

Newnham Primary School

The AGM for Friends of Newnham School (FoNS) took place in September 2025. A vote took place and the new Committee took over as follows:

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Alicia Moreman (Secretary)

Other Committee members as follows: Joanne Burrows, Hayley Charlesworth, Lauren Coburn, Sarah Francis, Beth Raynham and Jade Worthington

Events to date for School Year 2025 – 2026

Three school discos take place per annum in the village hall – this year we have had fun in November (Festival of Light), February (Valentines Day) and the last of the year is taking place this Friday 15th May to celebrate the end of school year following SATS. All pupils of Newnham Primary School are invited to attend, as well as all pre- school siblings which is popular amongst the school parent community.



A coffee and pastry stall was set up in the Church before the school's Christingle Service on Friday 5th December. This was a great social event following the school drop off. Our thanks again to St Michael & All Angels for allowing us to do this.



One of the highlights for all of us since the new Committee took over was the annual Wreath Making Event which took place on Friday 5th December. This was run by Lucy D-L and a very popular event with 20 people in attendance (our maximum capacity). We would be very keen to run this on two consecutive evenings for December 2026 if we had enough interest. We would love people to please spread the word!





FoNS hosted a Christmas Party at the end of term on Friday 12th December for all the pupils at Newnham Primary School. This was a lovely way for the children to get into the festive spirit, with the opportunity to enjoy some party games and of course a present for each child to go home with. The snow machine on departure was a huge success!



FoNS also paid for the coaches for all pupils to attend the Christmas Pantomime on Thursday 18th December 2025.

We celebrated the end of the Winter Term with the Christmas Raffle. This was an amazing turnout with some amazing prizes to be won – from holidays, to dinner for two at The Plough in Everdon, Formular 1 Merchandise, Daventry Arc Cinema tickets, vouchers to be used at 1867 Heart of the Shires, Whilton Locks ice skating, Hair Dresser / Beauty Vouchers, Ceramics vouchers, hampers, and many more. Raffle Tickets were so popular, an emergency order for extras was purchased! A huge thank you to those who supported this event by donating a prize to the raffle, and to those who bought tickets. It was an extremely fun event, and a great fundraiser for FoNS.



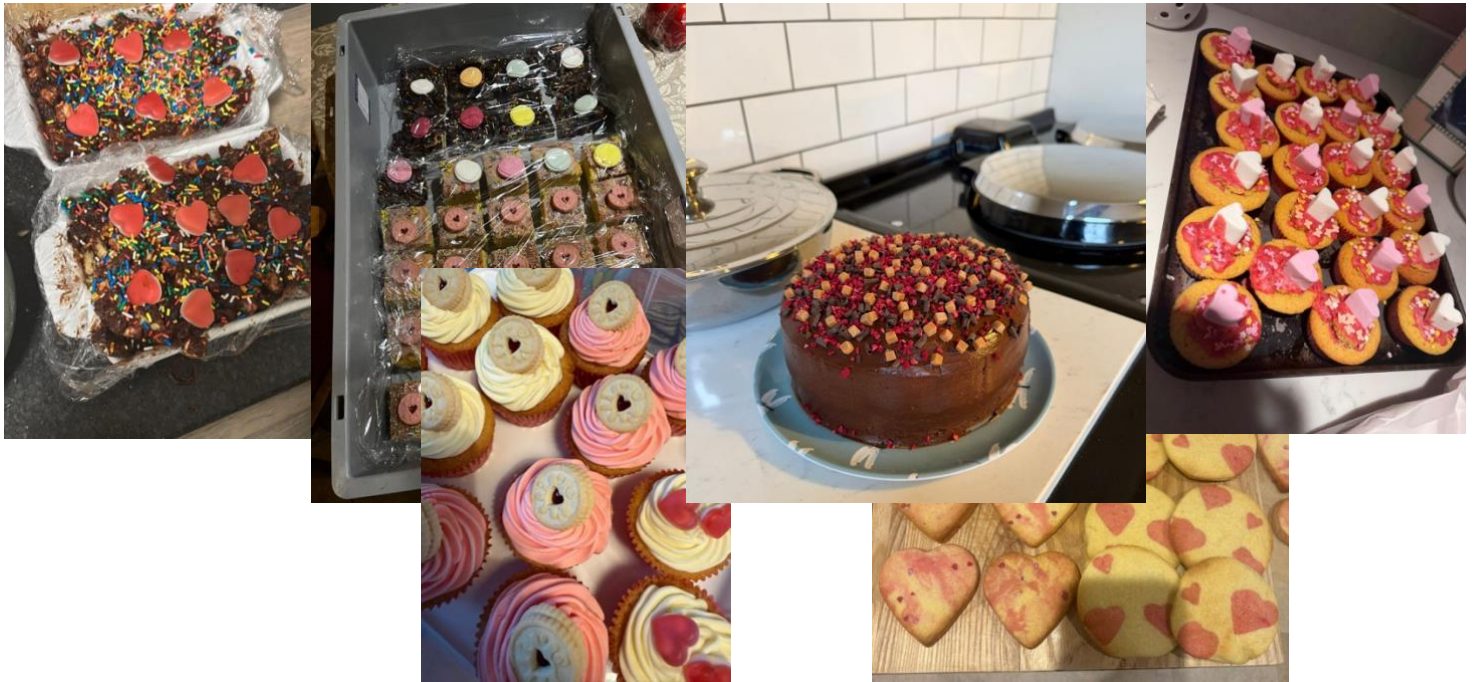
FoNS kicked off the new Year offering free tea and coffee to parents doing the school drop off on 'Blue Monday' as a way of thanking everyone for their support.

In early 2026, Lucy D-L took charge of re-vamping the Key Stage 1 area, which is predominantly used as a break-out area for pupils to further their learning.



FoNS Committee member Lauren Coburn has also kindly donated lots of brand new books to the school to be used in the schools 'book vending machine'.

The FoNS Committee got baking for the Valentines Day 'Cake Bake Sale' which took place on Friday 13th February. This was a popular after school event, which was also taken around the village. Thank you so much to those Newnham village residents for supporting them – Florence and Ralph were ecstatic with their sales!



Future plans...

The last school disco of the academic year will take place this Friday.

Following the success of the Mother's Day Sale, we will be hosting a Father's Day Sale in June.

Refreshments will be provided during the interval for the school's annual Key Stage 2 Summer Production (July – dates to be confirmed).

FoNS will be manning the 'Bottle Stall' at Music on the Green on Saturday 11th July.

Ice Creams to be given to pupils following their Sports Day on Friday 17th July.

End of term celebrations for all pupils will be taking place on Monday 20th July on the field – FoNS are busy planning this and it will be a great afternoon.

Mr Sol Johnson is retiring at the end of this academic year, with his replacement starting in September 2026. Mr Liam Benner has been appointed as the new Head Teacher for Newnham (and Welton), and FoNS look forward to sitting down with him in the new academic year to discuss future fundraising ideas and how to spend this money for the pupils' benefit.

On behalf of FoNS, Alice and Lucy would like to say thank you to the parents of Newnham Primary School for their continued support of these fundraising events, and extend these thanks to Newnham Village for their support of the Wreath Making Event and the Cake Bake Sale. We would welcome any ideas of future events between the school and the village as a means of fundraising for the school.