

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 7th March 2025**

Message from the Head

It has been great to finally have a bit of sunshine this week and the children have enjoyed playing outside as we hopefully look forward to Spring arriving with earnest!

A big part of the week was World Book Day on Thursday which saw the children and staff come to school dressed as a whole host of characters. Reading is such an imperative part to education and life in general and anything that schools do to recognise and celebrate reading is to be celebrated.

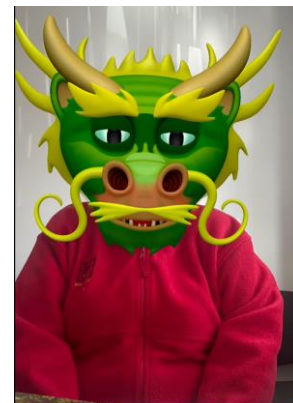
We had a brilliant day and spent the morning on a carousel of activities based on our love of reading.



Thank you to all the parents – and staff - for supporting this day (I know it's often quite hard work) but the children really enjoyed it and looked fantastic!

We also had a bit of fun playing 'The Masked Reader!' which can be found on our Facebook page if you want to guess the member of staff reading the story!

'Who's that behind the mask?'



Shrove Tuesday

We also had a special day on Tuesday when the school enjoyed some Pancake Day events – including our EYFS children getting in the kitchen and making their own!

The children – and staff – also enjoyed pancake races on the sporting



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The children learnt that Shrove Tuesday is a Christian festival celebrated in many countries across the globe. It falls on the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent – a period of around six weeks leading up to Easter. During Lent, Christians give up luxuries to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray.

We also held our annual 'Pancake Race' and this year it was won by Clorley House.

The staff also had their own pancake races, which - if you are wondering - were won by Mrs Hidalgo (contested by Miss Morris), Miss Kerr and myself (twice!)

The children had great fun flipping pancakes and supporting their teams and staff.

Football Champions

On Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Team – made up of mainly Year 4s - headed off to The Marches to compete in the annual competition.

It was a glorious afternoon and the girls shone brightly. Their effort and commitment was superb and, following a series of resilient performances, the girls ended up winning the competition by beating Ellesmere Primary 1-0 with a last-gasp winner from Sky.



Congratulations all – you made us really proud!

Federation Faith Works Day

A reminder that next Tuesday, Newtown will be hosting, the 'Federation Faith Works Day'. 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.

Car Park and Play Park Donations

Thank you to those who have donated £15 to the upkeep of the car park and play park. A reminder that there is no obligation to donate but it is very much appreciated of those who can. Everyone has been emailed a link on School Money to do this with ease... and it also includes free entry into the lottery!



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Wem Carnival

VOLUNTEER ROLES AVAILABLE

- **Event Management**
- **Planning & Administration**
- **Marketing & Sales**

Can you spare a little of your time to help?

Wem Carnival committee seeks dedicated volunteers to help with the planning and management of Shropshire's best carnival! Just a few hours each month is all we need! Get in touch via Facebook or email...

info@wemcarnival.co.uk

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Strength

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

Joshua 1:9

Owl - 100% ★★ ★

Hawk – 98% ★

Kestrel - 97%

Osprey - 99% ★★

Falcon – 88%

Weekly average: 96%



Shining Stars of the Week

Wisdom

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

Proverbs 3:13

Owl Class

Lilly-Ann for reading with fantastic fluency.

Hawk Class

Eleanor for her historical knowledge brilliance.

Kestrel Class

Iris for her brilliant work in maths with division.

Osprey Class

Emma for being a lovely friend and making great choices.

Falcon Class

Summer for her perseverance in maths which is producing some great results.

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Olly who has achieved his Level 3 swimming badge – top work Olly!



Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely, Mr Crompton.

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Key School Dates

March

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
31 st March	Parents Evening

April

1 st April	Parents Evening
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

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
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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.



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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