

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 28th November 2025**



Christmas 2025 at Newtown Reminder

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 – 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.

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.

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



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 1st 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 10th and 11th 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 2nd December - Kestrel Class

Tuesday 9th 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 Mercedez.

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 st December	Dress Down Day
3 rd December	Christmas Shopping Night 5:00pm – 7:30pm
10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
10 th December	Christmas Shop
11 th December	Christmas Shop
16 th December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity 3:30pm 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

8th January Cinderella Pantomime

**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:

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