

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 28th February 2025**

Message from the Head

As a school we play a key part in the small rural community of Newtown itself. A big part of this community is the excellent playpark and parking facilities that our school community uses every day.

This car park and playpark is completely separate to the school and is owned, run and maintained by the Newtown Community & Recreation Association. The NCRA is a registered charity and was formed in 1999 for the benefit of the Newtown community including the school.



The school does not directly contribute to the upkeep of either the playpark or car park, instead the NCRA relies entirely on the support of volunteers, donations and applies for grants in order to keep these facilities maintained and open.

To give you an idea of running costs, the playpark alone costs more than £2,000 a year just to keep open! This includes insurance, mandatory ROSPA inspections and new bark that must be topped up/replaced. Funds are also required to maintain the car park and for any repairs/upkeep of the area. The idea is that car park extension – which is currently suffering from potholes - will cost the charity in excess of £25,000 to complete.

Continuous fundraising is required to be able to maintain and update these facilities and the school will run certain events this year aimed to directly support the upkeep of this facility as we believe it is hugely beneficial to the parents and children of the school. However, the sad reality is that unless funding streams increase, there may be a time in the not-too-distant future which means the playpark and / or the car park would have to close.

How can you help?

The NCRA Lottery is the easiest way to support the continued use of the playpark and car park. The Lottery is open to anyone (18 and over) and is one of the funding activities that plays a vital role in raising funds to maintain the playpark and car park.

Entry Fee, application and draws: There are two options of how to join.

1 – Fill in the forms that can be found in the school shelter.

2 – Donate via School Money – a link will be sent out to everyone next week – which will involve the payment of a £15 donation and as a thank you, you will be automatically entered into the lottery for the next 12 months.

A draw takes place monthly with and the results of which will be circulated in the school newsletter.

1st Prize - £10

2nd Prize - £5

I do hope that within the school community we can provide significant support to enable the continued use of the playpark and car park for our families. Therefore, if you are able to, please join the lottery and remember... 'It could be you!' Thank you.

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EYFS Attingham Park Trip

Our Reception children thoroughly enjoyed a day at Attingham Park yesterday. The children visited the gardens where they saw some beautiful flowers, completed a mile walk, learnt to use a map and had a tour of the grand house. It was a lovely experience for all and took advantage of the school's new National Trust card which enables free entry to such properties and gardens.

Year 5 & 6 Football

On Thursday our Year 5 & 6 football team travelled over to Oswestry School to compete in a large competition involving many local schools.

Our team performed admirably against a number of larger schools but the highlight was an emphatic 3-0 victory over St Martins School who incidentally were managed by Mrs Riley's brother!



Year 1 & 2 Indoor Athletics

I had the pleasure of transporting and supporting a group of children from KS1 to Criftons this week for an indoor athletics event. The children took part in a range of activities including long jump, javelin and running races. All children competed wonderfully and did the school proud.

Correct Kit

Please can we ask that parents make an extra effort to send children in or with the correct clothes.

For Forest School sessions, children will need to bring with them suitable outdoor clothing and footwear and if you're child has been selected for a sporting event

they must wear their PE kits. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take any children who do not have the correct kit.

Year 1 & 2 children can come to school on a Friday in their PE kits as they go swimming in the afternoon. The hope is that this will speed up the time it takes the children to get changed following their session in the water.

Forest School Timetable

There is no Forest School for Kestrel Class next week, we'll be back on 19th March!

Hawk Class	7 th 14 th 21 st May
Kestrel Class	19 th 26 th March 9 th 30 th April
Osprey & Falcon Class	4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th June 2 nd 9 th July

World Book Day

A reminder that children are invited to attend school dressed as their favourite book character next Thursday. To celebrate the joy of reading, the children will enjoy a morning of carousel activities.

