

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 24th October 2025**

Message from the Head

This half term has been full of activity, learning, and opportunities across the school.

We've welcomed several new children and families from Nursery through to Year 6. It's been lovely to see them settling in and becoming part of our school community.

Our Meet the Teacher events gave families a chance to connect with staff and learn more about the year ahead. We also held a Support Your Child with Phonics evening, which offered practical advice for supporting early reading at home.

Parents joined us for Forest School Inspire sessions, experiencing first-hand the benefits of outdoor learning and exploration.

We were proud to host a Macmillan Coffee Morning, which welcomed not only parents but members of the wider community. It was a fantastic event that raised funds for a great cause while bringing people together.

Hollywood came to Newtown to capture everyday moments that reflect the ethos and energy of our school, and we were thrilled to share our school video with families and the wider community.

Children took part in music workshops, explored faith and culture during a trip to Liverpool's Synagogue and Cathedral, and enjoyed a field trip to Ellesmere, linking classroom learning with real-world experiences.

Year 6 took part in the Enterprise Challenge at Thomas Adams, developing teamwork and entrepreneurial skills in a new setting. We also welcomed a pilot, who

spoke to pupils about his career and inspired lots of questions and curiosity.

As did our Year 5 & 6 webinar with astronaut Tim Peake who spoke about space as part of their literacy work.

Our football teams had a brilliant half term, playing several matches and winning three tournaments—a fantastic achievement that reflects their hard work and team spirit.

We ended the term with a well-attended Harvest Festival, celebrating community and giving thanks.

It's been a busy and rewarding half term, and we're all ready for a well-earned rest. Thank you for your ongoing support—we're already looking forward to the second half of the term and the run-up to Christmas...



Christmas 2025 at Newtown
3rd December - Festive Late-Night Shopping Childcare
5:00pm – 7:30pm
£5 per child

We know how busy this time of year can be, so we are looking at offering an evening of childcare to give you the chance to enjoy some late-night Christmas shopping.

The children are welcome to come in/bring pyjamas and watch a Christmas film with maybe a Christmas game or two as well as a free hot dog while you get some stress-free shopping time! Further information to follow after half term.

16th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity – 3pm
Owl Class and Hawk Class will join together in a performance of the Big Little Nativity.

17th December – KS2 Outdoor Nativity – 5pm
For our older children, the Christmas story will be retold in a truly magical way. The Greatest Story Ever Told... is an immersive outdoor experience where parents will encounter scenes from the nativity ending in a Christmas Camp Fire Sing-along.

19th December – End of Term Service – 2pm
The whole school will join together as we end the term in church with our traditional Christmas Service.

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Congratulations Mrs Riley

We are pleased to share with you that Mrs Riley is expecting her second child next Spring. The current plan is for Mrs Riley to teach up until the Easter break before going on maternity leave but as always, this will be flexible. Maternity cover for our Year 3 and Year 4 children will be shared in due course.

Swimming

Next half term, Hawk Class will be going swimming every Friday.

Forest School During Autumn 2

Dates for next half term are as follows:

03/11/2025 - Hawk Class

10/11/2025 - Kestrel Class

17/11/2025 - Falcon Class

24/11/2025 - Hawk Class

01/12/2025 - Kestrel Class

08/12/2025 - Falcon Class

EYFS and Nursery will continue to enjoy Forest School at least once per week.

Pilot Visit

This morning we welcomed Mr Ian Van Onselen (Miss VO's dad) to school to talk to the children about his career as a search and rescue helicopter pilot and commercial airline pilot.

He spoke to the children about what his roles involve and his experiences as a pilot. The children were fully engaged and inspired by the talk. Moving forwards, we hope to welcome adults with different careers into school to talk to the children as part of our work to be an inspirational place to come to school.

If you are interested in talking to the children for 15/20 minutes about what you do as a career, please get in touch.

After-School Clubs

We will no longer be asking for parents to make block bookings for certain clubs, instead, children will be able to join every club on an ad hoc basis. Clubs next half term will be as follows:

Monday - KS2 Football and Board Games

Tuesday - Cookery and Remote-Control Cars

Wednesday - Hockey and Construction

Thursday - Forest Schools and Art & Craft

Friday - Bench Ball and Film/quiz night

Money Owed to School

As we approach the end of term, please ensure all outstanding debts for school meals and clubs be paid in full before. We will accept part payments weekly until balances are cleared. Please make every effort to keep any outstanding amount to a minimum. To make payment please visit www.eduspot.co.uk/schoolmoney. Thank you.

