Newsletter

Thursday 12th February (No.21)

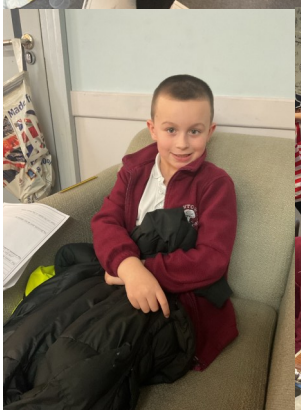
A message from Miss Fisher and Mrs Bieda

I cannot believe that the final week of term has already arrived and what a busy week it has been! Mrs Bieda and I spent yesterday at the Bath Forum with our wonderful pirate dance troupe for the West Wilts Dance Festival 2026.

Newtown was one of 13 primary schools performing last night on the main stage in front of a huge audience. A tremendous amount of work and dedication had gone into the children learning such a complex dance routine with their dance coach, Chloe. Our dance group consisted of both boys and girls and had representatives from all classes across KS2. The way the children have worked together and supported each other has been commendable. A special shout out to the three year six girls (Winnie, Kamilla and Abigail), who have continuously helped their younger peers throughout the last term.

The children showed incredible bravery stepping onto the stage. Performing in front of an audience takes real courage, and they handled it with such confidence and heart. Their willingness to shine, share their talents and smile throughout made the moment truly special. Well done Percy, Abigail, Winnie, Carter, Kamilla, Emilia, Kylie, Jay, Aveline, Lola, Kacper and Cerys.





