

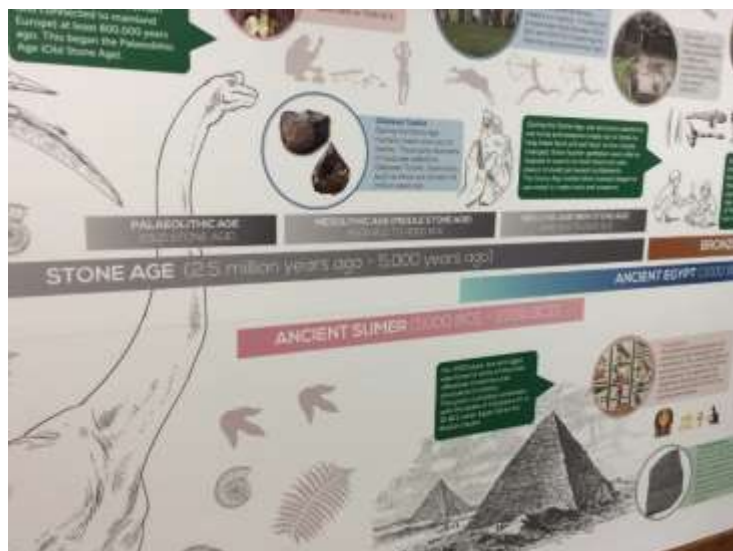
Dear parents/carers and children,

Newsletter no 29

Welcome to Haniya who has joined our reception class this week, you have settled-in beautifully 😊.

Although we are all looking forward to our first May bank holiday this weekend, we are also excitedly anticipating our curriculum evening next Wednesday, when children and families are coming back into school at 5 pm to find out about our foundation subjects and to see our new timeline. This has been an ongoing project where we have combined our whole school curriculum for history and presented around walls in the school. The children will be able to use the timeline directly during lesson time but also refer to it during the school day as they walk past. It is thanks to the Stonham Legacy – left to the children of Tatworth Primary School – that we have been able to fund this project.

Just to confirm the plans for **Wednesday evening**, teachers will be stationed around school explaining and sharing activities and information for some of our subjects. The hope is that, regardless of year group, children will have a go and parents will have the opportunity to understand how all the learning at school fits together. There will be a chance for a cup of tea and a sit down as I explain how our curriculum has been written and the expectation of the National Curriculum. There will be time for families to then walk the timeline and ask questions too. Please complete the link below so we know how many cups of tea we might need 😊. **Please click this [link](#) to complete the online form to let us know if you can attend.**



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Coronation Celebrations

School Council have planned an exciting day next Friday, 6th May, to celebrate the coronation of Charles III. Firstly, children are being asked to come to school in clothes of red, white, or blue or to add a splash of red, white or blue to their school uniform, if they prefer to wear that to school.

Many of the children will also bake scones in the morning, or other tasty treats, for a whole school Coronation Picnic taking place in the afternoon. Please could any parents/carers, able to support with the baking next Friday, contact the school office to volunteer.

Coronation Competition

In honour of the Coronation, the School Council have decided to run a **portrait competition** for the children to complete at home.

They would like everyone to create a portrait of King Charles.

The children can use whatever medium available and be as creative as they like. The only restriction is that it must be A4 and in portrait format. The closing date is Friday 5th May. The School Council will judge the pictures and prizes awarded to the best entries. These will be displayed in the school. Good luck and have fun!



As our celebration assembly is at 2.55 pm next week, parents and carers can join us on the school field – weather permitting. (please enter via the front school gate). Please can children bring in picnic blankets if possible. Many thanks.

Pixies Holt

WOW! What a fantastic residential the children and adults had this week. The photos look fabulous fun and the memories will last a lifetime, I have no doubt. Special thanks go to Mrs Whiffin, Mrs Cox, Mrs Fowler and Mr Stephenson – you all deserve a relaxing bank holiday weekend to recharge your batteries 😊.



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Here is a selection of letters sent by Year 5 to the team at Pixies Holt.

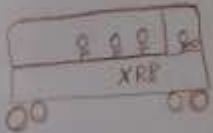
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28.4.23

Dear Tony, Guy, Michelle and Simon

Thank you so much for the fun on Pixies Holt. We all loved it so much. Thank you for all that you did. My favourite thing that we did was the woodwork. At first I was a bit scared but one of you guys encouraged me and then in the end I did it.

Thank you Love from Libby



Dear Tony, Guy, Tony, Steve, Guy, Michelle and Simon
I am writing to say thank you. You helped me see how beautiful nature is and get me out my comfort zone and get everyone to try new things. My favourite part was rock climbing and woodwork. At first I felt nervous at first but I enjoyed it. I enjoyed getting to know my class mates my way.
Thank you
Love Libby aka Oliver Twist

P.S. Debbie the goat was amazing thank you!

P.P.S

P.S. How's Jacob and Barbara?