Newtown School is celebrating
WORLD BOOK DAY
Thursday 6th March 2025

Mystery Reader

Costume Parade

House activities

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book." - Dr. Seuss

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There will also be a very special menu available to the children for World Book Day:

WORLD BOOK DAY
A Celebration of David Walliams Books

MENU
Burt's Ratburger
or Bad Dad's BBQ
Veggie Hot Dog (v)

SERVED WITH...
Mega Monster Wedges
Gangsta Granny Greens
Mr Stink's Sweetcorn

FOLLOWED BY...
Billionaire Boy
Shortbread
Awful Auntie's Apple
& Grape Pots

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Federation Faith Works Day

Newtown will be holding, the 'Federation Faith Works Day' on Tuesday 11th March. This special day will be led by the Cellar Church team alongside their American friends, and we will also welcome Welshampton children and staff to Newtown.

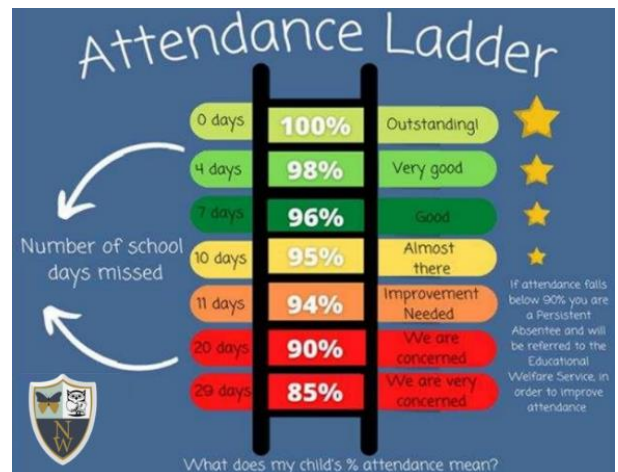
The children will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of stories and prayers, designed to enrich their understanding of the Christian faith and the vision of our schools.

This promises to be a fun-filled event, providing numerous opportunities for learning and building new friendships.

Children should come to school in their school uniforms as normal.

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Owl - 100% ★★★★★
Hawk – 97%
Kestrel - 100% ★★★★★
Osprey - 100% ★★★★★
Falcon – 86%
Weekly average: 97%



Shining Stars of the Week Owl Class

Tommy for showing great strength and bravery.

Hawk Class

Lando for trying his best in all aspects of learning.

Kestrel & Osprey Class

Chloe & Olivia for settling into Newtown life so seamlessly and showing a great attitude to learning.

Falcon Class

Zavier for his wonderful efforts in class and overall positive contribution to school.

Outside Achievements

Arabella for completing her 5m swimming award.

Emma for achieving Level 7 in swimming.

Ezra for his street dancing wizardry and teaching a number of staff some special moves.

And finally, a huge well done to Oilly for being named 'Beaver of the Week'.

Congratulations all!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely, Mr Crompton.

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Key School Dates

March

6 th March	World Book Day
13 th – 14 th March	Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip Condoover
19 th March	Friends of Newtown Meeting
28 th March	Easter Egg Dress Down Day

April

2 nd April	Year 6 London Trip
4 th April	Newtown Escape Rooms
10 th April	Easter Raffle

May

1 st May	School Closed – Local Election
12 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
16 th May	Newtown Colour Run

June

8 th – 13 th June	Phonics Screening Check Year 4 Multiplication Check
27 th June	Sports Day 1:15pm start Parents Welcome

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



Does your child struggle with their Sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups which run for 5 weeks and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Our next groups start:

Sleep Tight SEND Monday 9th June 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm
Virtually Via MS Teams

or

Sleep Tight Monday 16th June 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am
Virtually via MS Teams

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950

Find out more here



Understanding your child From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start:

Understanding Your Child Group 29th April 2025 from 9.15am to 11.15am at Crowmoor Primary School, Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Clee Hill Community Primary School
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 30th April 2025 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Shrewsbury TBA
Understanding Your Child Group 30th April 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Belvidere Primary School, Shrewsbury
Understanding Your Child Group 1st May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am at Highley Community Primary School
Understanding Your Child Group 1st May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams
Understanding Your Child Group 1st May 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at St Lucia CofE Primary School, Upton Magna
Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2nd May 2025 from 09.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams
Understanding Your Child Group 2nd May 2025 from 1.15pm to 3.15pm at Christ Church CofE Primary School, Cressage

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

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