

# Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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## **Message from the Head**

Happy New Year! A very warm welcome back to you all after the Christmas break. I hope you had a restful break and spent some quality time with the children during what is such a wonderfully exciting time.

A huge thank you on behalf of the staff at the school for those who gave gifts. They are not in any way expected but are very much appreciated. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with your children every day and everyone appreciates the support that you give the children and school.

We now look forward to a very exciting Spring Term!

## **Warm Welcome**

A big welcome to the new families who have joined the Newtown Family this term. I am sure you will be warmly welcomed to our special community by parents, pupils and staff of the school.

## **Swimming**

This term Hawk Class will be swimming on a Friday afternoon. We ask for a payment of £3 per week to go towards the cost of the coach. This can be paid via the School Money App.

## **PE at Newtown**

PE lessons this term will take place on a Thursday and a Friday for every class. Children should all wear their PE kit to school on a Thursday and Friday. Any new PE kit can be purchased from School Shop Direct. <https://schoolshopdirect.co.uk/product-category/schools/schools-newtown-primary/>

## **Robinwood Residential**

I have spent a significant amount of time this week with our Year 5 and 6 children who were at Robinwood Activity Centre for their residential. The children enjoyed 3 days of action-packed activities including caving, high-ropes, archery, giant swing and climbing.

I can't overstate how great it is to see the children challenge themselves and overcome real fears and develop personally on the duration of the course. These trips also give children a sense of independence as they spend time away from home – often for the first time – and sleep in a new place.

The behaviour and attitude of the children was exemplary and all the staff – both from school and the centre – were extremely impressed with everyone.

A huge thank you to the staff – Mrs Lingard and Miss Morris – for their enthusiasm and support they gave the children away from their own families. Without their commitment and dedication, residential trips could not take place. Thank you.

## **Forest School**

Reception and Nursery children will have their weekly Forest School session every Wednesday this term with Mr Roberts.

For the next four weeks, Hawk Class (Year 1 and Year 2) will have their Forest School sessions also on a Wednesday afternoon.

The next Y1/2 sessions will be as follows:

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

*(Please note, there will be no Y1/2 session on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January)*

Please ensure that all children bring appropriate – warm and waterproof – clothing. Hawk Class children will change into their Forest School clothes at lunchtime.

## **Snow Closures**

In the event of a snow closure, I will aim to contact parents between 7:30 and 7:45am via school email. A decision to close the school will be based on our risk assessments of the premises and staffing levels. If a number of staff are unable to attend school due to the weather conditions, we will close the school for safeguarding reasons.

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### School Clubs Timetable

Further information will be sent out regards our Wraparound Care provision during this half term and we have some exciting developments in the activities and clubs we will be able to offer in the future as we look to enhance our provision further. However, for this half term, most of very popular clubs will remain the same as last term.

#### Sunset Clubs Spring 1

<b>Monday</b>	Craft or Netball & Basketball
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dodgeball
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cooking
<b>Thursday</b>	Football (KS2)
<b>Friday</b>	Quiz Night

*Choir Club will now take place during a Thursday lunchtime.*

### Newtown Buddies and Bench

This week we have launched a new Buddy Initiative to ensure our playground is the happiest place it can be for all the children.

Following on from requests from our School Parliament, the bench is somewhere children can sit if they want to find someone to play with and other children will then be able to help.

We will also have two children each day who will volunteer to be Playground Buddies. These children will be older children who younger children can look to for guidance and help should they need it.



### Electronic Storyteller

This little storytelling machine is stationed in the library to give staff 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.

### Supporting Maths at Home

Arithmetic and Times Tables underpin all maths and at school we complete Arithmetic challenges every week. These challenges are stuck into Home School Journals so that parents can monitor attainment and progress of the children. It is also hoped that parents can support their child. The questions essentially stay the same every week, with just the numbers changing, so if a parent can pick a question that was answered incorrectly each week to work on, then the theory the children should get one more question correct every week!



Knowledge of times tables is also crucial to a child's and progress and attainment in maths. All children from Year 2 upwards should have access to Times Table Rockstars (if you don't have access or know the login details, please contact the class teacher). Children should access TTR at least once every week – using the programme has a real impact on how well children achieve in mathematics.

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### Unwanted Christmas Trees

Thank you to those of you who dropped your old Christmas trees over the fence at school. They have already been used in Forest School and will be a great additional resource for our Forest School activities moving forwards.

### NCRA Information and Lottery

**What is NCRA?** Newtown Community & Recreation Association (NCRA) is a registered charity and was formed in 1999. The charity purchased the land (outlined below) for the benefit of the Newtown area community and created a playing field, a community garden to celebrate the millennium, a playpark, and a car park.



