

## Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

### Message from the Head

Our Charity Ministers have this week been extremely busy raising money for the Royal British Legion with the sale of poppies at school. Thank you for your support for this – I know the children have enjoyed buying as much our ministers have enjoyed selling!

Next Monday is Armistice Day and as always – for 11am - we will make our way to the church to share in a time of silence and reflection. Parents are welcome to join us in doing so.

Our Charity Ministers, Zavier and Summer, also want to inform you that next Thursday, children will be invited to come into school dressed in a certain colour as part of Anti-Bullying week! This week, each house democratically voted for the colour of clothes, their house should attend the special day in! The colours which were decided upon below:



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### Christmas is Coming!

You will see in the Key Dates at the end of the newsletter, we have confirmed the key Christmas Performance Dates. These events will all take place in the church and parents are, of course welcome to join us. They are as follows:

**EYFS and KS1 Nativity**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 5pm

**KS2 Christmas Concert**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 5pm



### School Photographs

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, the school photographer will be in school for individual / family photos of the children. A reminder for the children to come to school looking smart and ready for their photoshoot!

### School Trips

At Newtown we really want the children to have the broadest and best experiences they can. These memories and brilliant learning experiences are often found outside of the classroom and on school trip. Visits and residential form a great part of giving children an experience both within and beyond their normal locality.

We do, however, appreciate that for parents this can be a financial burden. Payments for trips are always a 'voluntary contribution' so we really appreciate the efforts and sacrifices that parents make to support their children financially this way especially in the current financial climate. It makes these trips possible and without payment they wouldn't be possible.

As a Federation we always look to find best possible value for trips and trips but despite parent contributions all trips are subsidised from the main school budget in an attempt to make them affordable for all parents.

Unfortunately, budgets are being squeezed within education at the same time as prices are going up for everything else. To give you an idea, to take a 40-seater coach to Birmingham and back has been quoted as costing £850 – this will make some trips difficult to complete and this, very sadly, has meant that our proposed upcoming trip to Young Voices has had to be cancelled.

We understand the disappointment this will cause for the children but the Choir Club will continue at school and further events are planned for Christmas.

We will be in touch with parents who have signed up / bought tickets to the concert directly next week.

A reminder that those children eligible for Pupil Premium funding are entitled to attend school trips free of charge as the school receives additional funding for these children and I urge anyone who thinks they would be eligible to apply.

### Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil Premium funding is available for eligible families, which provides additional support for children in our school. This funding can be crucial in enhancing educational opportunities and resources for your child.

The Pupil Premium is available to families who receive certain benefits. The eligibility criteria include the following:

1. **Income Support** - If your family is in receipt of Income Support.
2. **Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance** - If you are receiving this allowance.
3. **Child Tax Credit** - If your family earns less than £16,190 per annum and is not receiving Working Tax Credit.
4. **Universal Credit** - If your household's taxable earnings are less than £7,400 per annum.
5. **The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit** - If your family qualifies under this criterion.
6. **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** - If applicable.

If you believe that you meet any of the above criteria, I encourage you to apply for Pupil Premium funding. To apply, you can complete the form attached to this email or alternatively, please contact our school office, and we would be happy to assist you.

We encourage all eligible families to apply for this funding, as it directly benefits your child and helps our school provide additional resources to enhance their learning experience.

### Christmas Pantomime

We are looking forward to taking the whole school to the Theatre Severn in December to enjoy Sleeping Beauty! Thank you to the Friends of Newtown for contributing towards this trip and we are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of £5 per child to go some way to meeting the cost of the visit.



This year we would like to invite all children to come to school in their pyjamas! All donations – big or small – welcomed as we raise money for this great cause.

### Sunset Clubs Next Half Term

<b>Monday</b>	Craft or Netball & Basketball
<b>Tuesday</b>	Choir or Hockey
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cooking
<b>Thursday</b>	Football (KS2 – Boys and Girls)
<b>Friday</b>	Quiz Night

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Friends of Newtown AGM

## FRIENDS OF NEWTOWN AGM

We will be holding our annual AGM  
on 20th November 3.20pm

If you would like to join the PTA or  
like any further information please  
email [foncommittee@outlook.com](mailto:foncommittee@outlook.com)  
or attend the school hall.

