



North Nibley C of E Primary School

2nd October 2026: Positivity



Headteacher's message



Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to gather in St Martin's Church for our Harvest Festival last week. Thank you for all your generous food donations and to everyone who joined us. It was particularly special to see our Year 6 children taking the lead at the front, sharing beautiful readings and leading the singing. Hearing the church full of music was a wonderful way to celebrate together. This afternoon, we will return to church for our traditional stone ceremony, welcoming our new Reception children into the North Nibley school family. This is a special moment as they begin what we hope will be a happy school journey, full of friendship, discovery and opportunity. Peter Marsh will be bringing his guitar along to help us sing our traditional welcome song, and we are looking forward to sharing this occasion with the children.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our continuous provision information evening in Bumblebee Class. Miss Donaldson and I enjoyed explaining what continuous provision looks like, why we have introduced it and the changes you can expect to see. Alongside direct teaching, children will have opportunities to explore, practise their learning and develop independence through purposeful play. We really appreciated your thoughtful

questions, curiosity and support—thank you for working with us as we develop this approach.

From next week, we will finally be able to use our new entrance for morning drop-off. All children will enter through the new main entrance, by the little wooden steps and new wooden fence. Thank you for your patience while the building work has been completed. It will be lovely to welcome everyone through the new entrance and say hello each morning.

Collection at the end of the day will also change. The classes will leave through the following exits:

Dolphin: the pond entrance.

Chipmunk: the old front door. (Library entrance)

Bumblebee: the new entrance near the new ramp.

Aardvark: their outdoor area gate.

Please head to your child's class exit at collection time. Thank you for helping us make these new arrangements run smoothly.

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

Steven Hodgkinson

Headteacher

Aardvark Class



Aardvark class have had a wonderful couple of weeks. We are so impressed with their positivity and curiosity towards learning. We've really enjoyed starting phonics and have learnt S, A, T, P and I so far! We have been forming our letters outside using paintbrushes and water and even tried it in finger painting too. We also had our first forest school session this week. We learnt all of the new rules, found treasures and even had enough time to play too. Some of us found worms, ants and even a centipede!



Work of the Week and Values Certificates

Work of the week: Nola- For her fantastic efforts in drawing club.

Curiosity: Ferne - for asking lots of questions about our learning.

Bumblebee Class



What a great couple of weeks in Bumblebee class; from exploring their new outdoor area and resources (thank you to FONNS for funding our new equipment!) working hard on place value in maths and enjoying the work on our class story Goldilocks and the Three Bears in many different ways, from adapting the story to making their own 3D maps out of the construction, using the puppets to retell the story, to creating maps with labels. This week we have loved talking to our parents and grandparents about the toys they loved to play with when they were young and we are building our own toy museum in class.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the Continuous Provision information evening on Wednesday, please feel free to catch me to chat if you were not able to make it.

Work of the Week and Values Certificates

Work of the week: Pippa for her enthusiasm and thoughtful contributions in RE work

Curiosity : Delilah for being a superstar in class; engaging with all of our new learning and following it up independently in provision.

Chipmunk Class



Chipmunk class have worked really hard this week - producing beautiful pieces of writing, exploring mathematical concepts such as rounding and spotting patterns, embodying the voices of pirates in our reading sessions and competing against each other to solve 'Countdown'-style number problems. In history, we learned all about hieroglyphics - not just what they were and how to use them, but also what they can tell us about Ancient Egyptian society. Well done everyone!

Work of the Week and Values Certificates

Work of the Week: Edie, for a brilliant piece of writing and editing - constantly improving her work and showing great attention to detail.

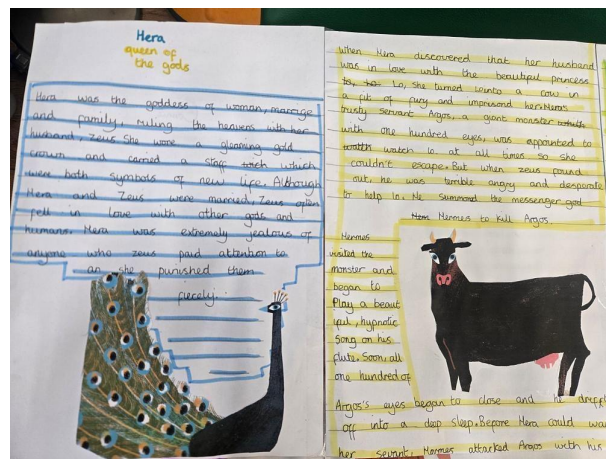
Curiosity: Harry, for taking a huge interest in our science learning about forces and applying it to so many things he noticed around school through the week.

