Newsletter

Wednesday 25th September (No. 4)

Message from Miss Fisher

We are your Green Team!



For the first time ever, Newtown is now home to a very important 'Green Team'. Over the past two weeks, classes have been voting to elect Green Team members. The children showed their' roar' fantastically by standing up and pitching to their classmates about how they could improve the environment and sustainability of our school. For the first time, I met with the Green Team members on Monday, and we talked about the things we want to improve and promote in our school this term. This included promoting walking to school instead of using vehicles, reducing our electricity usage and being aware of plastic pollution. The children were also very interested in conducting audits of the fruit and vegetables that already grow in our grounds.

I am very excited to be working with such an awesome bunch of children and we look forward to updating you regularly about our work in the school.





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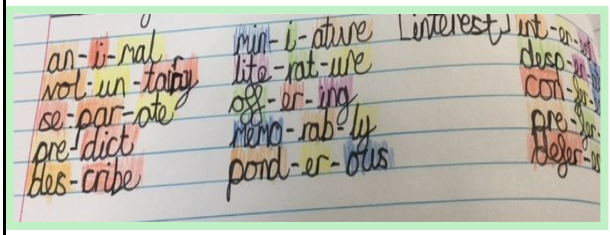
Being on time matters

We are experiencing a lot of late arrivals every morning. Good time keeping is an important life skill, one that is essential to routine and future employment in later years.

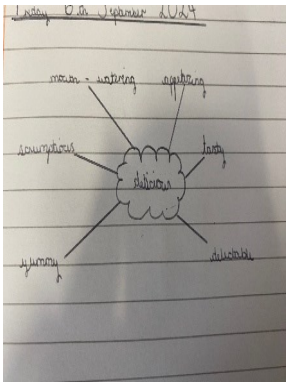
Please be aware that registration closes at 8:45. This means that arrivals after this time are classed as late. Arrivals after 9 am can now be counted towards unauthorised absences which may result in a fine.

In class, we run a spelling programme between 8:30 and 8:55. Each morning, the children learn their new spellings and explore the spelling patterns. Here are some amazing examples of the different spelling activities that the children participate in and another reason to make sure you are in school on time in the mornings:

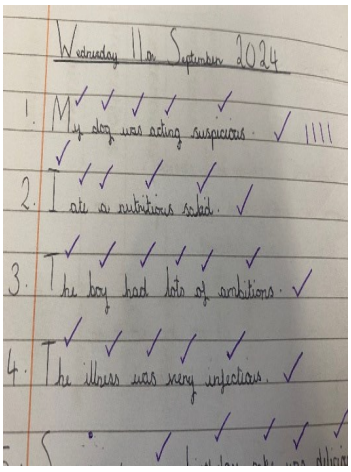
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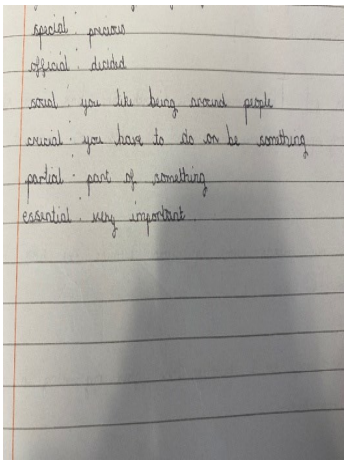
Synonym word trees:



Applying spellings into sentences:



Definitions of words:



Attendance

151 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 !

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

01225 752678

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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, or by passing on a message to Mr Marshall, Miss Fisher or Mrs Bieda in the mornings.

If your child has an appointment, please send the office a photo or copy of the appointment letter via email admin@newtown.wilts.sch.uk

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.

Youth Parliament

At the start of this year, Oak class wrote persuasive speeches in order to express why they would make excellent Newtown's Youth Parliament representatives. Earlier this week, the children who wanted to be considered for this role gave their speeches in front of the whole school. We are so proud of the confidence each of the children showed in order to do this and to do it so clearly and confidently. In line with International Day of Democracy, Oak class took a vote to decide (based on their speeches) who would be our representatives and our vice representatives.





It gives us great pleasure to announce that this year, the representatives for Youth Parliament are Charlie and Malie with Ivy and Arianna as their vice representatives.

Individual photos
Tuesday 8th October

Please come to school in your smartest uniform and bring your biggest smiles!



