

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 5th December 2025**

Message from the Head

This week we gave families an early Christmas treat by keeping doors open until 7:30pm. Hopefully parents were able to enjoy some well-deserved child-free time for Christmas preparations, whilst the children were having an evening of festive fun!

Pupils arrived in their pyjamas ready for a cosy night of Christmas films, hot chocolate, and hot dogs. However, the highlight was the game of extreme hide and seek around an empty school – we have some excellent hiders!

It was a night filled with laughter, excitement, and magical memories for the children, while giving you a chance to tick a few things you're your festive to-do list. Special thanks go to those staff who helped set up and especially to Miss VO for spending her evening with the children.

I think this will become an annual event...



Parts and roles for the performances below are now being given out. If you know your child will not be attending the performance, please let us know urgently as we try and avoid lastminute casting changes!

10th December – Christmas Spectacular

We have an exciting day planned with Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Shop, and our very first Santa Dash!

Children are invited to take part in the Santa Dash – a fun, festive run to celebrate the season. We kindly ask each child to bring a small donation, which will go straight into the School Fund pot. This brilliant idea comes from our Charity Minister, Jacob, and we'd love to support his efforts.

So, grab your Santa hats, pop on your Christmas jumpers, and join us for a day full of festive cheer and community spirit!

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 – 5.00pm

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 – 2.00pm

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

Christmas Shop Donations

Thank you very much for all the donations brought in for the Christmas Shop earlier this week. All donations were gratefully received and now in the capable – and trustworthy – hand of the Friends who will be getting them ready for our Christmas Shop event on the 11th December.

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Super Swimmers

On Wednesday of this week, we travelled down to Oswestry School to compete in the annual swimming gala. The children did brilliantly and competed against 6 other schools in a variety of relays and individual events before returning after school.

Well done to all the children who competed with such teamwork, spirit and determination. You were great and wonderfully behaved.

Pre-Loved School Uniform

Next week you will see a pre-loved school uniform rail appear in the foyer. Parents are welcome to come in for a browse and make donations in return for some new-ish uniform. You are also welcome to swap any uniform, you have with what is on the rail.

Panto Price Confirmed

Huge thanks to the Friends and your Sponsored Bounce for the Panto efforts. With the brilliant efforts we are able to reduce the cost per child to £10 for our annual trip which this year is happening in January... oh yes it is!

We look forward to this trip every year and the children absolutely love it – and now they get to go at a reduced cost to parents. Thank you all for your support.

Forest School During Autumn 2

Remaining dates for this half term are as follows:
Thursday 11th December - Falcon Class

Newtown Governors Wanted

We are on the search for some Newtown-based parents / associates to join our Federation Governing Body. We currently have a Governing Body made up largely from the Welshampton side of the Federation, but it would be great to have some more Newtown voices in our meetings too.

If you are interested in a role on our governing body, just let me know and I'll get in touch with more details and information. I look forward to hearing from you!

Piano Lessons in School

These have started very successfully but there is room for more with children regularly asking our piano teacher if they can start. Please see flyers attached to the end of this email.

Dropping Off Safely

Please use the car park in the morning, as walking on the road is dangerous, especially when the sun is low and drivers are driving towards it – you can't be seen.

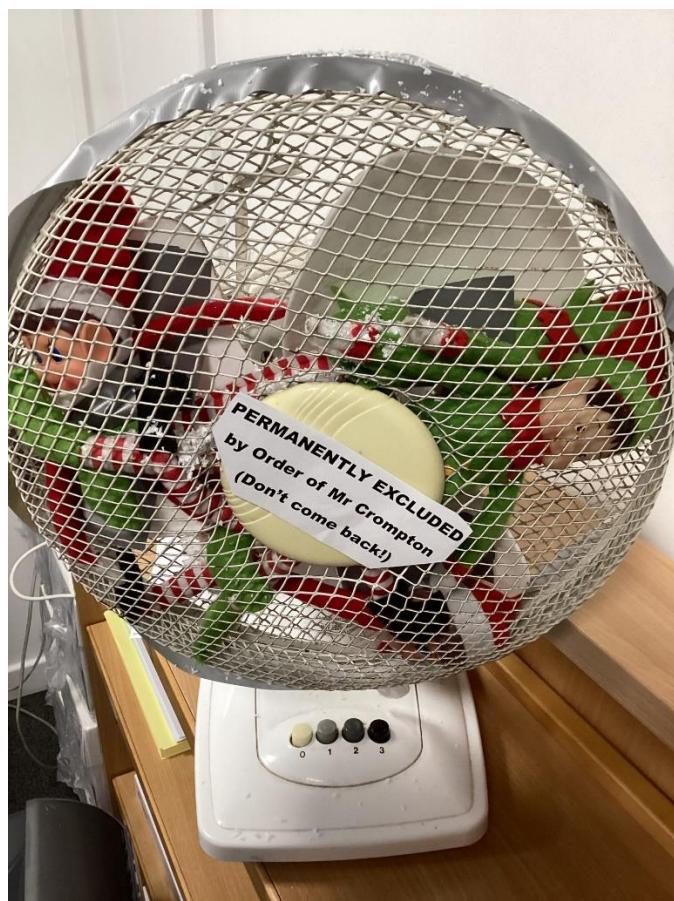
Elf and Safety Issues!