Dolphin Class

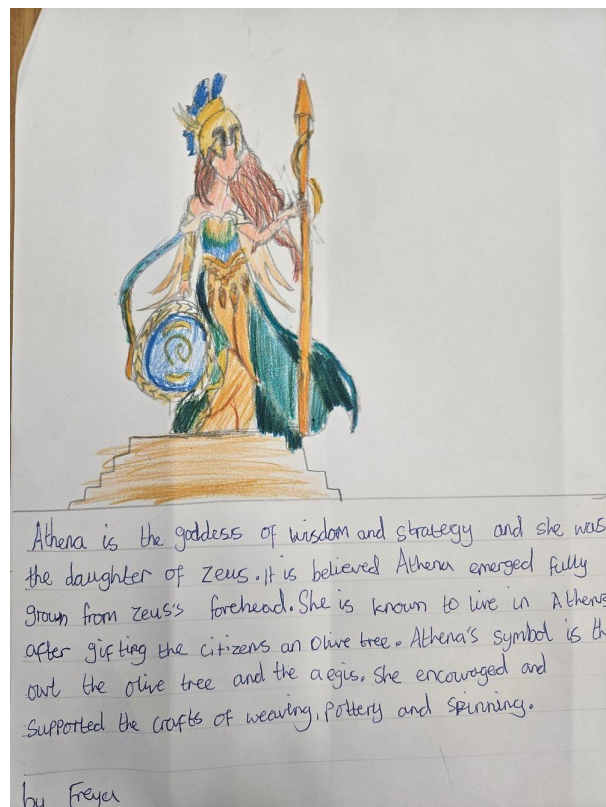


Time is flying in Dolphin class and we have been working incredibly hard to be bold and strong in all we are doing in the classroom at the moment. We have just finished our class book *Illegal* by Eoin Colfer. It has been brilliant to see children starting to think about the intent of the author and spot literary devices being used for an affect. Maths is progressing from place value work into addition, subtraction, multiplication and division for both Year 5

and Year 6. Children are using the strategies they have learnt in previous years to support them in deepening their knowledge and application of maths facts in these areas. In Science, we have started to build our menagerie of real life examples of life cycles and reproduction in different ways across the animal kingdom. Hopefully children are telling you excitedly about our new creatures as they are being introduced to the classroom and we will be expanding our knowledge of them over the coming weeks. Away from learning in Class, Year 6 children have had some fantastic feedback from the Bikeability leaders which I am very proud to share with you. They have been incredibly respectful and engaged in all activities and shown our North Nibley school values consistently to others. Well done you lot!



1 - Part of Connie's homework this week



2 - Some brilliant homework completed by Freya



3 - Our chrysalis for science



4 - Our stick insect eggs for science

[Work of the Week and Values Certificates](#)

Work of the Week: Connie for her brilliant homework creating a fact file about not one, but two Ancient Greek Goddesses.

Curiosity: Freya and Trudy for their choices to be curious about work they find challenging and working together to understand finding a percentage of an amount.

Numbots Champion



Daisy H: Most Improved Player

Times table Rockstar Champion



Jessica B: Most improved player

Running Club



Connie - completed The Cotswold Way. YEAH!

Ngaire - Standedge

Freya - Crowden

Henry S - Cleeve Hill

Nelly - Dowdeswell

Amazing running and getting ready for Cross Country

Important Information

A reminder that Monday 5th October is an Inset Day.

Key Dates for the School Year

Please find below our key dates for the year. We hope this makes it easier for families to plan ahead. Please note that some dates may be subject to change, and we will keep you updated through the usual school communications.