Wraparound Care

We still have spaces available

we offer the following wrapround childcare:



3.15pm to 4.15pm (£4.00)
4.15pm to 5.15pm (£4.00)

We also offer breakfast club
7.45am to 8.30am (£2.50)

Please log onto Scopay to book your sessions.
If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Cake Sale

Thursday 17th October
Straight after school



Please can any donations be brought to school Thursday morning.

FONS Meeting

Thursday 17th October at 1pm

Friends of Newtown would like to invite any parents / carers along who would be interested in supporting future fundraising events

Parents Evening

Parents evenings will be held on 21st and 22nd October from 3:30pm to 6pm. **These will be online meetings.** Appointments can be made using SchoolCloud.
Booking opens on Wednesday 2nd October at 6pm.

Please click the link below to be taken to the login page:
https://newtownschool.schoolcloud.co.uk

Harvest Assembly

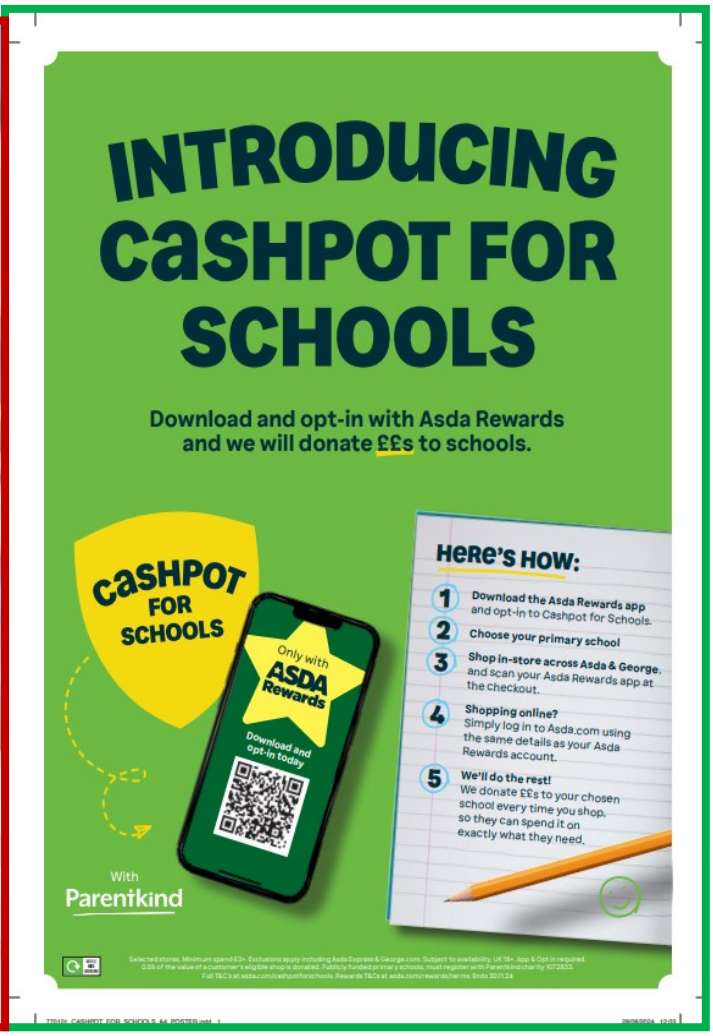
Tuesday 15th October at 9.15am

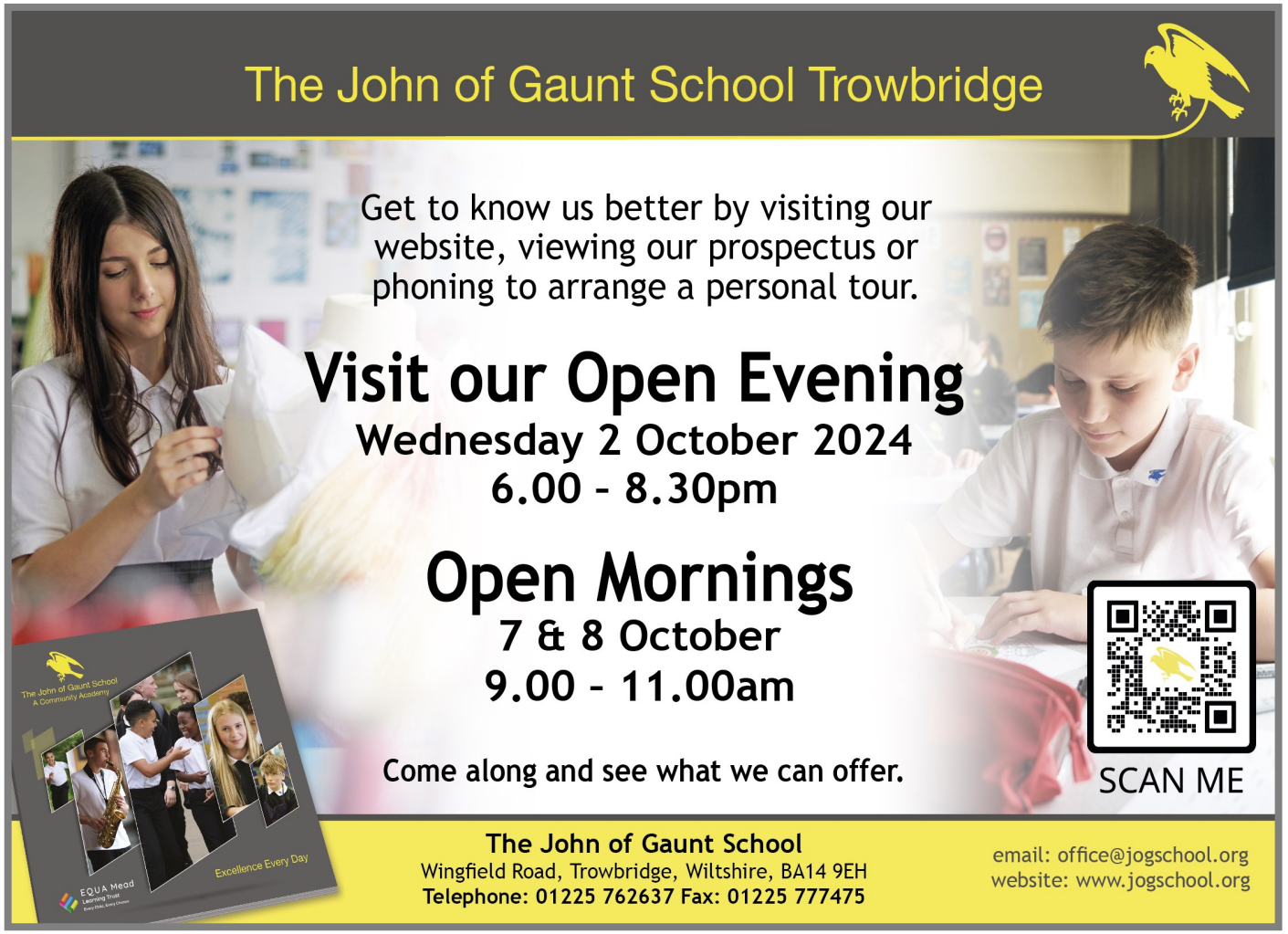
Parents/ Carers are invited to the school for our Harvest Assembly

Also, as in previous years, we will be holding a collection for the local food bank.
Any donations of non-perishable items would be very gratefully




St Augustine's Catholic College
OPEN EVENING
3 October 2024
6pm-8pm
Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2025 or September 2026?
Come and visit our inspiring College, chat to staff and students and tour our modern facilities.
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2 Choose your primary school
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4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.


The John of Gaunt School Trowbridge
Get to know us better by visiting our website, viewing our prospectus or phoning to arrange a personal tour.
Visit our Open Evening
Wednesday 2 October 2024
6.00 - 8.30pm
Open Mornings
7 & 8 October
9.00 - 11.00am
Come along and see what we can offer.
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The John of Gaunt School
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Excellence Every Day
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Telephone: 01225 762637 Fax: 01225 777475
email: office@jogschool.org
website: www.jogschool.org

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2025?

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 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 primary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

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Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2025?

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The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2024

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Superstars!



Bradley,
Jonah,
Aarush,
Oscar,
Carter &
Erin

Dates for Diary	
08.10.2024	School photos - whole school
15.10.2024	Harvest Assembly at 9.15 am - all welcome
17.10.2024	FONS meeting 1pm-all welcome
17.10.2024	FONS Cake Sale-donations please
17.10.2024	Willow Class - Welly Walk
21.10.2024	Parents' Evening– bookings open 2nd Oct at 6pm
22.10.2024	Parents' Evening– bookings open 2nd Oct at 6pm
23.10.2024	Last day of term
04.11.2024	TD Day - school closed to children
12.11.2024	Flu Immunisations