

# Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

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## Message from the Head



At the end of the first full week of the new school year, it gives me great pleasure to see how well the children have come back and settled into school life and their learning.

As the children settle into their new school year, often with new teaching staff and in new routines, this can be a challenging time, but the attitude and behaviour of the children since the start of term has been excellent. Well done all.

We have also enjoyed welcoming parents and children's adults into school for our Forest School Inspire afternoons and Support Your Child at Home session. The partnership between the school and parents is so important in supporting a child's education and it has been wonderful to build those relationships still further.

## General Consent

This week you will have received an email asking to complete a General Consent Form. We ask that all parents complete this as soon as possible on the School App. If you are having trouble accessing, please speak to the office who will be more than happy to help you.

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## Local Celebrity

### Girl, 9, buys food for rescue by selling bracelets



Chloe bought the rescue dozens of boxes of dog and cat food, as well as toys for the animals

**Chloe Hughes**  
BBC News, West Midlands

Whilst we were all enjoying our summer holidays, Chloe was busy getting to work! You may have read all about what Chloe was up to during the summer as she raised lots of money for the Grinshill Animal Rescue. Chloe was on BBC Radio Shropshire to share her story and she also had a visit from our local MP, Helen Morgan.

Read more here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crmwl8kejlko>

We are so proud of Chloe as during the holiday she spent endless hours making bracelets which have raised a total of £327 at the last count!

## Forest School Clothing

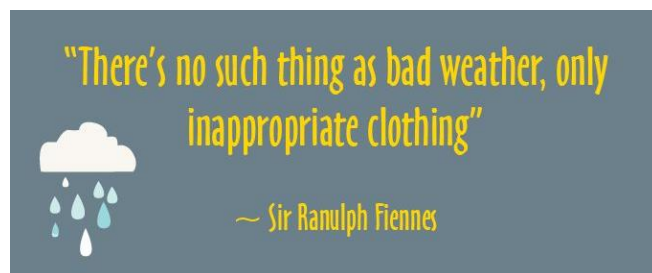
It is great to be able to see the children enjoy the great outdoors during Forest School but this is challenging if children aren't in appropriate clothing.

Please can you ensure that children come to school with suitable outdoor clothing when they have Forest School sessions. Children should have trousers, long sleeved tops, coats and outdoor waterproof footwear – preferably wellies. The weather is often wet and cold, and it is important the children are warm and dry. PE kits are not suitable. Thank you.

**"There's no such thing as bad weather, only  
inappropriate clothing"**



~ Sir Ranulph Fiennes



### School Clubs 2024-25

Wraparound Care will continue from the first day back after the summer holidays - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. We will continue to offer wraparound care from 7:45am until 8:45am and 3:15pm until 5:30pm every day. We will also be able to offer wraparound care for Nursery aged children until 4:30pm.

Themed clubs will start from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September and will be as follows for the first half term before we review and refresh for Autumn 2.

Autumn 1 2024		
Day	Sunset Club 3:15pm – 4:30pm	
Mon	KS1 Football* with Mr Tinsley	Construction & Engineering with Mr Roberts
Tue	KS2 Girls Football* with Mr Tinsley	Games with Mr Roberts
Wed	Cookery & Baking with Mrs Braithwaite and Mr Roberts	
Thu	KS2 Boys Football* with Mr Tinsley	Arts & Craft with Mr Roberts
Fri	Forest Fridays with Mr Roberts and Mrs Braithwaite	

*\*Clubs will be limited in numbers and registration will take place. Children at these clubs should be collected at 4:30pm.*

**Sunset Club will continue until 5:30pm every night and will be child-led from 4:30pm onwards.**

### Forest School Inspire Events

Following the success of the first two Forest School Inspire afternoons, children's adults from EYFS and KS1 are warmly invited to join us for the final two Autumn Inspire Events. These will be out in our Forest School area and will give you all the opportunity to come and join the children in their outdoor learning.

20<sup>th</sup> September      Nursery and EYFS Inspire  
Forest School  
9:15am – 11:30am

20<sup>th</sup> September      Year 1 and 2 Inspire  
Forest School  
1:15pm – 3:15pm

### Support Your Child at Home Events

It was great to welcome parents to the Supporting Your Child with Phonics and Early Reading session last week.

The impact that adults at home have on their child's education should never be underestimated. From hearing children read every day, to supporting them with their homework and asking them to share what they've learnt at school are all crucial in a child's development.

It is with this in mind that we want to support you in supporting your child at home. Therefore, we invite you to the following:

16<sup>th</sup> September      Support Your Child in Maths  
EYFS & Year 1 Parents  
3:15pm – 4:00pm

### Holidays In Term Time

This week the Local Authority has once again reiterated the need for schools to uphold the guidance on term time holidays including fines. It is as follows:

For a first offence, the amount will be £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, doubling to £160 up to 28 days. If unpaid after 28 days, the local authority will prosecute the parents.

