

# Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

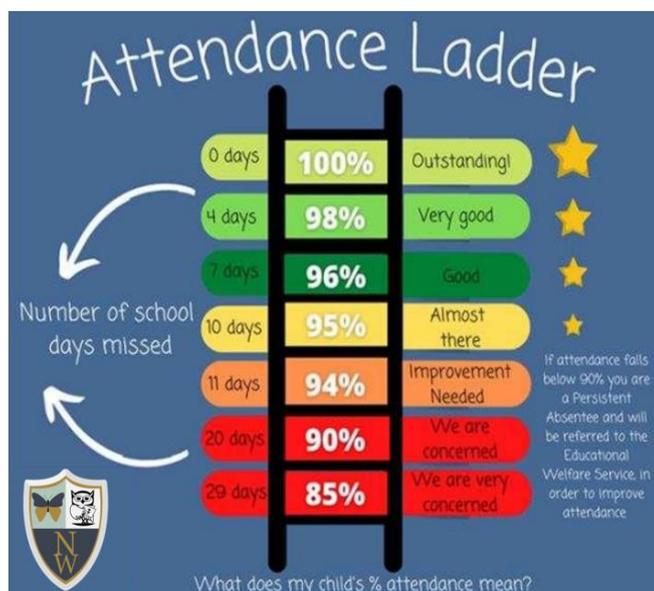
## Message from the Head

Welcome back to school following the Easter break.

Shropshire Council are this week launching a focus on school attendance which supports the work the school has been doing on improving attendance over the last couple of years. This focus has seen attendance rates improve significantly but there is still some work to do.

We value your child's regular school attendance for their academic success. Each day counts towards building your child's educational foundation and attendance significantly impacts academic performance and fosters confidence and belonging.

Your child's consistent attendance is crucial for their success so please communicate any attendance concerns promptly. Attached to this newsletter is a letter from the Local Authority outlining the importance of attendance.



## Weekly Attendance

Owl Class – 94% ★★  
Hawk Class – 96% ★★★  
Kestrel Class – 99% ★★★  
Osprey Class – 85%  
Falcon Class – 83%

Average = **91.5%**

This is some way short of our school target which is 97%

## Polling Day

As some of you are aware, Polling Day for Police and Crime Commissioners Election is on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and the school will be used as Polling Station.

The school will remain open, however, as the foyer will be used to house a polling booth, exit and entrance to the school will be via the side gate.

The school has been used for many years as a Polling Station and this will continue as it provides school with a small income.

## Wraparound Care and School Club Payments

A reminder that payments for wraparound care at Newtown now need to be made in advance.

Payments can be made either on the School Money app or when a booking is made; we are able to take card payments over the phone or in person. Places can only be reserved once payment has been received by the school.

Those parents who owe money for previous wraparound care provision have been contacted directly as these debts will need to be cleared before future booking can be confirmed.

Should you require assistance or if you have any concerns regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact our administration team.

## Friends of Newtown Easter Disco

A huge thank you to all those who supported the FON Easter Disco before the holidays. A total of £142 was raised and will be supporting the children in school. Thank you to the Friends who did a great job running and organising event... and even took part in dance-offs with the children!

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### Newtown Colour Run

The Friends of Newtown are working hard on organising the Newtown Colour Run in four weeks' time.

It is sure to be a fun event for all where drinks and cake will be for sale as we raise important funds for school.

Despite, what I'm sure will be lack of interest, raffle tickets will be on sale to have the opportunity to gunge me!

Please look out for further information and sponsorship forms which will be coming home with the children next week.



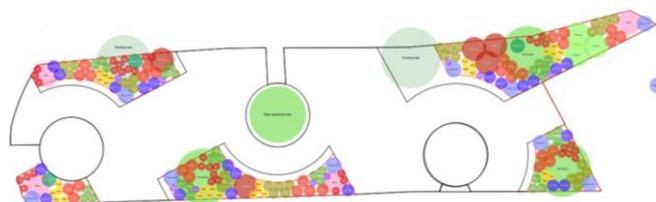
### Newtown Works

We are continually investing in the school and its grounds to improve the environment for the children.

In recent weeks, we have had air conditioning units installed in Falcon Class, Hawk Class, Nursery and the Creative Studio. This will ensure that these learning areas maintain a consistent temperature throughout both winter and summer when temperatures could become unbearable in the demountable classrooms on hot summer days.

You will also have seen that flower beds have now been cut and prepared for planting on the entrance to school. This is inline with original plans as designed and overseen by our school governor, Mrs Carolyn Lipson.

A huge thanks to Carolyn for the hours and hours she has put into this project as we look forward to its completion when the ground is dry enough to start planting! We are really excited to see the area establish over the next few years, ensuring a calm but inspirational approach to our wonderful school.



### Shining Stars of the Week

#### Strength

'Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged.'  
Joshua 1:9

#### Owl Class

Ethan for taking such pride in his work and always doing his best.

#### Hawk Class

Archie for creating super sentences in English and trying hard to sound out his words.

#### Kestrel Class

Marnie for being a great friend to others, working so hard in maths, phonics and going 'above and beyond'.

#### Osprey Class

Jamie for working really hard this week, particularly in English.

#### Falcon Class

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Tommy for working so hard and presenting his work beautifully in his books.

### Class Dojos Winners

Owl Class – Esme, Reuben and Joshua  
Hawk Class – Bobby, Isla and Rene  
Kestrel Class – Louis, Bonni and Olivia  
Osprey Class – Alfred, Lola and Jamie  
Falcon Class – Charlie, Aimee and Florence

### Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Ava for being awarded The Cavaliers Bronze Award for her horse vaulting. Well done Ava!



Well done to Olivia who has received her Stage 2 and Stage 3 badges and certificates for swimming.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,  
Mr Crompton.

### Key School Dates

#### April

16<sup>th</sup> April Chill Factore Kestrel Class Trip

#### May

10<sup>th</sup> May Newtown Colour Run  
13<sup>th</sup> May SATs Week  
24<sup>th</sup> May Break Up for Half Term

#### June

3<sup>rd</sup> June PD Day  
4<sup>th</sup> June Children Return to School

#### July

19<sup>th</sup> July Break Up for Summer

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