

# Newtown Church of England Primary School



**Growing together  
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**Newsletter  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## **Message from the Head**

As we begin this new year, it feels like a good time to remind ourselves of the vision that sits at the heart of our school family.

Our school vision – Growing together in strength, love and wisdom, we shine – is much more than a statement on a wall. It shapes who we are as a school, how we learn, how we care for one another, and how we encourage every child to be the best they can be.

As a church school, to help our children understand and live out this vision each day, we use the Bible and the stories that bring its values to life. The Good Samaritan teaches us love in action, Daniel in the Lions' Den shows us true strength and courage, and the Wise and Foolish Builders remind us of the importance of building our lives on wisdom and strong foundations.

All of this leads us to 'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16) which is a message that inspires our pupils to recognise their unique gifts and share them with confidence.

As we start the year, may we continue to grow together so that, in strength, love and wisdom, we shine brightly.

*I have attached a more detailed document to the newsletter which I encourage you to read.*

## **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.

## **Snow Day Photos**

Last Friday school was closed due to the snow fall but it was lovely to see what the children got up to and the fun they had playing in the snow. Here is a selection of the photos we received:



## Food Bank Thanks

In Autumn, as part of our Harvest Celebrations, you generously donated food which we, alongside of Charity Ministers, delivered to the food bank in Whitchurch.

This week they have sent us the following email of thanks.

*We're delighted to share that we recently received a fantastic donation from Newtown C of E Primary School at our Food Bank. The donation weighed an incredible 61 kg – wonderful!*

*THANK YOU so much. We truly appreciate your support for Whitchurch Food Bank. Please pass on our sincere thanks to all the pupils who supported your appeal, and of course to mums and dads too!*

*It doesn't seem long since we had such amazing support from schools, churches, and chapels following their Harvest celebrations, which helped to restock our emptying shelves. Sadly, donations from Whitchurch supermarkets – Tesco and Sainsbury's – dropped by 20% over the past year, as have donations from the general public. This suggests that many families are still struggling with the continuing rise in the cost of living, and as a result, donations have fallen. That's why we were so delighted by the generosity at Harvest – it truly was a time of giving!*

*Thanks to the incredible support from our community, we were able to deliver food to 70 families (117 adults and 167 children) recommended to us by local schools over the festive period. This was only possible because of the kindness and generosity of people like you. We have so much to be thankful for!*

*Our motto at Foodbank is – "Never forget, that every item we receive makes a world of difference to someone in despair, and we cannot thank you enough for standing with us."*

*Once again, a huge THANK YOU for your support. We are truly grateful to you all!*

## Wraparound Care

Our after-school clubs for this half term are as follows. Children will be able to choose which club they attend. Just sign your child up to the relevant session on the School Money App.

	7:30am to 8:35am	3:15pm to 4:30pm	4:30pm to 5:30pm
Monday	Breakfast	Arts & Crafts	Chill Out
		Construction Challenge	
Tuesday	Breakfast	Cooking	Chill Out
		Outdoor Games	
Wednesday	Breakfast	Sport (to be chosen by the children on the night)	Chill Out
		Photography	
Thursday	Breakfast	Board games & puzzles	Chill Out
		Forest School	
Friday	Breakfast	Quiz Night & Bingo	Chill Out

## Upcoming Forest School Dates

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



### Class Dojo Champs

#### Owl Class

Erin, Daisy & Reuben

### Hawk Class

Quinny, Bono & Mia

### Kestrel Class

Archie, Otto & Olly W

### Falcon Class

Iris, Percy & Mercedez



**Values Awards**  
*as chosen by our values ambassadors*  
*Harriet, Marni and Mercedes.*

**Strength**  
 Daisy for being so kind to other members of her class.

**Love**  
 Marni for being kind and helpful in PE lessons.

**Wisdom**  
 Myles for trying so hard and working so well.

### Shining Stars of The Week!

**Owl Class**  
 Erin for always trying hard in lessons and being a great role model.

**Hawk Class**  
 Archie for his amazing manners.

**Kestrel Class**  
 Henry for showing great strength and confidence.

**Falcon Class**  
 Bonnie for her amazing engagement in class and growing in confidence.



### Outside Achievements

Mia for being named 'Gymnast of the Week'

Theabella for heading straight into the Stage 3 swimming group.



### Headteacher's Award

Darcie for shining so bright – always.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,  
 Mr Crompton.

### Key School Dates

<b>February</b>		
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Break Up for Half Term	
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to School	
<b>March</b>		
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service – 2pm	
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Break Up for Easter Holiday	
<b>April</b>		
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School	



**Swimming Lessons Places Available!**

DM on Facebook or message 07833 393539 to book your place!

Beginners to Pre-Competitive

\*\*Small Class Sizes\*\*  
 \*\*Supported and Structured Environment\*\*  
 \*\*Experienced Instructors\*\*

**Ellesmere Primary School**