

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 16th May 2025**

Message from the Head

I want to express how proud we are of our year 6's this week! Their hard work and dedication in preparing for their SATs has been great and it's been wonderful to support them in their opportunity to complete their first formal tests and to see them shine regardless of outcome.

The children were rewarded for their hard work and achievements this week with a water fight and ice-cream van visit! What a way to end the week!

A special thank you to all the staff for helping at this week including for SATs breakfast, for moving timetables around and for all the encouraging words and for helping to create a calm atmosphere around school. A great example of encouraging one another and building each other up from everyone! Well done all!

Newtown Colour Run 2025

With gunge still in my ears and my hair green/yellow, despite being washed three times, I can declare that the Newtown Colour Run has once again a big hit! The school community spirit was great to be a part of... although the live gunging is something we may need to reconsider next time!

Thank you to everyone who attended and made this such a great evening of fun and entertainment for the children. It is these sort of things which make memories for our children and would not be possible without the organisation and dedication of our fantastic Friends of Newtown who continue to think creatively and joyously about how to best raise important funds for our school and, in this case, the NCRA and the playpark. Thank you all.

Spreading The Word & Social Media

A reminder that we have got so much to shout about at Newtown and to ensure that both current and prospective parents know about it, we are making an increasing effort to be active on social media most notably on Facebook and Instagram.

If you have accounts, please do give us a follow and share content for everyone to see to ensure that everything we are currently offer can be sustained and improved still further. As funding is linked to the number of children on roll, it is important that the number of families choosing Newtown is high, so we need spread the word!



Facebook: Newtown CE Primary School
Instagram: newtown.primary.school.wem

Online Safety

Increasingly primary schools across the country are having to deal with more issues relating to communication outside of school via social media and other messaging apps. Our school is not exempt from this.

While activities outside of school are ultimately beyond our control, the repercussions of these interactions are often seen within the school environment detracting from our primary focus on teaching and learning and also negatively effecting mental health of the children.

It is not my role to dictate parenting decisions, but I urge you to consider whether your child is mature enough for unsupervised access of devices / mobile phones. For your reference, the age restrictions for apps such as Snapchat, WhatsApp and Xooloo is 13. These age restrictions are there for a reason.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that secondary schools are implementing bans on mobile phones, and I foresee that the implications of mobile device usage and online interactions will continue to raise concerns about the impact on children's health and wellbeing.

I kindly ask that should you choose to allow your child access to technology at home, you engage in meaningful conversations with them about the responsible use of technology and appropriate communication.

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There is an increasing amount of research on the impact of mobile phones on children and there is more media content available including TV programmes. Although primarily about secondary aged children, both Channel 4s 'Swiped: The School That Banned Mobile Phones' and 'Adolescence' on Netflix are worth watching.

Sports Day 2025

A reminder that Sports Day – and the Summer Fair – will take place on Friday 4th July. A change from the originally published date due to clash with a large wedding at Newtown Church.

Eco Warriors

There are two local events to make you aware of...

On Saturday 24th May 10-1pm there is a Repair Cafe in Wem Library and on Saturday 7th June 10-1pm, in Jubilee Square as part of Great Big Green Week. There are a set of workshops to make a difference for nature and Welcome Wildlife. It promises to be a lovely event for children with lots of stuff to make and take home!



Repair Café

**24th May 10-1pm 2025,
Wem Library**

**Got something broken down?
Let's fix it together!
Bring along your;
Small electricals Clothes and textiles Bicycles
Toys Furniture & more!**

**Our friendly volunteers will help repair and
revive your items, saving you money and
reducing waste.**

Enjoy a cuppa, cookies or cake while you wait.

**Low-cost Energy freebies from Marches Energy
Agency**

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Crane Quality Counselling

2025 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

**PRESENTS:
EVERY CHILD HAS A VOICE
Musical charity
concert**

**Thursday 15th May
2025
6:00-8:00PM**

**St. George's Parish Church
Shrewsbury
SY3 8QA**

**Adult - £6
Children Under 11 - FREE**

**Tickets Available at:
01743 240546 or
www.cranecounselling.co.uk
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Weekly Attendance
Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Owl Class – 94%
Hawk Class – 96% ★
Kestrel Class - 99% ★★
Osprey Class - 96% ★
Falcon Class – 100% ★★★★★

Weekly average: 97%



Class Dojo Champions

Owl Class – Lilly-Ann, Edward & Elsie
Hawk Class – Felicity, Erin & AJ
Kestrel Class – Harriet, Levi & Freddie
Osprey / Falcon Class – Olivia, Ashley & Alfred



Shining Stars of the Week

Strength

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding.'
Proverbs 3:13

Owl Class

Noah for showing fantastic engagement during Carpet Time.

Hawk Class

Ruben for always sharing amazing ideas

Kestrel Class

Tilly-Rose for producing brilliant handwriting.

Osprey & Falcon Class

All the Year 6s for their hard work and determination this week.



Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Erin and Ava who have been awarded their Bronze Certificate in guitar.



Values Award

as chosen by our Values Ambassadors

Strength

Rocco for being such a support for other children in the school.

Love

Elsie for being such a kind friend.

Wisdom

Theodore for his amazing answers during his music lesson.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

May

23rd May

Break up for half term

June

2nd June

8th – 13th June

Return to school

Phonics Screening Check

Year 4 Multiplication Check

July

4th July

Sports Day

1:15pm start

Parents Welcome

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