

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 29th November 2024**

Message from the Head

Today marked the end of another busy week at Newtown as we start to think about squeezing preparations for Christmas into our packed curriculum schedule.

This morning, Year 1 and 2 had the pleasure of making the short walk to the Lay's farm. It was lovely to be warmly welcomed onto our local farm and gave the children an opportunity to experience a working farm.

Huge thanks to Julia and Rory Lay who spent their morning talking to the children about everything that happens on the farm, introducing the children to the animals, exploring the grain stores and marvelling and the machinery.

It is important the children get to see and appreciate where the food we all eat comes from and how important farming is to our local community and society in general.

We hope to be able to take other year groups to the farm later in the year.

House Captain Elections

Today the children in KS2 voted democratically to decide on who should Captain their House. Each House got to hear from their candidates before placing their ballot in the Ballot Box and casting their vote. Following the election, the following children have been duly elected:

Robinson House: Jack
Griffiths House: Harry
Morgan House: Alfred
Clorley House: Ashley

Executive Headteacher: Mr Ben Crompton

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Values Ambassadors

Earlier this week, our Year 5 and 6 children have democratically selected Values Ambassadors. Our chosen Ambassadors will have the responsibility of keeping an eye out throughout the week, spotting those children who are upholding our school values of strength, love and wisdom.

The ambassadors will select children each week who they feel have been a good example of our vision in action.

The children with these responsibilities will be as follows:

Strength

linked to resilience, independence, confidence

'Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged.'

Joshua 1:9

Jack

Love

linked to kindness, patience, respect

'Love is patient. Love is kind. Love never fails.'

1 Corinthians 13

Chloe

Wisdom

linked to curiosity, creativity and understanding

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding.'

Proverbs 3:13

Harry

Supporting Your Child at Home

Thank you to all those parents who spend time at home supporting the children's learning. It makes a big difference in school and helps children to progress quickly academically, improving confidence within the classroom.

As reminder, we ask that parents support their children with their homework including spellings, arithmetic skills and reading. This really does make a difference to the children's progress. Thank you.

Christmas Wreath Making

Tonight, our Fabulous Friends have organised a Christmas Wreath Making evening at the school and the hall looked wonderful as it was set up for a night of festivities! Thank you to the Friends for organising and to all those who will attend raising funds for our school.



By Popular Demand... Christmas Shop Is Back!



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Come dressed down on 5th December and if you like, you're welcome to bring an item to the Christmas shop, but it's completely optional- we're just excited to have everyone join in.

Christmas Shop will be held on 16th and 17th December, where children can buy 2 gifts, priced individually up to £2.

Idea of items:

- Chocolate's/biscuits
- Mens or Ladies gifts
- Socks
- Anything you can spare

Item's to come in on 5th December

Communication Reminder

For clarity, I would just like to outline the functions of our various methods of communicating with parents:

Email

This is our official way of communicating to parents and anything significant will be done via email – either on a whole school, class or group level.

Class Dojo

Informal class reminders and sharing of in school experiences.

Text

This will only be used in an emergency. For example, weather updates, arrival times from trips.

Social Media

Wider public sharing of events in school.

Every Day is Open Day

Newtown Church of England Primary School

At Newtown, every day is 'Open Day'

Get in touch to arrange a tour

Place available from 3 years +

The hidden gem in the heart of the countryside
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Stay and Play at Newtown

Thursday 12th December

9:00am to 10:30am

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Bulb Planting

Our older children have been busy in the garden this afternoon planting bulbs ready for the spring. A big thank you to our Governor, Mrs Lipson, for coming over to support the children in their planting. We look forward to some spring surprises in the new year as the 100+ bulbs pop up...

Accelerated Reader

This week we have started to roll out the Accelerated Reader programme across the school. The applicable children have completed their Star Assessments and started to choose books.

We have invested a further £1000+ in new books for the children to give them more choice and look forward to this increasing engagement.

As with all new approaches, it will take a bit of time to ensure that the assessments are accurate and the children are best matched to their books.

There will be further information about how it works and how children can be supported at home but we are delighted with the way Accelerated Reader has been received by the children.

Attendance This week

Owl Class 98% ★★ ★

Hawk Class 97% ★★

Kestrel Class 96%

Osprey Class 95%

Falcon Class 97% ★★

Weekly average: 96.6%

Our whole target is 97%

Shining Stars of the Week

Wisdom

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding.'

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Owl Class

Isabel for having a week which has seen a growth in confidence.

Hawk Class

Reuben for asking brilliant questions at the farm which helped everyone learn.

Kestrel Class

Harriet for preserving in her maths assessments.

Osprey Class

Louis for his wonderful piece of history work.

Falcon Class

Excellent work on his first ever SATs practice paper.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Your sincerely, Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

December

5 th December	Dress Down Day Xmas Shop Donation
6 th December	Theatre Severn Pantomime
11 th December	Rearranged U11 Hockey Tournament
12 th December	Stay & Play – Christmas Special 9:00am – 10:30am
12 th December	Owl Class Inspire
16 th December	Xmas Shop Event
16 th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 5pm. Parents Welcome.
17 th December	Xmas Shop Event
17 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 5pm. Children Welcome.
12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
20 th December	Christmas Church Service 2:00pm – Parents Welcome

January

6 th – 8 th January	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip Robinwood
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March

13 th – 14 th March	Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip Condoover
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May

12 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
16 th May	Summer Camp Out

June

8 th – 13 th June	Phonics Screening Check Year 4 Multiplication Check
20 th June	Summer Ball



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Coffee & Chat

How can we help you?

Come along to:

Whittington Primary School, Station Rd,
Whittington, Oswestry SY11 4DA



1st Tuesday of each
month from the 3rd
December
9am - 11am



Free information, advice
and support around;

- Family Life
- Domestic Abuse support
- Housing and Finance support
- Special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND) support
- Parenting support
- Little Stars - Baby Bank/ school uniforms
- Training and Employment support and much more

Supporting families with children aged 0-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs and disabilities)

We aim to make it easier for you to ask for help and get support when you need it.



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Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



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