

Newtown Church of England Primary School



**Growing together
in strength, love and wisdom,
we shine.**

**Newsletter
Friday 28th June 2024**

Message from the Head

Thank you to everyone who came to Sports Day this afternoon. It was a lovely occasion and wonderful for the children to be supported so well as they competed with joy, determination and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all the children who did us all proud!

Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the children during Sports Day and the school whole school family for the Summer Fete. It was brilliant to see so many of you with us this afternoon.

A huge thank you also to the Friends of Newtown who have once again organised and run the Summer Fete for us all to enjoy. It was great fun for all and raised more money for the school and our children.

Commiserations to Miss Wilds, Mr Tinsley, Miss Morris and Mrs Braithwaite who came second in the staff relay race.

Young Enterprise

Our Year 6 entrepreneurs of the future were out in force during the Fete as they ran their own businesses raising as much money as they could having been loaned £10 each by the Friends. They will now count their earnings and work out their profits – minus the £10 loan – to see how our top entrepreneur was!

Hot Weather

With the recent warm weather – and hopefully more to follow – please be reminded that all children should bring in a water bottle and hat to school with them when appropriate. All sunblock should be applied before the school day.

Fabulous Photography

I am very excited to share with you that we have had not one, but two winners at the Young Nature Photographer of the Year 2024 competition run by University Centre Shrewsbury.

Theo was chosen by a panel of judges to be the winner won of his age category with his fantastic photograph of a millipede.



The Millipede by Theo Waddams

Whilst Ozzy won his age category with this brilliant photograph of a kingfisher. Ozzy's photo was also chosen as the overall winner of the competition.



Kingfisher by Ozzy Morris

Both boys attended the awards ceremony at The Guildhall in Shrewsbury to receive their awards and prizes which were presented by Stephen Moss, the BBC wildlife film maker.



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Arrangements for 2024 / 2025

On Monday and Tuesday morning of next week, children from Reception to Year 5 will be part of 'Move Up Day 2024'. This is when children spend some time with the class teacher and staff that will be primarily teaching them from September. These mornings will ensure the transition from this school year to next is a smooth and exciting one. For some children there won't be any change but for others there will.

Arrangements for next year will be as follows:

Owl Class - Nursery and Reception

Mrs Hidalgo

Hawk Class - Year 1 and Year 2

Miss Wilds

Kestrel Class - Year 3 and Year 4

Mrs Riley

Osprey Class - Year 5

Miss Morris

Falcon Class - Year 6

Mrs Lingard

Our teaching assistants next year will be Mr Roberts, Mrs Coburn, Mrs Braithwaite and Mrs Reece and we are currently in the process of recruiting an additional TA.

Teaching assistants will support the children as required depending on number of children in the class and the relative need of the children within it. Whilst teaching assistants will be based primarily with one class, the school is also flexible in how and where they work to best support our children.

Classroom arrangements will remain as they have been this year.

I am also able to share with you all that from next year we will be extending weekly class music tuition to include all children from Year 1 to Year 6, ensure all children from Year 1 to Year 6 attend swimming lessons for two half terms, continue running Forest School sessions for all and ensuring one PE lesson per week is led by a specialist sports coach.

More detailed information regarding class arrangements and timetables for each class will be sent out by class teachers towards the end of the term.

Staffing Departures

I am also able to share with you some staffing departures this summer.

Mr Davies has made the difficult decision to resign from his Higher-Level Teaching Assistant post this week as he seeks to complete the qualifications required to become a teacher. Unfortunately, his personal circumstance means that to fulfil his dream within a bearable timeframe, he must study fulltime so reluctantly leaves Newtown. Mr Davies goes with our best wishes, and we thank him for the difference he's made to lots of children during his time here. We wish him well and he will always be welcome at Newtown.

Miss Roberts will also depart Newtown at the end of this school year having enjoyed her first year of teaching in Year 5 here at Newtown. A big thank you to her for all her hard work and dedication over the course of this year. We wish her all the very best in the future as she moves onto pastures new and we're sure she will go on to have a very successful teaching career.

Miss Cross – who has been with us temporarily since February to cover part of Miss Brown's maternity leave – is heading off to Australia. We hope that she has a wonderful time exploring life Down Under!

We are currently in the process of recruiting an additional teaching assistant to cover the remainder of Miss Brown's maternity cover, before her return next Spring.

I am saddened to let you Mrs Lench has made the difficult decision not to return to Newtown due to health reasons. We are very grateful to her for her invaluable contribution and wish her all the very best moving forward.

