Newsletter

Thursday 25th September (No. 4)

A message from Miss Pountney in Maple Class

This term in DT, Maple class are learning all about bridges and we will be making our very own bridges! We used lots of different materials to see which would make a good bridge. The children were told that their bridge would need to:

- Hold at least one foam brick.
- Cross a 20cm gap.
- Stand up on its own without any support from a person.

We used lots of different materials and resources such as multi-link cubes, lolly sticks, and stickle bricks to see which would be the strongest. We found out that the multi-link cubes were the strongest because you could reinforce the bridge by making it wider, whereas the lolly sticks were the weakest because they were too short to cross the gap. The children were fantastic at identifying the stronger materials and were very creative with how they used them, we may have some future engineers on our hands!









Safeguarding

Attendance and illnesses

It is now the time of year that coughs and colds are going around. If you child has minor symptoms such as a runny nose or a cough, they should continue to come to school. If your child has a temperature, they should stay home until their temperature has gone down. Please see the poster below for more guidance.

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (induding COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, **search for health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.

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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 and 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 Taz 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 that £7,400 as assessed by earing 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.

Parents Evening

Parents evenings will be held on 20th and 21st October from 3:30pm to 6pm.
These will be online meetings.
Appointments can be made using SchoolCloud.
https://newtownschool.schoolcloud.co.uk
Booking opens on Tuesday 30th September at 6pm.

FONS

FONS are having a meeting at school on Friday 26th September at 2pm to discuss ideas for events this year. If you have any ideas or time that you are able to contribute, please come along.

All welcome!

REMINDERS

Please ensure your child has their PE kit and a waterproof coat in school every day.

Thank you!





Please can all uniform, coats and kits be labelled with your child's name





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

Please encourage your child to log on and play.

Home - Times Tables Rock Stars



For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2026?

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 2025

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.

Wiltshire Council

Superstars



Jaden,
Amias, Rupert,
Victoria &
Winnie

Attendance

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

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

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

Absence line 01225 752678
option 1

Dates for Diary

29/09/2025	Year 6 Braeside Presentation at 3.30pm *NEW DATE*
07/10/2025	Individual school photos
17/10/2025	Flu immunisations
20/10/2025	Parents' Evening
21/10/2025	Parents' Evening
22/10/2025	Last day of term 1
03/11/2025	First day of term 2