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Message from our Headteacher

Dear parents/carers

It has been another busy and productive few weeks at Newent, with lots to celebrate across our school community.

We began by coming together for our Remembrance event, taking time to reflect, remember and pay our respects to those who have served and sacrificed for others. It was a poignant occasion and a wonderful example of our HEART values in action.

We were also delighted to receive the Newent Ambassador Award, presented by Reverend Mason, alongside Glebe and Picklenash Schools. It was an honour to accept this recognition of the positive contribution our schools make within the local community.



Our students have also enjoyed the House Cross Country competition, demonstrating fantastic determination, resilience and team spirit. It was great to see so many students getting involved, supporting one another and representing their houses with such enthusiasm. Congratulations to everyone who took part! Later this week (Friday), we will be hosting the County Cross County Championships. Good luck to everyone involved.

I also want to take this opportunity to praise our students following a very successful lockdown drill. These exercises are an important part of ensuring that we know how to respond in the event of an emergency. Students were exceptionally sensible, calm and cooperative throughout. I was

WHATS ON THIS WEEK

Mon 16th Nov – Anti bullying week – Odd Sock Day
Tues 17th Nov – Y9 History trip to Cannock Chase War Memorial and National Memorial Arboretum
Tues 17th and Weds 18th Nov – Y11 Mock Interviews
Tues 17th Weds 18th and Thurs 19th Nov – Y7 – Y11 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Mon 23rd Nov – Fri 4th Dec – Y11 & Y13 Examinations

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incredibly proud of the maturity they demonstrated and would like to thank staff for their support in making the exercise so successful.

We have also continued to strengthen our partnership with families. Our recent SEN Parent Coffee Morning provided a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to meet, share experiences and talk with members of our team about the support we provide for students with additional needs. We were pleased to welcome Marco from PEAK as a guest speaker, whose contribution helped to further inform and support discussions. We were pleased to welcome Marco from PEAK as a guest speaker, whose contribution helped to further inform and support discussions. We recognise how important these relationships are and will continue to develop opportunities for parents to work alongside us.

As we approach the examination period, there has been a particular focus on preparing our Year 11 and Year 13 students for their forthcoming exams. We have been working hard to ensure that students understand how to revise effectively, organise their time and approach their examinations with confidence. We have also welcomed Positively You, who have delivered revision workshops to support students in developing effective revision strategies and maintaining a positive mindset.

Alongside this, our staff have continued their professional development, with a particular focus on improving the quality of teaching and learning. Our recent CPD has centred on strengthening how teachers check for understanding and deepen students' understanding during lessons. This is an important part of our ongoing improvement journey and our commitment to ensuring that every student makes the best possible progress.

Next week, our Year 11 and Year 13 students begin their examinations. I would like to wish them all the very best. They have worked incredibly hard, and now is the time to put that preparation into practice. I encourage them to remain focused, make the most of every revision opportunity and, importantly, believe in themselves.

As always, thank you to our staff, students, parents and wider community for the continued support you give to Newent. It is through working together that we continue to move our school forward.

Ambition, Opportunity, Success.

Warm regards

Mr B Dumayne
Headteacher

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Remembrance Service:

Our whole school Remembrance Service provided a moving opportunity for students, staff and members of the wider community to come together in reflection and remembrance. On Friday 6th November, we paused as a school community for a two-minute silence and the laying of a wreath. The service was led by Reverend Simon Mason, and we were honoured to welcome the Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, Newent Mayor, representatives from the Royal British Legion, leaders of the local Army and RAF Cadets, local councillors and members of the local community. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all of our students and staff, whose respect, dignity and conduct helped make the occasion so meaningful.



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Cybersecurity News:

Newent Community School & Sixth Form Centre

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CrowdStrike Cybersecurity Expert Inspires Year 10 Students

Guest Speaker Highlights the Importance of Cyber Awareness and Future Careers

REAL THREATS. REAL SKILLS. BRIGHTER FUTURES.

Year 10 students recently had the exciting opportunity to take part in an engaging and informative cybersecurity presentation delivered by **Matt Johnson from CrowdStrike**, a leading global cybersecurity company.

During the hour-long session, Matt provided students with a fascinating insight into the ever-evolving world of cybersecurity and the threats faced by individuals and organisations every day. Students learned how cybercriminals attempt to target people online and why maintaining good cyber security practices is essential in both personal and professional settings.

Matt shared practical advice on staying safe online, including the importance of creating strong passwords, recognising phishing emails and suspicious messages, and understanding the warning signs of potential cyber threats. These real-world examples helped students appreciate how cybersecurity affects their daily lives and highlighted the importance of protecting personal information.