Attendance

Owl 92%

Hawk 99% ★★★★★

Kestrel 99% ★★★★★

Osprey 98% ★★★★★

Falcon 93%

Average for this week 96%

Our whole target is 97%

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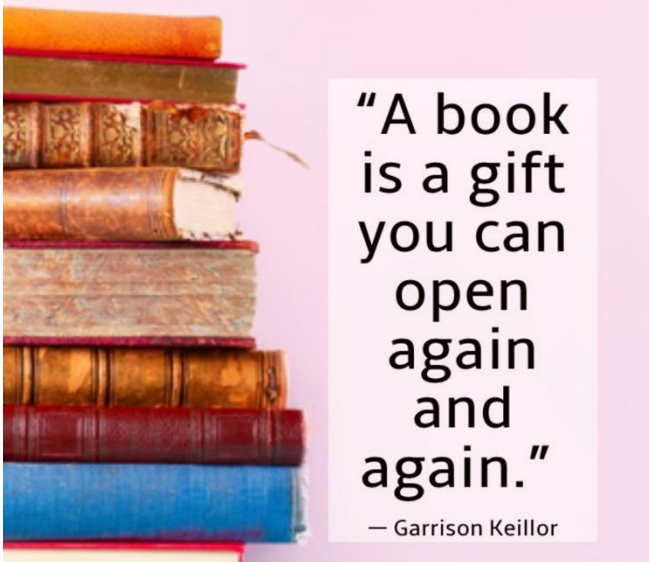
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Remarkable Readers



This has been the second week of our new 'Remarkable Readers' initiative to celebrate the children's engagement with reading at home.

Results for Reading Journal Engagement are as follows:

- Owl Class – 64%
- Hawk Class – 48%
- Kestrel Class – 87%**
- Osprey Class – 25%
- Falcon Class – 23%

Kestrel Class have therefore been awarded a Golden Book which they will read as a class.

The scores above are the percentage of children who have at least 4 entries into their reading journal in the week either by themselves or an adult. Please support your child in recording the reading that is completed at home.

Shining Stars and Achievements of Last Week

There was no newsletter last week but that does not mean there were no celebrations of our children shining! Our winners were as follows:

Owl Class

Archie for being a kind and thoughtful member of Owl Class.

Hawk Class

Henry for demonstrating great perseverance during Assessment Week.

Kestrel Class

Myles for trying his absolute best during Assessment Week.

Osprey Class

Summer for her amazing results in her maths assessment.

Falcon Class

Henry for being a great role model and always trying hard in everything he does.

Class Dojos Winners

- Owl Class – Felicity, Lando and Archie
- Hawk Class – Laura-Jayne, Tilly W and Rene
- Kestrel Class – Lincoln, Olivia and Freddie
- Osprey Class – Lola, Ashley and Jack

Outside Achievements

Archie showed us his rosette he was awarded for sheep showing.

Rocco-Joe was the Star of the Session at his gymnastics club.

Levi was the West Kirby Football Club top scorer for the season.

Alex has achieved his orange belt in martial arts.

Lucas W was commended for being a great member of the Prees football team.

Congratulations all!

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Shining Stars of This Week

Owl Class

Lando for trying his hardest in his writing and being a great helper in class.

Hawk Class

Otto for being a great role model and always trying his hardest in everything he does.

Kestrel Class

Emma for having an amazing week and showing great enthusiasm for her learning.

Osprey Class

Alfred for always being a fantastic role model and working hard especially with his writing.

Falcon Class

Anna-Bella for being a kind friend and for making everyone smile.

Class Dojos Winners

Owl Class – Lando, Ethan and Mia

Hawk Class – Tilly W, Sadie and Henry

Kestrel Class – Louis, Lyra and Alfie

Osprey Class – Hayley, Jack and Alex

Falcon Class – Emily, Harvey, Sophie and Tommy.

Outside Achievements

Amelia and Sadie for achieving their Rise and Explore Awards in gymnastics.

Many congratulations to Olly who has achieved his Stage 2 swimming.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

July

1st July

2nd July

4th July

8th July

9th July

10th July

11th July

16th July

19th July

19th July

19th July

Move Up Morning

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School Closed – Gen. Election

Reports to Parents

Informal Parents Evening

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New Reception Taster (am)

Year 3&4 Liverpool Trip

Leavers Service at Church

2.00pm

Year 6 Leavers Party

3.15pm

Break Up for Summer

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Theo Waddams



Ozzy Morris

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