SEPTEMBER 2026

25th September – Harvest Service at St Martin’s Church, 2:30pm

29th September – Thursday 1st October – Year 6 Bikeability

30th September - Continuous Provision Parent Talk in Bumblebee class

OCTOBER 2026

2nd October - Stones Ceremony in the church

5th October - INSET DAY. School closed

18th October – Cross Country

NOVEMBER 2026

3rd November – Individual School Photos

4th November – School Open Day for prospective Reception 2027 families

6th November – Remembrance Service at St Martin’s Church, 2:30pm

15th November – Cross Country

19th November – Parents’ Evening

20th November – Parents’ Evening

DECEMBER 2026

6th December – Cross Country

15th December – Nativity – Afternoon Performance for parents

16th December – Nativity – Evening Performance, 6:00pm

18th December – Christmas Carol Service at St Martin’s Church, 2:30–3:15pm

JANUARY 2027

8th January – Epiphany Service at St Martin's Church, 2:30pm

17th January – Cross Country

FEBRUARY 2027

7th February – Cross Country backup date

MARCH 2027

4th March – World Book Day

19th March – Easter Service at St Martin's Church, 2:30pm

22nd March – Parents' Evening

23rd March – Parents' Evening

MAY 2027

6th May – 20th May – Swimming

6th May – 8th July – Chipmunk Swimming

10th – 14th May – Year 6 SATs Week

14th May – Year 6 SATs Treat Afternoon

27th May – Sports Day

We are holding Sports Day earlier in the year this year.

JUNE 2027

7th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check

10th June – Sports Day backup date

JULY 2027

7th July – Leavers' Morning

13th July – Summer Production – Evening Performance **14th July** – Summer Production – Evening Performance

20th July – Leavers' Service – Morning

Local Open Days

For our **Year 6 families**, a number of local secondary schools are holding open events over the coming weeks. These are a great opportunity to visit the schools, meet staff and pupils, and find out more before making your secondary school choices.

Rednock School – Rednock offers regular opportunities for prospective pupils and parents to tour the school. Please visit the school website for the latest tour dates and booking information.

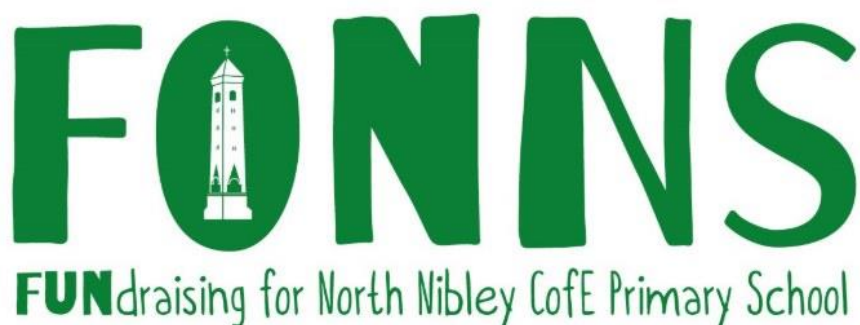
[Rednock School – latest information and school tours](#)

Stroud High School – Open Evening on **Thursday 8th October, 5:00–7:30pm**. Places can be booked through the school website.

[Stroud High School – Open Events](#)

We would encourage families considering these schools to take the opportunity to visit. Please check the individual school websites before attending in case arrangements change.

FONNs and local community



FONNs Fireworks! All are welcome on Friday 23rd October.

EARLY BIRD TICKETS

Early bird tickets are £5 per person or £15 for a family of 4. In order to get your tickets please pay back to the FONNs account.

Sort code 55-61-38

Account number 25314122

With your child's name as reference. Gates open at 5pm and fireworks display at 6.30pm.. Food and drinks will be available from 5pm. Professional fireworks display by Coates fireworks company. Held in the school playground. Wrap up warm and bring a torch and cash. Look forward to seeing you there! 🎆

Nibley Nook

Hi from The Nook 😊

What a wonderful time we have had so far, The children have been amazing, playing outside, doing lots of crafts, enjoying wonderful food, dancing and having fun.

I have so much planned for the upcoming weeks in club, including the **End of Term Party on Tuesday 20th October** during the afternoon session. There will be lots of traditional games such as apple-bobbing, a doughnut eating challenge, a speedy "mummy makeover" using toilet roll and of course plenty of party food. Please may I ask if you wish your child/children to attend can you kindly book in the week before so I can see numbers and order what's needed. Thank You.

This will be another chance for the children to have fun together at Nibley Nook with a **Christmas Party** planned for later in the year.

Also don't forget our **Film Club** every Friday.

We currently have availability for both Breakfast and Afternoon sessions at Nibley Nook so please book in if you need us.

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Lin & Tina

Nibley Nook Film Nights

There are lots of film nights planned at **Nibley Nook** this term! Here's what the children can look forward to:

25th September – *The Muppet Movie*

2nd October – *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*

9th October – *A Bugs Life*

16th October – *Ratatouille*

23rd October – *The Lion King*

6th November – *Jungle Book*

13th November – *Peter Pan*

20th November – *The Incredibles*

27th November – *Finding Nemo*

4th December – *The Polar Express*

11th December – *Arthur Christmas*

Films may occasionally change depending on what the children would most like to watch!



