

# Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## Message from the Head



It's been an eventful start to the term! After First Aid training for most of our staff on Monday, we kicked off the Spring Term with a fantastic visit from the iRock team on Tuesday. Yesterday, we enjoyed a trip to the pantomime - before the snow brought an early end to our first week back!

Thank you for your understanding regarding today's school closure. Deciding to close is never easy and is always a decision we take very seriously. Wherever it is safe to do so, we will keep school open. Unfortunately, that wasn't possible today due to the local snowfall and the challenging conditions faced by staff travelling from further afield.

## Pantomime Joy

A huge thank you to the Friends for subsidising our pantomime trip. The children had a wonderful time, with the highlight undoubtedly being Mr Tinsley's surprise guest appearance on stage—and his blossoming relationship with Hetty!

Well done, Mr Tinsley! You took it all in great spirits, and it's something the children – and sadly staff - will remember for a long time.



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## Pre-Loved School Uniform

Pre-loved school uniform is 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.

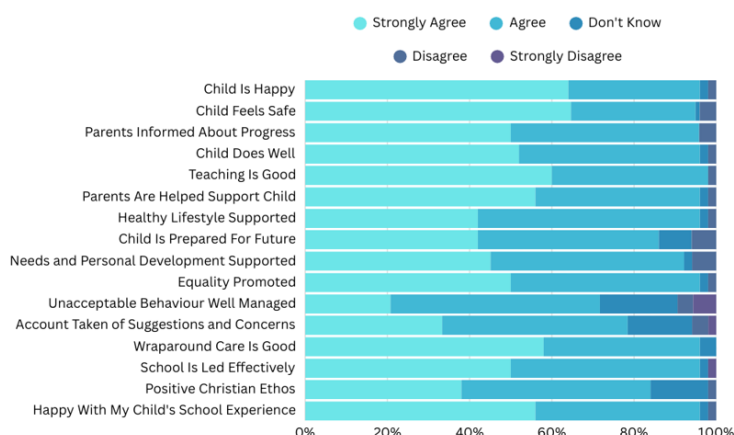
## Parent Questionnaire Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Questionnaire circulated before the Christmas break.

We are delighted to share that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive - your support and kind words are warmly appreciated. A strong partnership between school and parents truly makes a difference to children's education.

Naturally, there were some areas identified for improvement, and we are committed to working on these as we move forward. Please remember that we are always open to feedback – both positive and constructive – as we strive to further enhance the education and experience of your children.

Parent Questionnaire December 2025



## Class Dojo Communication

This term, we have reintroduced the option for parents to message class teachers directly via Class Dojo.

When used positively, this tool is an excellent way to strengthen the partnership between home and school, and we trust this will continue moving forward. At the same time, we aim to balance teacher wellbeing with the benefits of direct communication.

You can use Class Dojo to:

- Share something positive from home or congratulate your child on achievements in school.
- Ask a small query or find out something simple related to day-to-day school life.

- Let the teacher know about minor worries, e.g., “Jack didn’t quite understand fractions today – could you speak to him about it?”

Class Dojo should not be used for:

- Reporting absence, lateness, or holidays (please contact the school office).
- Sending absence notes, late notes, or early pick-up requests (please use the school office).
- Discussing concerns or issues that require a more formal conversation (please contact the school office).
- Replacing face-to-face communication with your child’s teacher.

Thank you for helping us use Class Dojo in a way that supports both effective communication and teacher wellbeing.

I have attached the Class Dojo policy to this email for reference.

#### Upcoming Forest School Dates

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Hawk Class
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Kestrel Class
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Falcon Class
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Hawk Class
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Kestrel Class
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	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!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Crompton.

#### Key School Dates

##### February

February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Break Up for Half Term
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to School

##### March

March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service – 2pm
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Break Up for Easter Holiday

##### April

April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School
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junior parkrun

**Free, weekly, 2k for 4-14 year olds**

walk, skip, run, volunteer, spectate - it's up to you!

We are looking for a group of volunteers to help bring junior parkrun to

**Jubilee Park, Whitchurch**

**Interested in being involved?**

We'd love to hear from you, send an email to:  
sally.mcdonald@parkrun.com

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