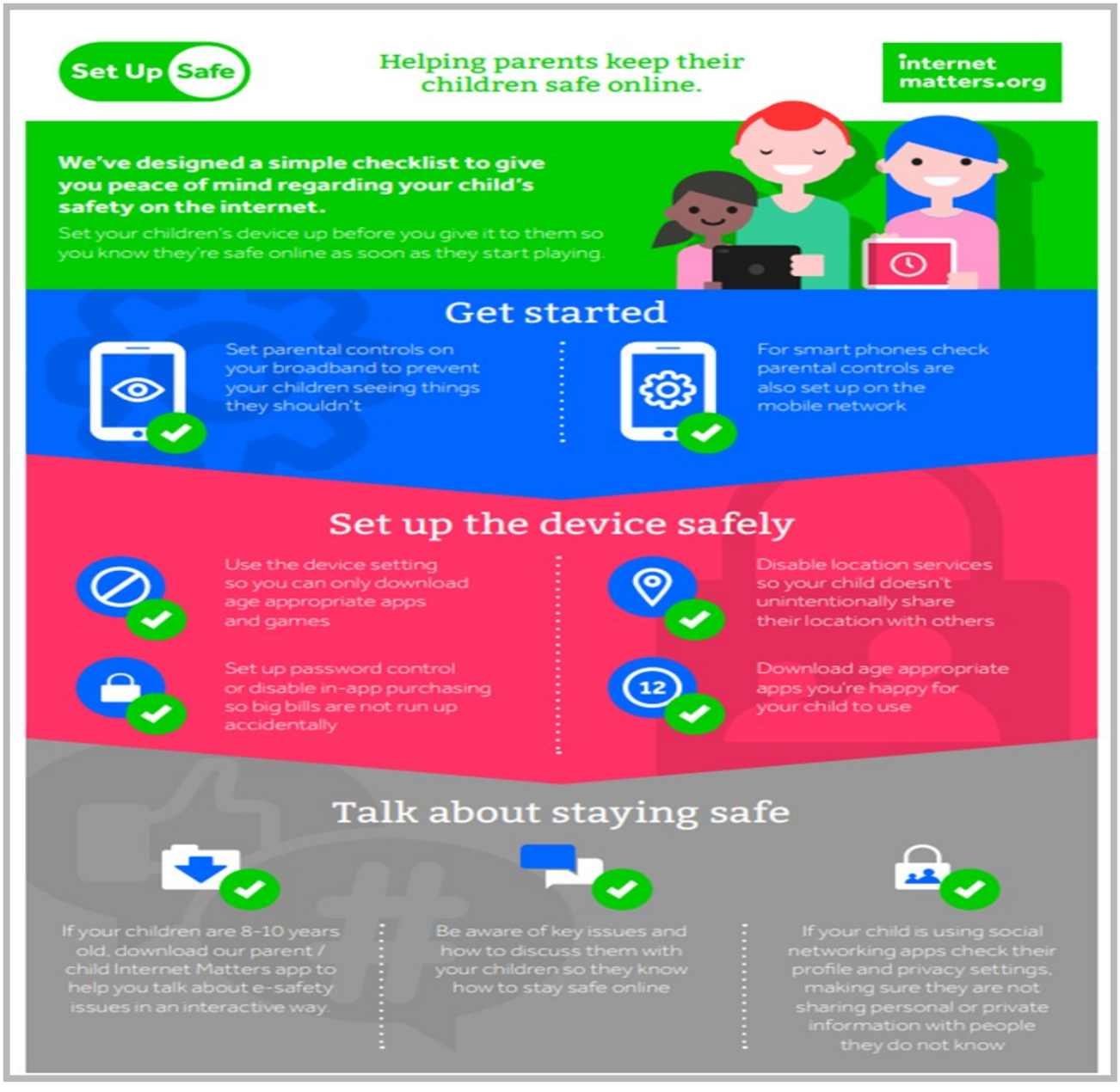

Safeguarding

Internet safety

At Newtown, children are regularly reminded and taught how to use the internet safely, including the importance of not sharing personal information online and how to report anything they see that has upset them. Tuesday of this week was Safer Internet Day and the focus for this year was ***'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.***

Children across the school discussed AI and how to ensure it is used safely. Children in Key Stage 2 took part in a live lesson, completing several activities which taught them how to use AI safely and responsibly. ***Charlie in Oak class shared the following advice - "AI can be very useful, for example you can ask Alexa for the answer to a question, but if an app starts asking for personal information, you need to delete it."***

The checklist below gives further information on how you can support your child to stay safe online at home.



EASTER BINGO 19th MARCH

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH



AT NEWTOWN SCHOOL

LOTS OF CHOCOLATE PRIZES

£1 PER BINGO BOOK
6 BOOKS FOR £5

DOORS OPEN
5:30PM
EYES DOWN
6:00PM





NO ENTRY FEE
NO NEED TO BOOK
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Non uniform day

Friday 13th February

Please bring an Easter egg to school for non uniform day. These will be used for our bingo prizes!

Free School Meals

Please take a look at the list of entitlement criteria for applying for free school meals. If you are entitled to any of the items in the list, you should put in your application to Wiltshire Council:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals

If you think you are eligible, you should put in a claim even if your child currently gets Universal Free School Meals because they are in Years R-Y2. This is because there are other benefits that can be claimed, for example supermarket vouchers for the holidays and discounts for residential trips, etc. You can still register for free school meals even if your child doesn't want a meal every day!

- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (Not contribution based JSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (Not contribution based ESA).
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999 - National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS).
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (you must not be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 (April 2012).
- Working Tax Credit 'Run On' - payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

If you currently receive Working Tax Credit (other than 'Run On') you are not eligible to claim.

The John of Gaunt, Trowbridge

FREE SUMMER SCHOOLS 2026

YEAR 5: 27th July - 31st July
YEAR 6: 3rd Aug - 7th Aug

Year 5 week OPEN NOW!
Year 6 week opens
9th March 2026

YEAR 5 YEAR 6

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STREET GAMES

FREE SPORTS SESSIONS

TAKING PLACE ACROSS WILTSHIRE NOW

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8+

Longfield Community Hall, Weavers Dr
Trowbridge, BA14 7DZ

Tuesdays (term time only)
Starting 03 March 2026

17:00 – 18:00

Scan QR code to register

Changing young people's lives through sport
www.streetgames.org
A registered charity

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Wiltshire Council

MUSIC LESSONS IN TROWBRIDGE!
Guitar - Piano - Drums

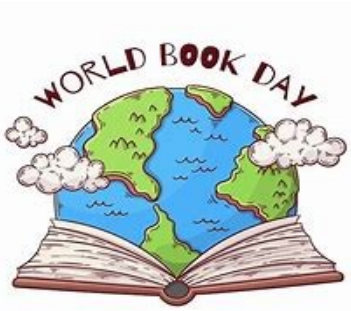
- All Ages & Abilities
- Make Music & Feel Awesome!
- At 2 Prospect Place, BA14 8QA

BMT SCHOOL OF MUSIC



NEW STUDIOS LIMITED TIME OFFER:

GET A FREE LESSON AND NO JOINING FEE!
Call/text: 07775847990
Book Online: bmtschoolofmusic.com



We will be celebrating World Book Day on

<u>TUESDAY 3rd MARCH</u>

Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character or, alternatively, come as yourself and bring your favourite book to share.

Superstars



Oscar,
Jayan,
Otis,
Devlin,
Harry &
Kamilla

Attendance

132 children had 100% attendance in the last week, are awesome!

Maple class were the best at being in & on time every day last week.
Well done Maple class!

2 Penalty Notice Applications have been made so far this academic year.

Absence line 01225 752678 option 1



Congratulations to Ash & Beech classes who are top of the leader board this week! Please encourage your child to log on and play.

Home - Times Tables Rock Stars

Dates for Diary

13/02/2026	Last day of term 3
13/02/2026	Non school uniform day - Please donate an Easter egg for Easter Bingo
23/02/2026	First day of term 4 - children back to school
03/03/2026	Newtown celebrating World Book Day
19/03/2026	Easter Bingo
25/03/2026	Parents' Evening - details to follow
26/03/2026	Parents' Evening - details to follow
15/04/2026	Sycamore class visiting Farleigh Hungerford