**20.11.2024**  
**3.20PM**



### School Hedge

A very big thank you to local resident Anne Lokier for organising the cutting of the hedge on the approach to the school. This is done with no charge to the school and is hugely appreciated.

### Forest School

For the next four weeks, Falcon and Osprey Class will have their Forest Schools session on a **Thursday** afternoon. These sessions will be run by Miss Morris. Can I please remind parents that children must bring with them – not wear – suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. If a child does not have the appropriate clothing they may not be able to take part in the session. Thank you.

### School Open Day

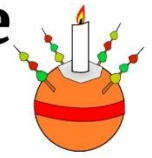
We will be welcoming prospective parents to the school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 11:15am. If you know anyone who would be interested coming to take a look around our school, please do share this date with them or encourage them to get in touch with the school directly.

### Stay and Play

Mrs Hidalgo and Mr Roberts will be welcoming Nursery Aged children to school on the morning of November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please spread the word!



# Newtown Church Annual Christingle Service



3pm Christmas Eve @ Newtown  
Church

If any children would be  
interested in taking part in the  
nativity, please message Maisey  
07513 017778

Practise Dates 15th and 21st of December  
2-3pm @ Newtown Church

### Attendance Update

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell, particularly in the winter months when there are lots of seasonal illnesses going around. If you do keep your child at home, please remember to call school on the first day of the absence and keep us updated every day after that. Wherever possible children should be in school so that they can receive their education.

## Should I keep my child off school?

**Yes**

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No**

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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### Attendance This week

Owl Class 94%  
Hawk Class 96% ★★  
Kestrel Class 93%  
Osprey Class 98% ★★★★★  
Falcon Class 96% ★★

Weekly average: 95.7%

Our whole target is 97%

### Shining Stars of the Week

#### Owl Class

Lilly-Anne for shining so brightly within Owl Class.

#### Hawk Class

Arthur for having a brilliant week of learning and enthusiasm for school.

#### Kestrel Class

Rene for her love of school and caring, compassionate, patient self.

#### Osprey Class

Lincoln for his fantastic poetry.

#### Falcon Class

Zavier and Summer for doing such a wonderful job as Charity Ministers.

### Outside Achievements

Chloe has been busy again with raising money for the Dog's Trust. She spent her half term raising money for the guide dogs and also did a puppy sweepstake. This morning she also told us of selling her handmade dog charm bracelets and keyring charms in Sunshine Celebrations, Wem.

We are delighted to say she raised a massive £122.00 in her half term week, well done Chloe.



Erin for a multitude of martial arts medals!



Alfred for coming 17<sup>th</sup> in the British Squash Championships!

Alex for passing his Stage 5 in swimming!

Well done all!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your sincerely, Mr Crompton.

### Key School Dates

#### November

11<sup>th</sup> November  
13<sup>th</sup> November  
14<sup>th</sup> November  
14<sup>th</sup> November  
18<sup>th</sup> November  
19<sup>th</sup> November  
20<sup>th</sup> November  
21<sup>st</sup> November  
29<sup>th</sup> November

Remembrance  
Flu Vaccines  
House Colour Day  
Stay and Play Session 9:15am  
School Photographs  
School Open Day 11:15am  
U11 Hockey Tournament  
U9 Girls Football Tournament  
Friends of Newtown Xmas  
Craft Night for All

#### December

5<sup>th</sup> December  
16<sup>th</sup> December  
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17<sup>th</sup> December  
17<sup>th</sup> December  
12<sup>th</sup> December  
20<sup>th</sup> December

Dress Down Day  
Xmas Shop Donation  
Xmas Shop Event  
EYFS and KS1 Nativity  
5pm. Parents Welcome.  
Xmas Shop Event  
KS2 Christmas Concert  
5pm. Children Welcome.  
Christmas Jumper Day  
Christmas Church Service  
2:00pm – Parents Welcome

#### January

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

Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip  
Robinwood

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## March

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

Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip  
Condover

## May

12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May  
16<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 SATs Week  
Summer Camp Out

## June

8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June  
20<sup>th</sup> June

Phonics Screening Check  
Year 4 Multiplication Check  
Summer Ball



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## **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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