The NCRA relies entirely on the support of volunteers, donations and grants to keep these facilities maintained and open. Over the past couple of years, the NCRA has embarked on a number of developments to the playground, the car park and a new community garden. This has not been possible without generous donations from local residents, parents/carers, and support from local businesses. We need to undertake

continuous fundraising to be able to maintain and update these facilities for the benefit of everyone.

**How your donations help?** The playpark alone costs around £2,000 a year just to keep open! We also need to raise funds to maintain the car park, garden and for any repairs/upkeep of the area. The recent car park extension cost in excess of £31,500 and will cost the charity in excess of a further £20,000 to complete. If you enjoy using the play park and garden or use the car park, please consider making a donation to enable us to keep these facilities open for all to use or join our lottery.

**Join the NCRA Lottery** The NCRA Lottery is open to anyone (18 and over) and plays a vital role in raising funds to maintain the playpark, playing field, community garden and car park owned by the charity.

**Entry Fee and Application** To enter the lottery, all you need to do is complete an application form and pay a £15 entry fee. Your entry will cover 12 monthly draws.

**Draws** There is a monthly draw that takes place on or near to the last day of the month.

**Prizes** Each of the monthly draws comprises of two prizes as follows:

- 1st Prize - £10
- 2nd Prize - £5

There are some application forms in the gazebo near reception, or you can email [ncracommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ncracommittee@gmail.com) and we will be happy to email a form to you. Payment can then be made by bank transfer. Full terms and conditions are included with the application form.

Follow the NCRA on Facebook @ Newtown Community and Recreation Association to keep up to date with any fundraising events we are hosting and for the lottery results.

NCRA Quiz Night – 26<sup>th</sup> January. Please see further details below.

### Parenting Support Available

Please see files attached to this email regarding support for parenting which is offered by Shropshire Council. The feedback I have received on these sessions, suggest they are really and useful and informative sessions.

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### Role Model Awards

From next week, we will introduce a new weekly award as selected by our Values Ambassadors.

These are awards going to children, as selected by their peers, for demonstrating the values that we build our school upon.

There will be an award for each of our values: Strength, Love and Wisdom.

#### Class Dojo Champions

##### Owl Class

Tommy, Darcie & Bono

##### Hawk Class

AJ, Isla & Mia

##### Kestrel Class

Rene, Isla & Rowan

#### Shining of the Week

##### Owl Class

Bono for settling in so quickly in his first week at Newtown.

##### Hawk Class

AJ for having a great week in everything he has done.

##### Kestrel Class

Myles for having a great end to the week culminating in a Shotgun solo in Worship this morning!

#### Osprey & Falcon Class

All our wonderful Year 5 and 6 children for being brilliant at their Robinwood residential trip. They were all an absolute credit to the school.

#### Attendance This Week

Owl - 92% ★

Hawk - 93% ★★

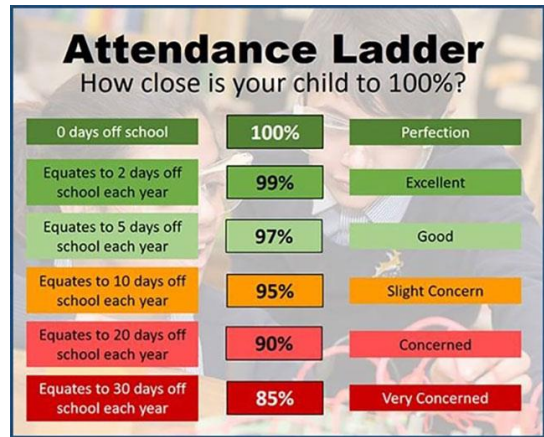
Kestrel - 86%

Osprey - 88%

Falcon - 98% ★★★

Weekly average: 91.6%

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



#### Outside Achievements

Jude for being awarded a certificate for his super cartwheels in his gymnastics lessons.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Your sincerely,  
Mr Crompton.

#### Key School Dates

##### 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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# QUIZ NIGHT

**At The Dickin Arms, Loppington**

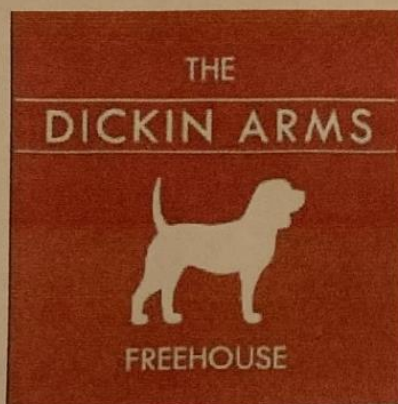
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**Sunday 26th January 2025**

**First Question at 7pm, so get down  
early for a warm up drink.**

**Teams of 4, £5 per person**

**All money raised will go towards the  
NCRA**



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