Newsletter

Friday 11th September (No.1)

A message from Mr Marshall & Miss Fisher

Welcome back to a brand new academic year here at Newtown. For many of you, who are familiar with our wonderful school, you are beginning a new year group with a new teacher who will have a familiar face. All of our teachers at Newtown pride themselves on their caring, approachable nature and I know that they have been working hard to ensure that you have best possible, seamless start to your new group. Some of our learners, are starting their very first year in school so we welcome our early years children with open arms and we cannot wait to get to know you and your families. We also say a very big hello and welcome to the Newtown family to our inspirational new teacher Miss King in Oak class. Oak class are embarking on their final year of primary school with Miss (class teacher) and Mrs King (class teaching assistant) and I enjoyed hearing all about their aspirations for the year in our assembly last week, children and staff alike!

On Tuesday the 1st September, we had our first Inset training day here at school where all staff members attended a full on day of training. You may be aware, that there are many new changes and policies that have been brought in by the government so, as in previous years, we ensured that everybody was brought up to speed with the new Keeping Children safe in Education (KCSIE) policy on this day. Some changes include how to ensure the safe use of artificial intelligence (AI) in young people and also how we work to ensure we provide early support for families. We also learnt about the brand new allergy guidance (Benedict's Law) and how that needs to be adopted here at Newtown. I know Mrs Bieda (Senco and assistant headteacher) will have been in touch with families about this if your child has allergies to ensure we remain fully up to date with any important information about your child. As with anything, if at any point your child's needs change, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our office staff to keep us informed. Every day is a learning day and that is no different for us as adults alike. Children, you will be pleased to know that all staff members showed their best listening in the classroom and even used partner talk and magnet eyes to fully engage with their learning on this day!

Many parents often ask us how they can best support their child's learning at home. Reading is a fundamental skill that will help children unlock their full learning potential. Even in older year groups, it is paramount that we continue to practise this skill and improve our fluency and comprehension. We work hard in school to deliver phonics and whole class guided reading lessons daily for the children, we will also be ensuring that as much 1:1 reading can happen here in school also. We encourage you to support your children by reading at home daily. This can be done in many different ways and if, like in my house, it begins to feel like a chore, please encourage your child by sharing the reading with them and each read a page; make it fun where you read some of the words and they fill in the blanks. Any reading is great in whatever shape or form it comes in and we will always fully encourage and appreciate this in school.



Safeguarding

Keeping us informed

Please remember, if you or any of your child's named contacts update their mobile phone, please make sure you update your contact information with the school office. It is important that we have your correct number information and at least one emergency contact too.

Please ensure you *always* let the school know if your child is absent for *any* reason. You can do this by calling the school office, by passing on a message to Mr Marshall, Miss Fisher or Mrs Bieda in the mornings or by sending an email to:
admin@newtown.wilts.sch.uk

If your child has an appointment, please send the office a photo or copy of the appointment letter via email on the same address as above.

If you are taking your child to an appointment, consider if this needs to be a whole day out of school. Being in school is so important for your child's development and reducing their time taken out for these things should be kept to an absolute minimum.

Consent for Notice

Please be aware you can withdraw consent at any time. If you have any queries or wish to withdraw, or review your consent you can contact Chris Marshall or the school's Data Protection Officer - iwest@bathnes.gov.uk

The Parent Pupil Privacy Notice can be accessed on the school website.

(home/key information/Data Protection/GDPR).

CEDAR CLASS & OAK CLASS IMPORTANT SWIMMING REMINDER

Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school every Wednesday up to, and including, Wednesday 16th December.

THANK YOU!

REMINDER

SCHOOL IS A NON SMOKING & NON VAPING SITE.

Thank you.

REMINDER PE KITS

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day.

Thank you!



Will you be applying for SECONDARY SCHOOLS later this year?

Clarendon Academy invites you to our

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 17th September
4.30pm – 7.00pm

Headteacher presentations at 5.00pm & 6.00pm.

Ofsted Good Provider

'... Pupils feel safe and cared for as part of this welcoming and friendly school.'
– OFSTED 2023

The John of Gaunt School
A Community Academy

Visit our

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 1st October 2026
6.00-8.30pm



Discover what makes us unique by exploring our website, browsing our prospectus or calling to book a personal tour.

Come along and see the breadth of opportunities on offer for your child.

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Telephone: 01225 762637
www.jogschool.org

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Wingfield Road, Trowbridge
Wiltshire BA14 9EH

EQUA Mead Learning Trust
Every Child, Every Chance

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.

Wiltshire Council

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

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The deadline for applications is

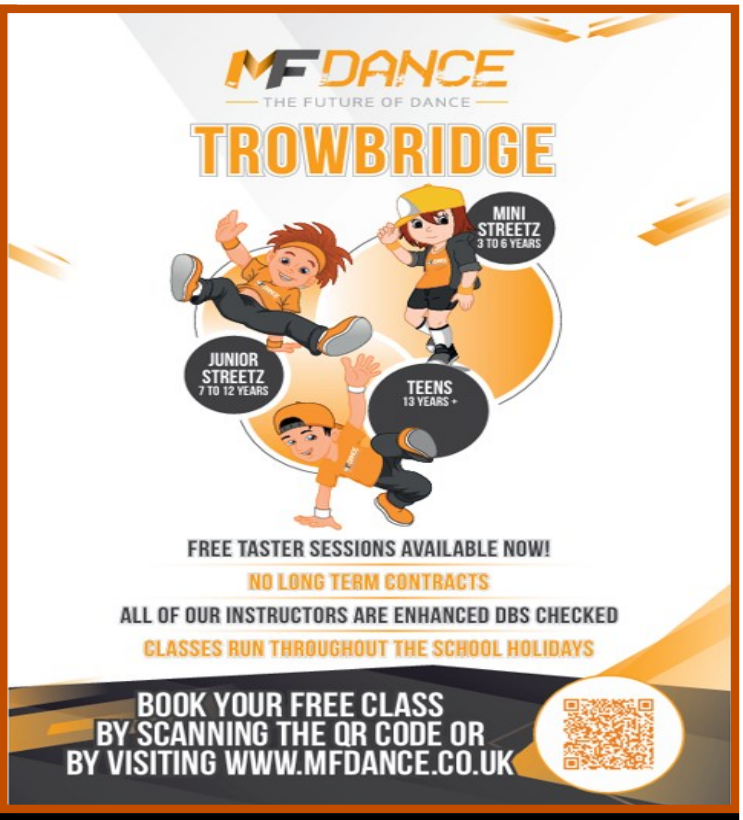
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Dates for Diary

16/09/2026	Cedar Class & Oak Class swimming
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