

# Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

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## Message from the Head

Monday marks the first day of December and as such we are all gearing up to the Festive period. This began in earnest this week when our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Ministers were invited to Croft Christmas Trees near Whixall to select two Christmas trees from their Christmas Tree Farm which they very kindly donated to the school.

We had a really super afternoon and we can't recommend highly enough if you are looking for a Christmas Tree Farm where you can 'pick your own' [www.facebook.com/thecroftchristmastreesandglamping/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/thecroftchristmastreesandglamping/?locale=en_GB)

We look forward to getting them in position at the start of next week before a big light switch on at the end of the school day on Monday!

From Monday, our Christmas Post Delivery Service will also be up and running! Our older children will take the role of Postman Pat and run a regular delivery service from our central Christmas Post Box as made by the always creative, Mrs Reece.

This week we also ran our KS2 auditions for Christmas in the Forest 2025. We were blown away by the number of children who wanted to sing a solo and it really was a heartwarming afternoon. Please understand that it is impossible to please all of the children, all of the time, but we do our very best to make the fairest decisions we can, and a lot of time and effort goes into that.

Children's roles will be confirmed next week as we look forward to a magical Christmas evening!



**Christmas 2025 at Newtown Reminder  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 16<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity – 3.30pm

Owl Class and Hawk Class will join together in a performance of the Big Little Nativity. The event will now start in the church at **3:30pm** rather than 3:00pm as previously stated. Children will stay at school at the end of the day.

## 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 19<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term Service – 2pm

The whole school will join together as we end the term in church with our traditional Christmas Service.

## Sponsored Bounce Money

We are hopeful of sending out a letter informing parents of final cost for the panto early next week. Therefore, if you have any remaining Sponsorship Money please bring it into school on Monday so that we can share it with the Friends.

## Fabulous Footballers

Our KS2 boys football team headed over to Welshampton on Thursday night to compete in the next round of our three-way tournament. The children did really well, worked tirelessly and never gave up. Well done all – I was proud of you all! Thank you to the parents who transported the children and thankfully we were rewarded with a couple of games this time!

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### Oteley Visit

This morning, we took all of our Nursery and Reception children to visit the Oteley Estate near Ellesmere. We are keen on getting our children out and about and visiting local farms really gives them a sense of the community that they are growing up in.

We fed the highland cattle and pigs, as well as taking a tractor trailer ride and climbing aboard a tractor.

It was a wonderful morning of exploration, and it was a pleasure to share this experience with the children. Thank you to Miss VO for organising.

If you are passing, it really is a lovely place to pop in and grab a coffee and see the highland cattle whilst you're there! [www.oteley.com](http://www.oteley.com)



### Medical Appointment Reminder

Where possible, please make medical appointments outside of school time so not to interrupt your child's learning. Whilst we accept this is not always possible, it would be appreciated if you could do your best. Thank you.

### Clothes Bank Reminder

You may have seen that we have a Clothes Bank at the entrance to the school – there is still plenty of room in there! You are welcome to bring any old clothes and toys you may have and drop them in the very large container which is with us for the next couple of weeks.

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## Christmas shop

on 1<sup>st</sup> December come dressed down and bring in a item for the Christmas shop

Suggested items:

Nursery and Reception: Men's gifts  
Year 1 and 2: Chocolate's and biscuits  
Year 3 and 4: Women's gifts  
Year 5 and 6: Any gift item

These are only suggestions and please feel free to get any gift item you wish.

The children will be able to purchase gifts on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December.



### School Admission Changes within Shropshire

Shropshire Council, as admission authority for community and controlled schools in Shropshire, is conducting a consultation exercise on School Admission Arrangements for 2027/28.

The Council is simultaneously coordinating a consultation exercise for own admission authority schools, such as academies, whose governing bodies/trustees are responsible for setting their admission arrangements and who wish to make changes to those arrangements.

They wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on 28 November 2025 and continue for more than 6 weeks until 16 January 2026.

The proposed amendment to Shropshire Council's admission arrangements is as follows:

"Changing the definition of a sibling from 'older sibling' to 'a sibling' to the oversubscription criteria for all community and voluntary controlled schools in Shropshire."

Further details are attached to the document sent out with this newsletter.


### Forest School During Autumn 2

Remaining dates for this half term are as follows:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Kestrel Class

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Falcon Class





**Weekly Attendance**  
**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...**

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

Average – 91%

A bit of illness around this week! I hope those children (and adults) who have been unwell get better over the weekend!



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

**Strength**  
 Rowan for being brave despite taking a fall during football.

**Love**  
 Laura-Jayne for being a kind sibling and comforting her sister.

### Wisdom

Olivia M for having a wise head on young shoulders.



### Shining Stars of The Week!

#### Owl Class

Emmie for listening and being really helpful throughout class time.

*Details of our other Stars of the Week will be shared next week.*



#### Outside Achievements

Ruben for his recent dance show award.

Mercedez for being named 'player of the match' in her recent football match.

Congratulations both!



#### Headteacher's Award

Alfie Hancock for being brilliant!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,  
 Mr Crompton.

### Key School Dates

#### December

1<sup>st</sup> December  
 3<sup>rd</sup> December

10<sup>th</sup> December  
 10<sup>th</sup> December  
 11<sup>th</sup> December  
 16<sup>th</sup> December

17<sup>th</sup> December

19<sup>th</sup> December

Dress Down Day  
 Christmas Shopping Night  
 5:00pm – 7:30pm  
 Christmas Jumper Day  
 Christmas Shop  
 Christmas Shop  
 EYFS and KS1 Nativity  
 3:30pm at church  
 KS2 Outdoor Nativity  
 5:00pm at church  
 End of Term Christmas Service  
 2:00pm at church

#### January

8<sup>th</sup> January

Cinderella Pantomime

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**Newtown  
Church Annual  
Christingle  
Service**

**3pm Christmas Eve @  
Newtown Church**

If any children would be  
interested in taking part in the  
nativity, please message Maisey  
07513 017778

Rehearsal Dates 29th Nov & 20th Dec  
9-10am @ Newtown Church



**mammoth**  
**SANTA TRAIL**

Kindly supported by  Connexus

**13**  
DEC. 2025

Book  
your slot  
BETWEEN  
10AM AND 3PM

**£10**  
PER CHILD\*

Book online

Follow the elves and snowballs through our  
exhibition as you answer questions and join in  
activities on your way around.  
Say "hi" to the mammoth himself and finish  
the trail with a gift from Santa as you meet  
him in his grotto.

There will be festive refreshments available at  
the end of the trail with treats for the adults too!

**\*PRICE INCLUDES EXHIBITION ENTRANCE  
ONE FREE ADULT PER PAYING CHILD  
ADMISSION PRICE APPLIES TO ADDITIONAL ADULTS**

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## Winter Holiday Fun and Food in Shropshire **Book Now!**

Over the Winter holidays, HAF eligible children and young people aged 4 (reception class) to 16, are invited to attend free clubs happening across the county.

Food and drink will be provided at all the clubs.

A unique code and information about how to book a free place at a holiday club/s will be provided from school.

**"Safe, enjoyable, fun and great to have somewhere for children to be."** Parent.

Many holiday clubs have paid spaces available for those not eligible for HAF. Find out more:

Web: [www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/haf)

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