STAY SAFE ONLINE

- Use strong passwords
- Spot suspicious emails and messages
- Recognise potential cyber threats
- Explore exciting career opportunities in cybersecurity



The session also explored the wide range of career opportunities available within the cybersecurity industry. Matt explained the different pathways into the profession, the skills employers look for, and the exciting prospects available in a sector that continues to grow rapidly.

The presentation was highly interactive, with students asking thoughtful questions and demonstrating a genuine interest in the subject. Matt's industry experience and real-world examples brought cybersecurity to life, helping students see the connection between classroom learning and the challenges faced by professionals working in the field.

> *"Real-world examples helped me understand how what we learn in school connects to real careers."*
>
> Year 10 Student

Thank you!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **CrowdStrike** for supporting our students and to **Matt Johnson** for generously giving up his time to share his expertise. The session was both educational and inspiring, and we are extremely grateful for the opportunity to learn from an industry professional.

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The Newent Journey Awards:



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History News:

Year 10 meet a 16th Century Barber Surgeon - 22nd October 2026

We were delighted to welcome back John Putley from Gloucestershire Archives to give our Year 10 History students a free talk on the skills required of a 16th Century Barber Surgeon.



John dressed up for the part and brought a whole range of his "tools of the trade", which he used to demonstrate various procedures that would have been used for a wide range of medical interventions.

After the talk the students had plenty of time to examine the objects that they had been shown and to question John further.

A great event and much enjoyed by all, but sadly John's last talk with us as he is due to retire soon.

Year 7 History students visit a Roman town

On Tuesday this week 49 students and four staff made the journey to Caerwent to learn more about life in a provincial Roman town.

The Roman name for Caerwent was *Venta Silurum* and it is one of the best-preserved sites in the country. We started our tour at the West Gate and then progressed around the whole perimeter of the site, stopping at points of interest and even stopping to admire the remains of a Norman motte in the south-east corner of the town wall. A useful insight into what we will be studying in the new year.

After our perimeter tour, we walked into the town itself and looked at the remains of the forum - basilica, a temple, a row of shops and a very large villa within the north-east quarter, all of which have been reduced to stone floor level now after centuries of "stone-robbing" by later inhabitants.

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The weather was very mild for the time of year and significantly better than last year!

My thanks go to the students themselves for their commitment and good behaviour, H & H Coaches and to Mr Yorath-Walsh, Mrs Smith and Miss Spedding for their assistance.

