

Newtown Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 11th July 2025**

Message from the Head

As we approach the final stretch of the summer term, the school is buzzing with activity and excitement!

We have the numbers in from the Summer Fair and we raised a brilliant amount of **£963.31**! This is a really amazing effort so thank you all for your generous spending and to the Friends and Year 5 and 6 children for such great organisation. The winners of the Enterprise Challenge will be announced at the Leavers Service next Friday.

It was great to see parents coming to view your children's books—thank you for taking the time to celebrate their hard work and progress this year. A reminder that all school books will be sent home next week.

A special well done to the children who travelled to Oswestry to take part in the orienteering competition during the week—we're proud of your adventurous spirit, stamina and teamwork!

And a big thank you to our Year 6 pupils and their families who joined us for the Leavers' Quiz last night. It was a lovely evening full of laughter, some knowledge and a lot of guessing!

This is always a very busy time of year, and we're so grateful for your continued support. I look forward to seeing many of you at our End of Year Leavers' Service next Friday at the church, starting at 2pm. It promises to be a meaningful and memorable occasion as we say farewell to our wonderful Year 6s.

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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

Zip Line Repairs

For some time, the Zip Line in the Newtown Play Park has been unavailable for use as it is in need of repair. The quote has now been received and it comes in at more than £2000!

As a jewel in the Play Park crown, we, alongside the NCRA, are very keen to get it repaired and up and running as soon as possible, therefore, the NCRA have launched the Zip Line Repair Urgent Fundraising Appeal. Please donate generously if you can as the children of our school get so much pleasure from it.



Zip Line Repair Urgent Fundraising Appeal

The zip line in the playpark is currently out of action.

It will cost £2,270 to repair!

A cost the NCRA charity simply can't cover right now, as our funds are committed to car park improvements this summer.

Please support getting the zip line back up and running. If your family has enjoyed the park, please consider making a donation today – every donation counts!

Are you a local business?

Please consider making a donation to the NCRA. Charitable donations may be offset against your Corporation Tax – check with your accountant or HMRC for details.

Donate online



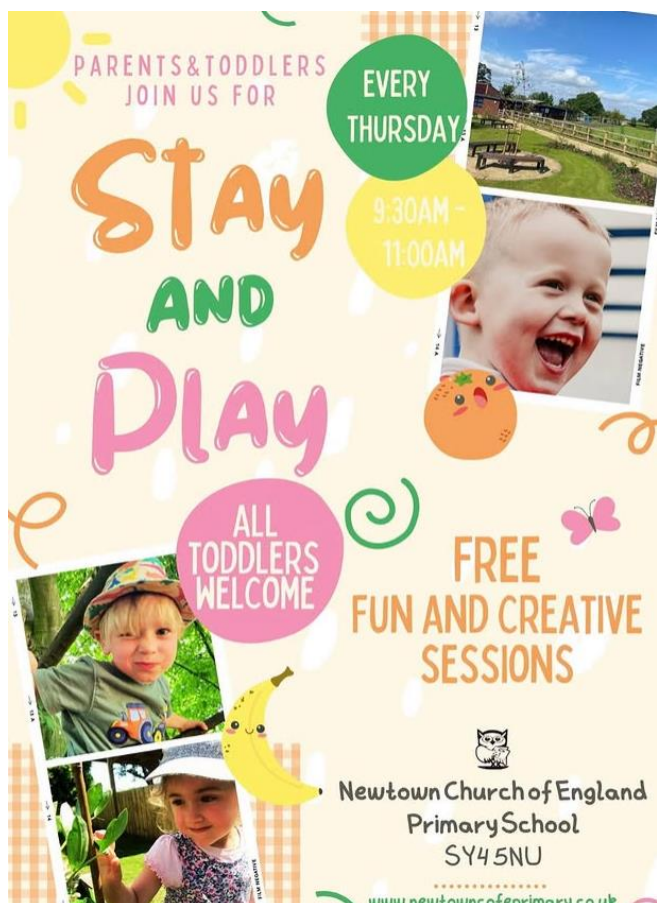
Say **YES** to **Gift Aid** – it makes a big difference to us!
Use the QR code above to make a donation directly to the NCRA via Wonderful.Org.
The NCRA receives 100% of your donation.

Thank you for your generosity

Registered Charity number: 1083905
A charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales

We're Going On A Bear Hunt... in September

Tomorrow, we had planned to run our first 'Going On A Bear Hunt' event for toddlers. However, due to a number of reasons, including the heat, we have had to postpone this event and it will now take place on Saturday 13th September.



The new summer issue of the Family Grapevine is out now! It is full of ideas for local activities, events, and helpful resources for the summer holidays & beyond.

For those who don't receive a print copy directly from school, you can either pick up a free copy at many family venues, leisure centres and libraries across the area, or you can access the full issue on our website:

<https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/shrewsbury-telford/magazine/the-shrewsbury-telford-family-grapevine-summer-2025/>

School Shoes

As we approach the summer holidays, we know many families will be preparing for the new school year by purchasing uniform items, including footwear. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of our school uniform policy regarding shoes.

To maintain our high standards and expectations, school shoes must not be trainers. While we understand the appeal of trainers for comfort and style, they are not part of our standard uniform and should only be worn on designated PE days.

Wearing the correct uniform helps promote a sense of pride, unity, and readiness to learn. We appreciate your support in ensuring that all children return in September dressed appropriately and in line with our policy.

