

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 12th December 2025**

Message from the Head

The countdown to Christmas is well and truly on and this week has been full of festive cheer, merriment and performance practice!

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Wednesday followed by Christmas entertainment in the afternoon with festive games, singing, baking and quizzing!

Christmas performance practices are also well underway. Thank you for all those costumes which have already come in – children are free to bring them in any time.

A reminder also that festive refreshments will be offered at both performances so don't forget your pennies, and cake donations are very much appreciated.

It was lovely to see parents and children decorating festive themed candles during the Falcon Class Inspire afternoon today which followed the Staff Christmas Brownie Bake-off this morning...

All staff were invited to bake 8 brownies which were then tested and judged by members of School Parliament and House Captains. The competition was judged blind with children scoring on presentation, taste and originality at the end Celebration Worship.

The winning brownies were made by... Miss Morris! Very many congratulations! (All rumours that the brownies were the work of Miss Morris's mum have been vehemently denied!)



Christmas at Newtown

16th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity – 3.30pm

Owl Class and Hawk Class will join together in a performance of the Big Little Nativity.

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.

The performance will go ahead in nearly all weather conditions, so please don't forget your wellies and coats!

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.

Parent Survey 2025

Each Autumn we send out our annual Parent Questionnaire and this year is no different.

We work incredibly hard at school to make your child's education the best it can be, and this is a great opportunity to celebrate that but also offers an opportunity for you to share any thoughts on how we could improve further.

Please take the time to complete the survey at your convenience.

Christmas Shop Success

The children loved visiting the Christmas Shop earlier this week and did some Christmas shopping for loved ones... and themselves! Thank you so much to those Friends of Newtown elves who spent their morning wrapping and advising!

Pre-Loved School Uniform Available

Next week the pre-loved school uniform rail will remain in the school foyer. Please do come and grab yourself a bargain with the suggested donation being just £1 per item with money going back in the Friends pot. You are also welcome to swap any uniform, you have with what is on the rail.

School Lunch Price Rise

We have tried desperately to keep the price of school lunches to a minimum but unfortunately with the school significantly subsidising hot school meals each year, we are now in a situation where the price of school meals must go up. They will rise from £2.50 to £2.65 from January.

If your child doesn't currently have hot school dinners, and you would like them to, please do let us know as we try to reduce the financial cost to school.

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!



Weekly Attendance

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Owl Class – 89%
Hawk Class - 93%
Kestrel Class - 96%
Falcon Class - 99%

Average – 94%



Values Awards

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

Strength

Iris for her amazing solo singing.

Love

Lincoln for showing great kindness.

Wisdom

Emmie for knowing her nativity



Shining Stars of The Week!

Owl Class

Evie for trying so hard with her writing.

Hawk Class

Lando for being extremely helpful in class and being a great friend.

Kestrel Class

Amelia for always being polite, kind and helpful.

Falcon Class

Marni for always being a great friend and showing great kindness.



Headteacher's Award

Rowan for his bravery and confidence when signing his nativity solo.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely, Mr Crompton.

Executive Headteacher: Mr Ben Crompton

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Key School Dates

December

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

5 th January	PD Day
6 th January	Children return to school
8 th January	Cinderella Pantomime

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 12th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am St Giles Primary, Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child Group 13th January 2026 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm Little Explorers, Ditton Priors

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 14th January 2026 from 10.00am to 12.00pm Severdale Academy

Understanding Your Child Group 14th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 14th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm St Lawrence Primary, Church Stretton

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 15th January 2026 from 9.00am to 11.00am Clee Hill Community Academy

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 15th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 16th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

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
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