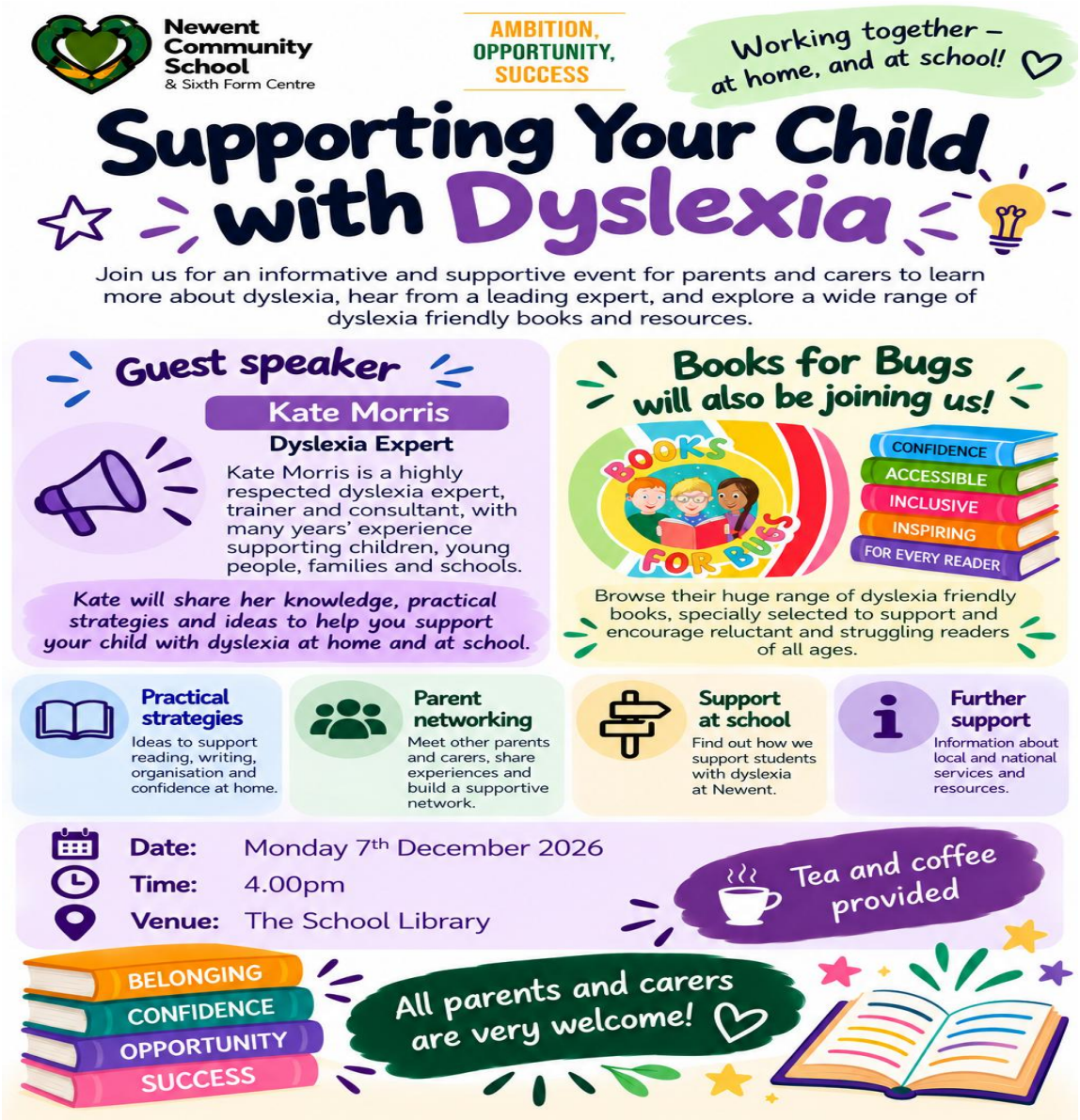


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SEN Parent Session:

After such a successful parent session – Supporting your child with Autism last week, we have booked our next parent session which will be Supporting your child with Dyslexia. This session will be on Monday 7th December 2026 at 4.00pm. Please find further details below. If you would like to join us for this session, please complete the Microsoft form to confirm your attendance by Wednesday 2nd December 2026:

Parent Session - Supporting Your Child with Dyslexia – Fill in form



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E-Scooters:

E-SCOOTERS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



WITH THE GROWTH IN POPULARITY OF ELECTRIC OR E-SCOOTERS IT CAN BE CONFUSING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LAW IS IN RELATION TO THEIR USE. IN ADDITION THERE IS A GOVERNMENT TRIAL TAKING PLACE IN MANY TOWNS AND CITIES WITH DIFFERENT RULES TO FOLLOW SO BEFORE PURCHASING OR USING AN E-SCOOTER YOU NEED TO FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN'T DO.

THIS GUIDE SHOULD OUTLINE THE KEY THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TO MAKE SURE YOU USE YOUR E-SCOOTER LEGALLY.

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Privately owned e-scooters

- They can only be ridden on private land with the permission of the land owner.
- E-scooters are classed as a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988 but as they cannot be insured, registered for road use and do not comply with any of the requirements under the Road Traffic Act they are not able to be ridden on a public road, pavement or public place.
- E Scooters are 'Powered Transporters' and fall within the definition of a motor vehicle for the purposes of the Road Traffic Act 1988. They cannot be registered for road use with DVLA or insured by private individuals.
- They are not able to be ridden on roads, cycle paths, pavements, bridleways or other public places legally.
- Anyone using a private e-scooter on a road or public place is committing a number of road traffic offences which carry penalties.

The penalties

- A fine of £300 and up to six points on your driving licence if you have one.
- The E Scooter can also be seized under S.165A Road Traffic Act 1988 as it will have no insurance or S.59 Police Reform Act 2002 if it is being used in a way that causes harassment, alarm or distress.

Trial rental e-scooters

There are also a number of UK Government trials underway to pilot the use of rental e-scooters in some towns and cities. The rules surrounding these are different to the ones that relate to private e-scooters.

These scooters are not toys and should not be used by children or given to children to use.

- They can only be used within the area designated by the rental company.
- You must have a driving licence with a category Q (this is included within categories P, AM, A or B).
- You must register with the rental company and have rented the vehicle correctly.
- They must be ridden following in accordance with the relevant Road Traffic legislation and the guidance of the rental company.
- If anyone is found to be riding one of these e-scooters in a way that contravenes the law they are liable to be reported and may have points on their licence.
- You are strongly advised to wear a helmet when using an e-scooter as they can travel up to speeds of 15.5 mph.