Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

Newsletter Friday 4th July 2025

Message from the Head

What a brilliant – if a little windy - day we had with our Sports Day followed by the Summer Fair! It was a joy to see our school community come together in such a vibrant and positive way.

Firstly, I want to say a huge congratulations to all of our children for their fantastic sporting achievements. Their enthusiasm, determination, and team spirit were on full display, and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. Whether they were sprinting, jumping, skipping, egg and spooning, or cheering on their friends, they all contributed to a great day.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff team for their hard work today — and for taking part in the staff obstacle course (result still to be confirmed following steward's enquiry)! Their energy and good humour made the day more special for the children.

A huge thank you goes to the Friends of Newtown for organising and running another super Summer Fair. These events are not only great fun, but they also raise hugely important funds that directly benefit our children and school. This couldn't happen with you volunteering your time and effort.

Well done especially to our Year 5 and 6 children for being such successful Young Entrepreneurs who through the creation of their own businesses earned a lot of money. The Friends will count everyone's takings let us know the champions entrepreneur(s) soon!

And of course, thank you to all our parents and carers for coming along, supporting the events, and helping to create such a warm and joyful atmosphere. Your ongoing support is hugely appreciated and makes such a difference to our school community.

Relive the magic on Instagram and Facebook!

Wildlife Trust Visit

On Thursday we welcomed the Wildlife Trust to school to present them with a massive cheque for more than £900 following our Federation sponsored hedgehog walk back in Spring.

The Charity and Environmental Ministers from both Newtown and Welshampton gladly handed it over and it was very gratefully received.



The Wildlife Trust Fundraising Officer, Wendy Wyatt, sent us this message:

"On behalf of everyone at Shropshire Wildlife Trust, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone at Newhampton Federation for your incredible fundraising! We are absolutely delighted that as part of your Journey Day, you chose to raise funds to support our work. Together, with the help of amazing people like you, we are working hard to create a thriving natural world in Shropshire.

A core part of our work is focused on managing over 40 nature reserves across the county. Our reserves range from ancient woodlands to flower-rich grasslands, and they provide vital habitats for a fantastic array of wildlife. Our Wem Moss Nature Reserve is less than 5 miles away from both Newtown and Welshampton School.

Wem Moss is an outstanding example of a lowland raised bog, a wildlife habitat that exists in Britain today in just tiny remnant fragments (94% of its former range has been destroyed). Healthy peatland ecosystems play a vital role in helping to mitigate climate change as they sequester carbon. However, if peat dries out, instead of

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If you are interested in visiting our nature reserves, or finding out more about them, we have lots more information on our <u>website</u>.

Wendy Wyatt – Fundraising Officer"

Informal Parents Evening

Next Wednesday after school, we invite all parents to come into school and look at their children's books and talk to their teachers.

This is a great opportunity for parents to celebrate what the children have achieved, and it gives the children to come and celebrate all the achievements of the children over the past year.

Amelia's Hair Donation

It was time for 'the chop' yesterday as Amelia cut off her hair so that she could donate it to the Princess Trust. Amelia has been growing her hair for a while and was able to donate a huge 11 inches!





Before

After

What an amazing thing to do Amelia – we are so proud of you and the difference you've made to another child's life.

Parent Governor Vacancy

In September, we will have a vacancy on the Newhampton Federation Governing Body for an elected Parent Governor. If you are interested in supporting the headteacher and senior leadership team to drive the strategic development of Newtown and Welshampton Schools, please contact our Chair of Governors, Matt Topple, via email. chairofgov@newhampton.shropshire.sch.uk

NCRA Car Park

You may have noticed that the car park gates have been closed on a few occasions recently. This has been necessary due to some anti-social behaviour in the area. On previous occasions, the NCRA were advised by the police to close the gates for safety reasons. Thankfully, these incidents have mostly occurred during school holidays, so disruption has been minimal.

Please be aware that if the car park gates are closed, pedestrian and play park access remains open. To help with this communication, the NCRA have recently put up a new sign on the gate to make it clear that you can still walk through to access the school paths and play park.

Please also be aware the car park will be closed for a period over the summer holidays due to resurfacing of the rear car park. Thank you to those of you who have joined the lottery to help make this possible.

Thursday Stay & Play Sessions

Every Thursday we welcome children and parents up to Reception school age to join us for Stay & Play sessions. These sessions are creative and fun so please spread the word to anyone that you think would be interested.



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We're Going On A Bear Hunt...

On Saturday 12th July we are inviting parents and toddlers of Nursery aged children and below to join us at Newtown for a morning of teddy bear themed fun and adventure.

This event is primarily targeted at prospective parents so please encourage anyone you know to join as at Newtown to see if we can 'catch a big one!'



Money Owed to School

As we approach the end of term, please ensure all outstanding debts for school meals and clubs be paid in full before we break up for the summer holiday. We will accept part payments weekly until balances are cleared. Please make every effort to keep any outstanding amount to a minimum. To make payment please visit <u>www.eduspot.co.uk/schoolmoney</u> Thank you.

> Weekly Attendance Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

> > Owl Class – 98% *** Hawk Class – 95% * Kestrel Class - 96% ** Osprey Class - 94% Falcon Class – 94%

Weekly average: 95%



Values Award as chosen by our Values Ambassadors

Love

Megan and Rhys have joined us on Work Experience this week and have been brilliant! Thank you both.

Strength

Levi for never giving up and showing great determination.

Wisdom

Arabella for her great literacy work.



Class Dojo Champions Owl Class Oliver, Bono and Elsie

Hawk Class Felicity, Tommy and Esme

Kestrel Class Ollie, Harriet and Chloe

Shining Stars of the Week Owl Class

Bono for his excellent listening and great engagement.

Hawk Class

Isabella for looking after our younger children during 'Move Up Day'.

> **Kestrel Class** Eva for working so hard in literacy.

Osprey & Falcon Class

Chloe for her great class participation and working really hard in maths.



Outside Achievements

Alfred for coming second in both a Shrewsbury and Wolverhampton U13 squash tournaments.

Iris for her recent tennis award for finishing 2nd in her tennis tournament in Wrexham.

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Harry for his recent Player of the Match Award voted for by both parents and players.	
Have a wonderful weekend!	
Yours sincerely, Mr Crompton.	
Key School Dates	
July 9 th July	Hawk Class Inspire 1:30pm to 3:15pm
9 th July	Informal Parents Evening
10 th July	Year 6 Leavers Quiz 4:30pm to 5:30pm
14 th July	EYFS Farm Visit
16 th July	Newhampton Journey Day
18 th July	Leavers Service 2:15pm



Hello from the **Family Information Service** (FIS for short). Our job is to give you the info and resources you need to help your family life run a little smoother. We can help with:

- Childcare finding it and advice on paying for it
- Local baby and toddler groups
- Events, clubs, activities, and fun things to do in the school holidays, for all ages
- Getting parenting and family support
- Finding health and wellbeing support

We cover everything and anything to do with family life, so if you have a question, chances are we'll be able to help, or if we can't, we'll point you in the direction of someone who can.

Follow us on social media for all the latest news and info.



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