

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 19th December 2025**

Message from the Head It's Christmas!

As we head into the Christmas break, it feels like the perfect moment to pause and look back on what has been an incredibly busy, joyful and enriching half term. The energy across school has been fantastic, with children embracing every opportunity, challenge and celebration that has come their way.

The half term began with our Open Days, where we welcomed families into school to experience firsthand the warmth, ambition and sense of community that make our school such a special place.

Sporting events played a big part, with the girls enjoying a lively football mini tournament alongside Welshampton and St Peter's, and the boys later taking to the pitch at Welshampton. Our KS2 children also represented the school brilliantly at the Oswestry swimming gala, showing great determination and support for one another. Our Christmas tenpin bowling outing added an extra burst of fun to the final couple of weeks.

We marked Remembrance Day with thoughtful and respectful commemorations, giving children a meaningful moment to understand the importance of honouring those who served. Our Charity Ministers visited the local Food Bank, deepening their understanding of how our donations help families in the community. Children In Need brought colour and imagination to school as children arrived dressed as their future selves, with hopes and ambitions on proud display.

EYFS enjoyed a wonderful trip to Oteley Estate, full of discovery and outdoor learning and the Sponsored

Bounce saw children happily leaping their way through a fundraiser to support our whole-school pantomime trip, before a visit to Whixall Christmas Tree Farm added a little magic as children selected the perfect Christmas trees for school.

Adults joined us for Inspire afternoons featuring candle decorating, crafts and festive baking, whilst the late-night Christmas shopping pyjama party brought plenty of cheer!

The Christmas Shop returned with great success, as children carefully chose gifts for their loved ones (and many couldn't resist picking up a little something for themselves too)., Christmas Jumper Day filled the corridors with colour and Father Christmas paid us a visit before we finally closed the term together with our Christmas services, a meaningful and uplifting way to reflect on everything we have shared over these last few weeks.

None of this would have been possible without the exceptional dedication of our staff. They continually go above and beyond to provide the children in our care with the richest experiences and the highest quality education.

I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to every member of the team, and I hope they enjoy a truly well-deserved break with their own friends and families – a chance to rest, recharge and return refreshed for an exciting new term in January.

Christmas Performances

Once again, our children set the perfect magical tone for Christmas through their Nativity performances.

Our younger children brought an incredible burst of energy and joy to Tuesday afternoon's performance, sharing the Nativity story with the kind of enthusiasm, innocence and sparkle that only children of their age can bring.

Our older children then braved the outdoors for our very first outdoor nativity. It was a wonderfully magical evening and the children embraced the experience wholeheartedly with their confidence and talent shining through the fairy lights!

Thank you to everyone who joined us – including governors and members of the local community – who were undeterred by the threat of poor weather and were rewarded with an evening we hope will stay with you for a long time.

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A special mention must go to the Friends of Newtown, who catered at both events – even operating from two different locations, including outdoors, on Wednesday night. Thanks to the generous cake donations from parents, all food and drinks were warmly received and greatly appreciated.

Both evenings were a shining example of what makes our school so special – community, celebration and children at the heart of everything. Thank you all.

Santa Claus Is Comin' To (New)Town

We had a very special visitor to Newtown yesterday as Father Christmas made a surprise visit to see the children and give them all a gift.

This brought great excitement to the school as he visited each class and took some questions from the children before having to dash back to the North Pole to get ready for next week... thank you Santa!

However, as he made such an early start this year, he, in his keenness, delivered the children's selection boxes a little too enthusiastically. Unfortunately, we've since discovered that a very small number of boxes have "best before" dates which are now behind us!

If you would like a replacement, the Friends of Newtown have struck a deal with Santa and will replace in the new year.

Santa has been informed and has promised to check his dates more carefully next time 

School Lunch Price Rise Reminder

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

A reminder that 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!

Kestrel Inspire

Thank you to those adults who joined us for the Inspire Afternoon in Kestrel Class to do some festive baking. We hope you enjoyed your time in school and you even got to meet the main man himself, Mr Claus!

Fantastic Fundraising

We are delighted to share the wonderful fundraising achievements made this term through the hard work and generosity of our school family and the Friends of Newtown.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of children, families, staff, and volunteers, several events have helped raise an impressive total of £1,582.58 for the school.

- Bounce Event - £624.82
- Christmas Shop - £201.25
- Nativities and Christmas Boxes - £356.61

In addition to these events, we are extremely grateful to Loppington Living, who kindly donated £400 to support the school.

This combined total will make a real difference to the opportunities and experiences we can offer our children.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, took part, or volunteered their time. Together, we are making great things happen for the children of our school.

A Huge Thank You

On behalf of all the staff, thank you so much for the Christmas gifts we've received this week. Working in a school can be both exhausting and challenging but spending our days with such wonderful children and supportive parents makes the job the best in the world - and that is all we ever need.

We never expect gifts, but your kindness is genuinely appreciated and never taken for granted. Thank you for thinking of us.

Staffing Update

Mrs Lingard has made the decision not to return to Newtown. We thank her for her efforts whilst at the school and wish her well in the future.

First Week Back Reminder

Monday 5th January is a PD Day for staff; therefore, the children will return on Tuesday 6th January.

On Thursday 8th January we will venture to Mold to watch the Rock 'n' Roll Cinderella Pantomime. Please be reminded that this will remain a late return to school.

Key School Dates

January

5th January
6th January
8th January

PD Day
Children return to school
Cinderella Pantomime



Weekly Attendance

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Owl Class – 90%
Hawk Class - 98% ★★
Kestrel Class - 93% ★
Falcon Class - 99% ★★★

Average – 95%



Autumn Term Attendance

Owl Class – 94.7%
Hawk Class – 94.8% ★
Kestrel Class – 95.6% ★★
Falcon Class - 96% ★★★

Average – 95.5%



Headteacher's Award

There are no Stars of the Week Awards this week as I feel the whole school community deserves the Headteacher's Award.

There is no doubt that the lead up to Christmas is the most exhausting but rewarding half term of the year - not only for the children, but for staff and parents too.

To see us come together as a school community to celebrate this festive season and create memories has been a joy to behold.

I sincerely wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

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