Pantomime Trip

As is tradition, we will be taking the whole school to the pantomime this year – 'oh yes we will' – for what promises to be another great experience for the children. We will be heading over to the Theatre Clywd to watch Cinderella The Rock 'n' Roll Panto.

Last year we went to Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury but a number of children didn't go due to visiting with their family so we're back to Wales this year!

The cost, as with everything, has risen substantially and it now costs just short of £2000 for the school to visit. (£930 coach and £960 tickets) which works out at approximately £25 per head. To reduce the cost for parents, the Friends of Newtown will make a significant contribution but this year we will also be doing a Sponsored Bounce!

All money raised will go towards subsidising the trip and then we will work out a cost per head which should be significantly lower than the current £25 per child.

Every family has today received information and sponsorship form for the 'Bounce for the Panto' event which will take place on November 20th. Please get round those wider family members to see how much we can raise!



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Music Squad Launch – Join the Joy!

The children have enjoyed workshops and a Music Squad assembly over recent weeks!

We're now excited to announce a fantastic new opportunity for our children: Music Squad piano lessons and after-school keyboard clubs are now available!

Music Squad is all about making music fun, engaging, and confidence-building. Their lessons are designed to help children flourish – developing self-esteem, focus, and a lifelong love of music. Whether it's one-to-one piano sessions during the school day or lively group keyboard clubs after school, there's something for every budding musician.

Highlights include:

- Daytime one-to-one piano lessons every Tuesday – no after-school commitments!
- After-school keyboard club (Tuesdays until 4:30pm) – small group fun with pop songs and musical games.
- Weekly updates with photos and videos sent straight to parents.
- Easy online registration and flexible payments.
- First lesson free when you join this term!

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out! For full details and to register, please see the flyer sent out today or visit www.musicsquad.co.uk and click "Register now" under the Shropshire branch.



Weekly Attendance

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Owl Class – 88%
Hawk Class - 95% ★★
Kestrel Class - 93% ★
Falcon Class - 96% ★★★

Average – 93%



Values Awards

*as chosen by our values ambassadors
Harriet, Marni and Mercedes.*

Strength

Olivia L for being brave and showing strength.

Love

Percy for being such a kind friend.

Wisdom

Levi for always being kind to staff and his peers and making the right choices.



Shining Stars of The Week!

Owl Class

Alfie-Rae for great listening and super sitting!

Hawk Class

Felicity for always making the right choices and trying her very best.

Kestrel Class

Hollie for always being so kind and caring.

Falcon Class

Olivia for an all-round amazing week doing a fantastic Big Write.



Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Isla who has recently achieved her 100 meters swimming badge - that's a long way!

Well done Arabella who has swam 25metres to achieve her yellow badge and certificate.

Sadie was awarded a Girl of the Match trophy for her amazing hattrick!

Olivia showed us her super medals which were awarded for her dancing.

A special mention to Levi and Elanor who came to share the stories they had written at home.



Headteacher's Award

Mr Van Onselen for his super pilot talk to the children!

A reminder that staff have a PD Day on Monday 3rd November, so the children will return on Tuesday 4th November.

Have a wonderful half term break!

Yours sincerely, Mr Crompton.

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Key School Dates

November

3 rd November	PD Day
4 th November	Children return to school
6 th November	Open Morning
11 th November	Armistice Day
20 th November	Sponsored Bounce

December

1 st December	Dress Down Day
3 rd December	Christmas Shopping Night 5:00pm – 7:30pm
10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
11 th December	Christmas Shop
16 th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 3:00pm at church
17 th December	KS2 Outdoor Nativity 5:00pm at church
19 th December	End of Term Christmas Service 2:00pm at church

January

8 th January	Cinderella Pantomime
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You are invited to

NEWTOWN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
9:30AM – 11:30AM

Let The Adventure Begin

admin@newtown.shropshire.sch.uk

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