Newsletter

Friday 25th September (No.3)

A message from Miss Fisher





On Friday the 11th September, there was a real buzz at Newtown!

I am certain that you will all have noticed our beautiful, bright new playground markings that have appeared.

Most of you know that myself and Mr Marshall have been working at Newtown for many years now (we truly love it) and in that time neither of us have seen the playground markings updated. With great thanks to our FONs (Friends of Newtown School) team, we were able to finally design and put in place some unique playground markings for the children to enjoy. Without you, our wonderful families, who support us with fundraising events such as the summer and Christmas fayre, as well as cinema evenings, we would not be able to fund such amazing things. You have all contributed into brightening up our playground, which is a wonderful feeling.

A company called Fun Play were recommended to us because of their durable and bespoke designs. Of course, we needed to update our basketball and tennis courts for the children to be able to play but, we also we wanted to incorporate two of our most important mental health strategies.



You will notice there are now two lions (named Larry by the pupils). These lions represent our roar at Newtown. This strategy teaches the children about being confident and always believing in themselves. There are also two sets of our '3 Bees'. This is our Newtown anti-bullying strategy. This is important because no child should ever feel unable to speak up because of unkindness. We empower our learners to always:

- **B**elieve in themselves
- **B**low the whistle on a bully (tell a trusted adult or friend)
- **B**an bullying now

This acronym also helps children to recognise online bullying as they get older.

So, as you walk over our beautiful bees and lions, please ask your children to tell you about why they are there. Both strategies can not only help the children, but can also be used by adults alike. I often remind children that sometimes I feel worried about things and the importance of using my roar and wearing my sunshine specs! Perhaps we can add some sunshine specs to our playground in the future!

You can see from the photos that a team of children were chosen to help piece together one of our lions. It was quite tricky and they were much better at noticing how the pieces slotted together than I was! The pieces were then heated up and melted onto the surface. The children all enjoyed watching this from a safe distance.



Safeguarding



Let's face it - who doesn't turn to YouTube now and again for a tutorial, information or simply for a funny video? Children can get lost in YouTube for hours if not careful, watching their favourite youtubers or listening to songs.

However, as with all technology there are minefields that we need to be careful of. YouTube is full of disturbing content that is not appropriate for children and can be very damaging if not carefully monitored. Just this week we have had conversations with several children who have been upset and affected by what they have viewed on YouTube.

Whilst we cannot completely remove these dangers, there are options on how to keep your child safer online whilst using YouTube.

Use the kids app.
Download the YouTube kids app. This is set up solely with children in mind and is definitely the best option for younger viewers.

Check the settings.
If using standard YouTube, go into settings in the account and check that restricted mode is turned on. This will help to filter inappropriate content for your child.
BE AWARE: This needs to be done separately on each device that YouTube is used on, the preference is not simply remembered by the account on each device automatically.

Check in on what they are watching.
Regularly check your child's 'history' of what they have been watching so you can pick up on anything that is potentially concerning and talk with them about this. You also have the option here to request for some videos to not appear in your child's feed.




SPACE DAY
1ST OCTOBER
MAINS
CHICKEN METEOR-BITE BURGER
VENUS VEGGIE BURGER (VG)
SPACESHIP SANDWICH BAR
BIG BANG BAKED POTATO BAR (V)
SIDES
GUARDIAN FRIES OF THE GALAXY
PLANETARY PEAS
BLACK HOLE BEANS
SOLAR SYSTEM SALAD BAR
DESSERTS
JUPITER JELLY AND ICE CREAM (V)
COSMIC COOKIE (VG)
FRESH FRUIT (VG) (GF)

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2027?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 15 January 2027

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010** for more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

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MIGHTY GIRLS



BOA PRIMARY Mighty Girls Club

BEGINS THURSDAYS SEPT 24TH

BOOK FOR THE TERM OR TRY A SESSION

A place to have fun, make friends, build confidence and feel empowered.

BRADFORD ON AVON
4.30-5.45PM.
PRIMARY AGE 8-11

LEARN MORE WWW.MIGHTYGIRLS.CO.UK

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2027?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2026

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010** for more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

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Congratulations to Chestnut class who are top of the leader board this week!

Please encourage your child to log on and play.

Home - Times Tables Rock Stars

Harvest Assembly

Tuesday 13th October at 9.15am

Parents/Carers are invited to school for our Harvest Assembly

Also, as in previous years, we will be holding a food collection.
This year we will be supporting Helping the Homeless in Bath & West Wiltshire (HHBWW).
Any donations of non-perishable items would be very gratefully received.

If you can donate, we are looking for :
Meal in a tin : mac & cheese, spaghetti bolognaise, chilli etc
(please make sure they have a ring pull on them)
Porridge pots
Pot noodle
Mug shots
Cuppa Soup
Cereal bars
Chocolate bars
Crisps
Fruit pots
Fruit juice cartons
Boxes of raisins
Small packs of biscuits
Tins of fish with ring pull
Tea bags
3 in 1 coffee sachets
Hot chocolate sachets
Small packets of sweets



Thank you!



Superstars



Selma, Hazel, Erin, Lily & Nicol

Attendance

119 children had 100% attendance in the last week..
You are awesome!

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

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

Absence line 01225 752678
option 1

Dates for Diary

29/09/2026	Y6 Braeside Information Meeting
30/09/2026	Oak class & Cedar class swimming
05/10/2026	Flu immunisations
06/10/2026	School photos
13/10/2026	Harvest Festival Assembly at 9.15am. All welcome!
14/10/2016	Parents' Evening
15/10/2026	Parents' Evening
20/10/2026	Last day of term 1
02/11/2026	TD Day - school closed to children
03/11/2026	Children back to school - start of term 2