Example: (halve if one parent)		
2 parents	1 child	Paid within 21 days: £160 Paid within 28 days: £320
2 parents	2 children	Paid within 21 days: £320 Paid within 28 days: £640
2 parents	3 children	Paid within 21 days: £480 Paid within 28 days: £960
2 parents	4 children	Paid within 21 days: £640 Paid within 28 days: £1280

For a second offence committed by the same parent in respect of the same pupil, the amount will be the higher rate of £160 per parent, per child. If unpaid after 28 days, the local authority will prosecute the parents.

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If there is a third occasion of unauthorised leave of absence related to the same child within a period of three years from the date of the first offence, the local authority must proceed with a prosecution or use other attendance legal interventions, because Penalty Notices have not succeeded in effecting the required change in behaviour.

I have attached further guidance which schools have been requested to circulate to parents.

#### ASDA Rewards



The Friends of Newtown have signed Newtown up to the ASDA cash for schools rewards scheme.

All people need to do is choose the school on the Asda rewards app when they are shopping and every time you shop in-store and scan the card or shop online ASDA will automatically add funds for every relevant purchase. Here is the link for further information: [www.asda.com/cashpotforschools](http://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools)

It was only set up last week and we've already raised £57 for the school, so it's well worth doing for all those who shop at ASDA. Thank you.

#### Attendance

Last year we achieved a whole year average of 95.3% which was an improvement on the previous year but not quite at the 97% we are aiming for. I have every hope that this year we can hit our target!

#### This week

Owl 93%  
Hawk 99% ★★  
Kestrel 98% ★  
Osprey 98% ★  
Falcon 100% ★★★★★

#### Average 97.53%

Our whole target is 97%



#### Shining Stars of LAST Week

##### Owl Class

The whole of Owl Class for being amazing in their first week.

##### Hawk Class

Theodore for setting a great example to his peers.

##### Kestrel Class

Lucas for his positive attitude towards his learning.

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### Osprey Class

Chloe for her amazing achievements during the holidays when she raised so much money for Grinshill Animal Rescue.

### Falcon Class

Jamie for being extremely helpful and eager to learn in school.

### Shining Stars of THIS Week

#### Owl Class

Elsie for being a superstar and settling in so well.

#### Hawk Class

Eleanor for being brilliant during her first full week.

#### Kestrel Class

Hamer for his fantastic attitude to his learning.

#### Osprey Class

Rosie for her amazing effort and trying so hard with her maths.

#### Falcon Class

Hayley for wonderful effort and determination in her maths.

### Outside Achievements

**Eleanor** took part in her first ballet show at the start of July performing in front of an audience of over 400 people.

During the summer, **Ava** has achieved her RDA Grade 1 horse care certificate. In a couple of weeks she will be filming her competition routine with her horse, Best Friend, as they're entering a pairs vaulting competition. Good luck Ava!

Well done to **Emma** who has achieved her 50m swimming award!

Well done both!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your sincerely,

Mr Crompton.

### Key School Dates

#### September

16<sup>th</sup> September

19<sup>th</sup> September

20<sup>th</sup> September

20<sup>th</sup> September

26<sup>th</sup> September

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#### October

2<sup>nd</sup> October

4<sup>th</sup> October

14<sup>th</sup> October

15<sup>th</sup> October

16<sup>th</sup> October

17<sup>th</sup> October

22<sup>nd</sup> October

23<sup>rd</sup> October

24<sup>th</sup> October

#### January

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> January

#### March

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March

#### May

12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May

#### June

8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June

Support Your Child Event  
Maths

EYFS & Year 1

3:15pm – 4:00pm

EYFS Stay & Play

1:15pm

Nursery and EYFS Inspire  
Forest School

9:15am – 11:30am

Year 1 and 2 Inspire

Forest School

1:15pm – 3:15pm

Prospective Parent Open Day

9:30am – 10:30am

U11 Girls Football Tournament

Year 3/4 Football Tournament

Year 6 Business Enterprise

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

Harvest Festival

9:15am – 10:00am

Parents welcome

EYFS Theatre Trip

Newhampton Journey Day

U9/U11 Football Tournament

Ellesmere College

Kestrel Class Ironworks Trip

Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip

Robinwood

Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip

Condoover

Year 6 SATs Week

Phonics Screening Check

Year 4 Multiplication Check

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**NEWTOWN  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
OPEN DAY**

*Come and take a look around our school  
and meet the wonderful children and  
staff. Find out why Newtown is such a  
special place to be.*



- ✓ Thursday 26th September 2024
- ✓ 9:30am to 10:30am
- ✓ No booking required

**'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'  
AT NEWTOWN**

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# NURSERY SPACES AVAILABLE

from 3 years old 8:45am to 3:15pm

We are dedicated to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where your child will grow, learn and develop.

- Messy Play
- Art and Crafts
- Forest School
- Music and Movement

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