Newsletter

Thursday 11th December (No.14)

A message from Miss Fisher

Well, the Christmas madness has definitely arrived, and the children are beginning to enjoy festivities in school. This week the children have attended St James' church in the centre of Trowbridge. It really is a truly magnificent building, and we love spending time there. We are very lucky that every year, we are invited to attend a very special Newtown Christmas service and showcase our singing talents!

Many of you may remember that in the past, a few children came to the front to do a short reading linked to Christmas. This year, we were a little bit more creative. Each class was given a Christmas theme, and they had created artwork and a short reading. A representative from each class came to the front to showcase their theme and how they had interpreted it. For example, Beech class had been looking at 'baubles' and what the bauble would have seen over the centuries and the changes that the modern world brings.

A message from Miss Hallam

The Oak class theme for St James' Church was 'Winter Wonderland'. We worked hard to produce some wonderful descriptive writing, imagining ourselves stood in a winter scene, surrounded by snow. We used our senses to create some beautiful writing! Alongside this, we carefully created scenery pictures, showing the colours of a winter sunrise/sunset in a snowy location. The children thought carefully about perspective with regards to where the trees sat in the image as to their size being larger in the foreground than those in the midground.





FONS

A message from FONS

On behalf of FONS (Friends of Newtown School) we would like to thank everyone for their support this year!

We have held some very successful events in 2025 raising money for the school, finishing the year off with the Christmas Fayre! It was lovely to see everyone having fun, and lots of smiles on little faces! Father Christmas commented that he thinks Newtown children are the politest children he has ever met!

A big thank you to everyone who donated, helped at the fayre and came to support us. From the fayre and parent presents, we raised a wonderful total of £1,632.00 which will go towards helping the school in 2026. A special thank you to the teachers, school staff and TAs who helped to run stalls and donated raffle prizes, as well as a big thank you to the local businesses who very kindly donated raffle prizes. Finally, thank you to our wonderful elves Linda, Sue and Frida who have shopped, wrapped, made countless trips to school and back and work so hard behind the scenes at these events.

Merry Christmas from the FONS team and looking forward to seeing you all next year!













Safeguarding



Christmas technology – Keeping our children safe online.

With Christmas just around the corner, I am sure many of the children will be using the internet through the use of mobile phones, games consoles and social networks over the festive break.
Socially, our children often use the internet for entertainment, interaction, and communication with 'friends'. Access to the internet can take place anywhere and at any time so we need to make sure our children are able to use the internet safely. Many children are unaware of the risks, for example, by having many online friends (who could be strangers), viewing unsuitable content or sharing too much personal information. As gaming is such a popular pastime for many of our children, the staff at Newtown are always keen to support you in keeping the children safe online. To assist you in keeping your children safe online, please find some useful guidance in the web links below

Latest Parent's Guides | Page 1 | Outcyders
Parents guides for many games including Fortnite, Roblox and Minecraft

Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides | Internet Matters
Parental controls and privacy settings guides for all common platforms

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/
A great website to use with children, a package of resources created by the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command, designed to help 8–10-year-olds learn how to stay safe online.

Google Family Link App- keeping an eye on their phone!

There is an app called 'Family Link Google' which a parent can download and link it to their child's android phone. This means that they can control the use and set timers on the phone. It also means that if the child tries to download an app, a notification is sent to the parent's phone, and they have to give consent in order for the child to be able to download it. It also lets parents set certain digital ground rules for their family.
Parents can also use Family Link to create a Google Account for a child under the age of 13. Once complete, children can sign into their device with their new account. Once the accounts have been linked, parents can use Family Link to help them do things like keep an eye on screen time and manage the content that they use.







Songs around the Tree



Thursday 18th December at 2.00pm

Join us at school to sing songs around the Christmas Tree

All welcome!

Disco

Wednesday 17th December

Children can bring in their party clothes to change into for the disco.



The disco will take part during normal school hours.

Christmas dinner & jumper day

Tuesday 16th December
Please bring in a coin donation for Save The Children.
School trousers/skirt to be worn as normal.







Superstars



Oscar, Reuben, Tawana, Aarushi, Naima & Abigail

Congratulations to Beech Class 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

16/12/2025	Christmas Dinner Day
16/12/2025	Christmas Jumper Day
17/12/2025	Cinema & school disco during school day - whole school
18/12/2025	Christmas songs around the tree - all welcome!
19/12/2025	Last day of term 2
05/01/2026	TD Day - school closed to children
06/01/2026	First day back at school
08/01/2026	Willow Class visiting the Egg Theatre
12/01/2026	Beech Class visiting The Roman Baths
15/01/2026	Willow, Sycamore & Maple Class - Bedtime Stories