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 www.eduspot.co.uk/schoolmoney
Thank you.

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Holidays In Term Time

There is a real focus at national level on increasing school attendance across the country and as such the Local Authority has once again reiterated the need for schools to uphold the guidance on term time holidays including fines. It is as follows:

For a first offence, the amount will be £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, doubling to £160 up to 28 days. If unpaid after 28 days, the local authority will prosecute the parents.

Example: (halve if one parent)		
2 parents	1 child	Paid within 21 days: £160 Paid within 28 days: £320
2 parents	2 children	Paid within 21 days: £320 Paid within 28 days: £640
2 parents	3 children	Paid within 21 days: £480 Paid within 28 days: £960
2 parents	4 children	Paid within 21 days: £640 Paid within 28 days: £1280

For a second offence committed by the same parent in respect of the same pupil, the amount will be the higher rate of £160 per parent, per child. If unpaid after 28 days, the local authority will prosecute the parents.

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2 parents	2 children	Paid within 28 days: £640
2 parents	3 children	Paid within 28 days: £960
2 parents	4 children	Paid within 28 days: £1280

If there is a third occasion of unauthorised leave of absence related to the same child within a period of three years from the date of the first offence, the local authority must proceed with a prosecution or use other attendance legal interventions, because Penalty Notices have not succeeded in effecting the required change in behaviour.

Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil Premium funding is available for eligible families, which provides additional support for children in our school. This funding can be crucial in enhancing educational opportunities and resources for your child.

The Pupil Premium is available to families who receive certain benefits. The eligibility criteria include the following:

1. Income Support - If your family is in receipt of Income Support.
2. Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance - If you are receiving this allowance.
3. Child Tax Credit - If your family earns less than £16,190 per annum and is not receiving Working Tax Credit.
4. Universal Credit - If your household's taxable earnings are less than £7,400 per annum.
5. The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit - If your family qualifies under this criterion.
6. Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 - If applicable.

If you believe that you meet any of the above criteria, I encourage you to apply for Pupil Premium funding.

To apply, you can complete the form attached to this email or alternatively, please contact our school office, and we would be happy to assist you.

We encourage all eligible families to apply for this funding, as it directly benefits your child and helps our school provide additional resources to enhance their learning experience.

Weekly Attendance

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Owl Class – 98% ★★★★★

Hawk Class – 95% ★★

Kestrel Class - 96% ★★

Osprey Class - 94%

Falcon Class – 94%

Weekly average: 95%

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Values Award

as chosen by our Values Ambassadors

Love

Theodore for showing kindness, bringing in flowers for people he thought were sad.

Strength

Edward for believing in himself and producing some brilliant writing.

Wisdom

Alfie for his fantastic maths work.



Class Dojo Champions

Owl Class

Jude, Darcy & Oliver

Hawk Class

Alex, Esme & Henry

Kestrel Class

Rocco, Olly & Harriet

Osprey & Falcon Class

Teddy, Oliva & Percy



Shining Stars of the Week

Owl Class

Isabella for never giving up and trying really hard with her writing.

Hawk Class

AJ for his amazing week of brilliant choices!

Kestrel Class

Rocco for producing some amazing writing in literacy.

Osprey & Falcon Class

Ashley for being such a polite and positive member of the class.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

July

14th July

EYFS Farm Visit

16th July

Newhampton Journey Day

18th July

Leavers Service
2:15pm

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

The Harry Hooligans are recruiting potential tribe members at SHDC

Do you have what it takes to go forward into the Dragon Initiation Program?

£4.50 PER CHILD

Make a horned hat and practice your yelling, start your own 'Incomplete book o Dragons' with the dragons that visit Shropshire. Learn some dragonese (if you swear never to let Gobber the Belch know who you learned it from) and practice launching sheep from a catapult for dragons to eat.

Monday 21st to Friday 25th July and Monday 11th to Friday 15th August

1pm – 2.30pm

AGES 4-11
Must be accompanied by an adult

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Book online www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms, SY7 9RS 01588 676 060

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SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS

Week 1

21st July – 25th July

Week 2

28th July – 1st August

£30 per day or £125 for 5 days

9am – 3pm

7 – 14 year olds

Fun, friendly, no previous tennis experience required.

We will give professional coaching to LEARN THE KEY BASICS OF THE SPORT, IMPROVE TECHNIQUE & GET TO GRIPS WITH MATCH SKILLS.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/pacetennis/Coaching/Camps>

DParry.Tennis@gmail.com 07711501359

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Remarkable Romans



1PM - 2.30PM

MONDAY 4TH
TO FRIDAY 8TH
AUGUST

&
MONDAY 25TH
TO FRIDAY 29TH
AUGUST

GO BACK TO BRITANNIA AND SEE IF YOU ARE WORTHY OF BEING A CITIZEN. TRY YOUR HAND AT DIFFERENT ROMAN ACTIVITIES AND THEN SET ABOUT STARTING A STRAIGHT ROMAN ROAD WITH A TRAVEL GROMA. TRY ON A TOGA. USE A WAX TABLET TO WRITE ROMAN NUMERAL PROBLEMS. TASTE THE COLOSSEUM VERSION OF POPCORN. PLAY ROMAN GAMES AND MUCH MORE!

Booking essential
Book online

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk

Shropshire Hills
Discovery Centre

01588 676 060
Craven Arms, SY7 9RS



£4.50
per child

Recommended age
4 – 11 years
Must be
accompanied
by an adult



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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