilliant job. Thank you!
- \*My child does not have any SEND needs but I have seen how amazing the staff are with ALL children, especially during the Christmas performances. Having had my child attend a different Nursery before here, I absolutely would recommend NB over and over again.

### BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Not providing Breakfast at morning club (Early Bird) isn't at the best interest for the children. Most parents are willing to pay. 8.10am Early Bird doors need to be open on time and/or consider opening at 8.00am. £1 collected could cover toast and cereal.
- A Breakfast club would be a great option.
- ASC/Breakfast clubs could be improved and open to other year groups

### NEGATIVE

- \*Qu 16: Homework: I don't believe children should receive so much homework at a young age. Work should be completed in teachers teaching hours.
- \*Qu 19 Consent forms repeatedly asked for contact information which has previously been provided.
- \*Child rarely joins in lessons due to SEND, do not feel like the school can deal with his needs
- \*More communication with home – pics on social media or class pages. There are none at the moment.
- \*My child said she wasn't happy as other children misbehave and distract her and don't listen to the teachers.
- \*My child said she wasn't happy due to other children's behaviour - and disrupting her learning
- \*At times communication between teachers, ELSA and SEND lead are conflicting, making it challenging for parents to get a clear picture of our child at school.

### OTHER

- \* Qu 15 – Don't know as new to me
- \* Would like a tuck shop and hair down for school
- \* I would like to know what my child learns weekly.
- \* Would like options for Art classes
- \* Can anything be done about the awful smell of weed on Cayton Drive, every other day
- \* I would like to see photographs of my child taking part in Activities (The events parents don't get to see)
- \* There needs to be activities in the playground at breaktime
- \* Alternating the day of homework club in Year 6. If it is a day we can't do. They miss out all year.
- \* Would love it if there was an app for updates on each child's interaction with the teacher. Also, a newsletter for school and Nursery to be emailed or on an app for easy access.

Dear Parents,

You are invited to our Maths workshops taking place next week. This is an opportunity to develop an understanding of the calculation strategies used by your child. Come and join us..... We look forward to seeing you 😊

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Year 1 (in class) and Year 2 (Hall)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Year 3 (Hall)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February: Year 4 (Hall)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February: Year 5 (Hall)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February: Year 6 (Hall)

### **SCHOOL INFORMATION: IMPORTANT!**

We have a new management information system in school called **Arbor**, which stores your child's information. As Parents you can access the new Arbor system directly from your phone. To do this, you must provide school with the email addresses for the **two primary contacts** (emergency contacts eg Parents). If you have not already done this – **Please could you send your emails via the school gateway system today.** Thank you!

In the coming months we will be moving to Arbor for all payments, school-home communications and to book events eg: Parent consultations etc

**TERM TIME HOLIDAYS** School attendance is mandatory for all pupils. Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school. **School holidays during term time will not be authorised and Fixed Penalty Notices are being issued by the LA. The DFE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be exceptional circumstances.**

**SPRING TERM 1 PE DAYS:** PE sessions have changed for the new term and we ask that the Year 1 – Year 6 children **come to school in their kit** (white t-shirt, black shorts, joggers and a sweatshirt, plimsolls or trainers). The children's PE days are:

<b>PE TIMETABLE: SPRING TERM 2026</b>		
	Indoor	Outdoor
<b>M</b>	Nursery/Reception	Year 3 (2NS/2AJ)
<b>T</b>	Year 5 (2HB/2DJ)	Year 6 (2BV/2KT)
<b>W</b>	am: Year 3 (2NS/2AJ) pm: Year 4 (2CR/2 JH)	Year 1 (1AC) / Year 2 (1MG)
<b>Th</b>	am: Nursery/Reception pm: Year 1 (1AC) / Year 2 (1MG)	Year 5 (2HB/2DJ)
<b>F</b>	Year 6 (2BV / 2KT)	Year 4 (2CR /2 JH)

We hope you have a lovely weekend 😊

Regards

B Hewitt-Best

### **IMPORTANT DATES 2026: NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS**

KS2 YEAR 6 Statutory Assessments: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

YEAR 4 Multiplication check: Between Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

KS1 YEAR 1 Phonics Assessment: 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026**

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

<b>SPRING TERM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b>	
<b>Early Bird Club 8.10 – 8.40am (Y1 – Y6 30max)</b>	
Please ensure all children (Y1-Y6) are collected at the correct time ( <b>Bold below</b> ) by an appropriate adult (OVER 18). *Year 6 pupils may walk, if school has already received written permission.	
<b>Monday</b>	Table Tennis <b>4.00pm</b> Mario Kart Club <b>4.10 pm</b> Maths Masters <b>4.10 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mighty Warriors <b>4.10 pm</b> Y6 Homework <b>4.00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	KS2 Multi-sports <b>4.10 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Big Kids <b>4.15 pm</b> TTRS <b>4.00 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Archery <b>4.20 pm</b> Trampolining <b>4.10 pm</b>