Unfortunately, the elves went cracker crazy in my office on Thursday night and caused sleigh-loads of trouble! Today, they've faced the full consequences and are now officially on the naughty list.

Their antics mean they've been shelf-isolated and won't be jingling back to school on Monday.

I'm now sorry for the disappointment this may cause the children, but I need to wrap up this chaos and restore some festive order.

Thank you for your understanding.



Weekly Attendance

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Owl Class – 93%

Hawk Class - 80%

Kestrel Class - 83%

Falcon Class - 77%

Average – 81%

These % are the lowest we've had in over 4 years as illness has seemingly swept through the school but hopefully, we've got it out of the way for Christmas!

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School Aged Immunisation Service

Walk in Flu vaccination clinic



Reception to
Year 11 children
(inclusive)

Coral House
Longbow Close
Harlescott Lane
Shrewsbury
SY1 3GZ

Saturday 6 December
1pm – 4pm

Telephone 01743 450855
for more details



Values Awards

as chosen by our values ambassadors
Harriet, Marni and Mercedez.

Strength

The whole of the school for completing their assessments this week.

Love

Olivia L for being kind and considerate to a child who had hurt themselves.

Wisdom

Freddie for being a brilliant scientist!



Last Week's Shining Stars of The Week!

Owl Class

Emmie for listening and being really helpful throughout class time.

Hawk Class

Flic for her wonderful story writing and great teamwork in maths.

Kestrel Class

Rene for being a brilliant writer.

Falcon Class

Chloe E in my class for having such a brilliant attitude towards her learning and making great progress.



Shining Stars of The Week!

Owl Class

Isla-Mae for being a brilliant listener not only for one week, but two!

Hawk Class

Isabella for her amazing class contributions during RE.

Kestrel Class

Archie for working incredibly hard with his reading.

Falcon Class

Olivia M for being shining ray of sunshine!



Headteacher's Award

Rene for spending her whole Forest School session perfecting her natural and wooden Christmas Tree Star.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

December

10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
10 th December	Christmas Lunch
10 th December	Newtown Santa Dash
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

8 th January	Cinderella Pantomime
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Try Music Squad this term and get your first lesson for free!

Cancellable at any time



MUSIC SQUAD

Dear Squad Support (AKA grown-ups!)

We are absolutely thrilled to share that we're bringing the joy of music to Newtown Primary School with our uplifting piano lessons and after-school keyboard clubs. The benefits a child can get from instrument lessons are truly immense... confidence, self-esteem, patience, focus, connection, we could go on! But you can't get these without properly good, fun music lessons. So that's exactly what we do - it's learning what kids love. And benefits they'll cherish for life.

Here's what you need to know:

- With Music Squad's exclusive Squad Star programme, all our Squaddies learn to read music properly. Without any of the stuffy.
- Weekly lesson updates with pics and videos sent straight to your phone
- Lessons taught by brilliant, passionate, engaging musicians
- Support through recognised exams (but no pressure)
- Easy online sign-up and flexible monthly payments - cancellable anytime.

Day-time lessons

Piano lessons, but fun!

- One to one 20 minute lessons every Tuesday, just your child and their teacher, totally personalised
- At school during the school day = no extra after-school commitments!
- Enjoy the full Music Squad experience for just £15.90 per week

After-school keyboard club

Discover music with friends

- Tuesday after-school until 4.30pm
- As well as learning to read music, the small group (10 max) will enjoy musical games, activities and enjoy learning pop songs as a group ensemble.
- Enjoy the full Music Squad experience for just £10.30 per week.

Scan the QR code or visit www.musicsquad.co.uk and click 'Register now' on the Shropshire branch.

Please note spaces are very limited. Welcome to the Squad!

From,
Laetitia Amadio, Music Squad Shropshire Director

Try something new and get your first lesson for FREE when you join this term!
Discount will be automatically applied



To find out more contact Laeti:
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01691728024 or 07400049332

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Why choose Music Squad?

The benefits of properly good music lessons are truly immense. And sharing those is what we are all about. We help children to feel really GOOD about themselves through music and do that by making our piano lessons as fun, as silly and as joyful as we think they should be. Watch your child's confidence, self-esteem and well-being flourish and give them a life-long passion today. We're here by your side every step of the way.



By far the best after school club



Amazing, super and silly!



Music Squad is absolutely fantastic



Brilliant lesson, fantastic outcomes!



My son is loving Music Squad



Positive, in every way!



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