

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 20th December 2024**

Message from the Head

It has been a magical week of Christmas performances which has seen all our children from Nursery to Year 6 take part. It is wonderful to see the children perform with such confidence and festive spirit as we come together as a school family.

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us for both the performances and the church service today - it was great to see these events so well attended and the children supported so well.

Thank you also to the staff who work so hard to make these performances so special for our children and families at a time when everyone's personal lives are so busy. Staying late after work for these sorts of events can be taken for granted but not at Newtown, where we appreciate the huge amount of work that goes on above and beyond what people see.



Newtown Choir on Tour

Having played a starring role in Tuesday's Christmas Concert, our school choir boarded the minibus and headed off in to Wem to spread Christmas Cheer yesterday. The children sang wonderfully at the Wem Co-op before heading to Landona House and entertain the residents there.

Well done to all the children in our choir – you were all so brilliant and made us proud. Involved. It is this sort of thing which makes this time of year so special.

Thank you also to Mrs Lingard for leading our choir so brilliantly. We look forward to doing even more in the new year, so please encourage your children to get involved and join Choir Club in January.



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Inspire Days

It was lovely to welcome so many parents to our Inspire Events on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. It is great to see parents involved in their children's life at school and it is clear to see that our children appreciate your efforts to join them – as do the staff.

However, please know that if it is not possible for you to attend, please don't worry. The children are never left out and we will continue to offer these opportunities every term moving forwards.

Father Christmas Arrives Early

This week we have taken delivery of approximately £8000 worth of new iPads and laptops for the children. These devices will help our children in all aspects of school life including in computing, maths, reading and for use in interventions.

The children will be able to use these upon our return to school in the new year.



Christmas Shop Success

Thank you to Santa's Little Helpers who joined us this week to help wrap presents that the children purchased from the Christmas Shop. It is an event which the children look forward to all year as they go Christmas shopping all on their own and buy gifts for their loved ones.

Electronic Storyteller

We have also invested in this little machine which will be stationed in the library to give us the option of books being read to children.



If anyone has unwanted or unused book characters which they would like to donate to school – we will gladly receive. Thank you.

Outdoor Shelter Completion

I am pleased to report that the outdoor shelter has been completed this week, with roof on and water butts installed!

Thank you to Jewsons and CRF (UK) Ltd for supporting the project and to the Friends for financing it. Finally, thank you to Mr Reincke, who continues to be our very own dream maker!



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Services on Christmas Eve in Newtown

The whole family is welcome at Newtown Church on Christmas Eve for the Christingle Service which begins at 3pm.

There is also a service at 0pm for the Midnight Service. This is a special Communion Service to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip

As Monday 6th January is PD Day, we ask that parents of the Year 5 and 6 children attending the Robinwood Residential drop their children off at Newtown School between 8:15am and 8.30am. The children will return to school on Wednesday 8th January when they can be collected at the normal time.

PD Day Reminder

A reminder to all that Monday January 6th is a PD Day for staff so school will be closed to children. School will open to all children from Tuesday 7th January.

Unwanted REAL Christmas Trees

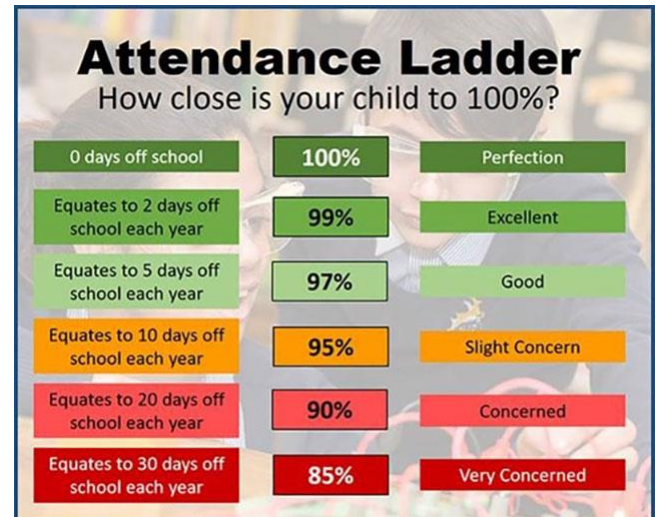
When you are looking to dispose of your old real Christmas tree, please feel free to donate to our Forest School! You can do this by throwing it over the fence at school and I will sort out on our return to school in January. A Forest School has many uses for old Christmas trees... Thanks.

Attendance This Week

Owl - 85%
Hawk - 94% ★★ ★
Kestrel - 89% ★
Osprey - 90%
Falcon - 93% ★★ ★

Weekly average: 90.43%

If you need with getting your child into school, please contact Mrs Hordern, our Pastoral Lead. Thank you.



Outside Achievements

Harriet has achieved her Stage 7 swimming award. Well done Harriet, this is a great achievement.

On behalf of all the staff and governors at Newtown, have a magical Christmas and a prosperous new year!

Now, let's Step into Christmas...

Your sincerely,
Mr Crompton.



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Key School Dates

January

6th January PD Day
6th – 8th January Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
Robinwood

March

13th – 14th March Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip
Condover

May

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

June

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



Winter Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire
Book Now!
SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

Across Shropshire, spaces are still available on the Winter HAF programme. Over the holidays, eligible children and young people aged 4 (reception class age) to 16, are invited to attend free holiday clubs happening across the county.

To find out more please go to:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf

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