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Dear Tony, Guy, Michelle and Simon,

I am writing to say thank you for everything you have done for us. I really enjoyed orienteering because it showed us how to work as a team.

Thank you so much for all the wonderful activities.

The school trip at Pixies Holt was my favourite because that I've ever been to.

I liked the orienteering because it's like a puzzle which you have to figure out.

From

Ruby B

P.S. Next time I come back to Pixies Holt I will try not to get stuck in a bog.



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Dear Tony, Guy, Michelle and Simon,

Thank you soooooo much for everything you did for us.

You helped us to push us out of our comfort zones.

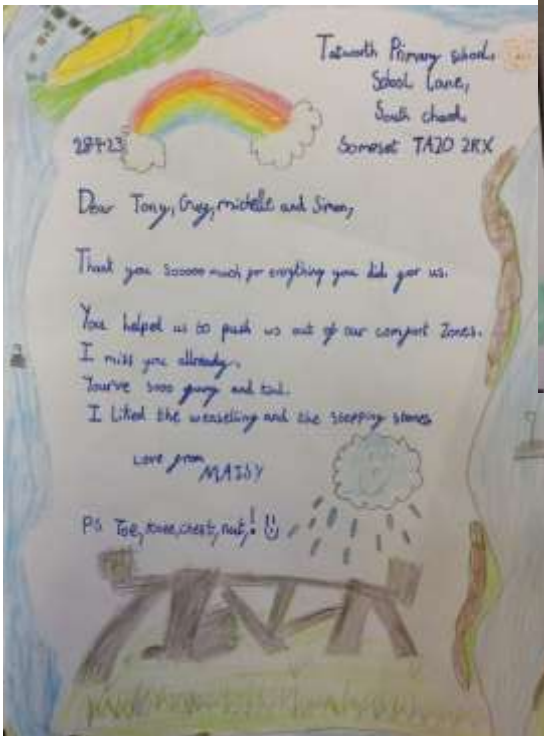
I miss you already.

You're sooo funny and kind.

I liked the woodwork and the stepping stones.

Love from MASHY

P.S. Toe, knee, chest, nut!



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Dear Tony,

Thank you, thank you for rock-climbing and walking my arse in the forest with all of us. My favourite thing was the orienteering!

From Billy



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Reception Class Visit to Chard Reservoir

Acorn Class had a fantastic trip to Chard reservoir. The behaviour from the children was exemplary and we have a lovely time learning all about the changes to our natural world which emerge over the season of spring. We also walked a fair old distance - a challenge the children thoroughly embraced. Well done Acorn Class - and thank you to the parents for your support in getting us all there and back.



Y2 Fossil Festival Visit: Friday 28th April

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Lyme Regis today. They met Mary Anning who showed them around the museum. They also investigated fossils, even using a microscope to look at miniscule examples. The enormous megalodon shark's tooth and the shark's poo were the most memorable part of the day.



Phonics Book Amnesty

We are running short of our phonics books, please do send these in if you have any home. Thank you.

Safeguarding: Please find attached a flyer from NOS: What parents and carers need to know about iPads.

Holyrood Summer School

All year 6 children are invited to take part in the Holyrood Summer school from 21st – 25th August. Over the last three years, the BIG STEP programme has proved to be a successful way to help year 6 students feel confident and familiar with the Holyrood setting ahead of their start in September. If you would like more information on this please follow the following link: <https://thebigstep.org> or go to the transition page on the Holyrood website (Parents/ Transition) to find out more.

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Attendance: Year 3 are the attendance winners this week!
This week our attendance is 96.27%. Thank you to everyone for coming to school unless they have a high temperature or poorly with sickness and diarrhoea.

Late into school: Any pupils arriving late at school need to be signed in at the office by parent/carers on arrival.

Whole School Year to date attendance

Sessions	Sept 2022 to date	%
Attendances	50228	95.56
Authorised Absences	2038	
Unauthorised Absences	293	
Possible attendance	52559	
Lates	266	



Celebrations

TTRS – Y6 Well done!

Platinum Bags

Yew Class: Josh H, Erin, Jacob, Charlie B for the quality of their independent writing - using a range of vocabulary, sentence structure and punctuation.

Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

Acorn Class: **Elsie** for working so hard at her writing and making fantastic progress. **The Acorn Class parents** for their incredible support towards our trip this week – including being willing to change and reorganise the date at such short notice. Thank you.

Oak Class: **Ella** for making connections between her recent trip to the Kennedy Space Centre and our history topic on explorers. **Maisie** for continuous improvement in her phonics and always showing commitment to her learning.

Willow Class: **Cameron** for superb effort to pronounce French numbers to 10. **Ezra** for fantastic effort and engagement in French.

Hawthorn Class: **Luca** for being motivated during lessons and not letting other distract him.

Edward for explaining his ideas so clearly in maths.

Hazel Class: **All of Hazel Class** for being adventurous, brave, resilient, caring, responsible, confident, grateful, funny, kind, polite, determined and overall wonderful company!

Yew Class: **lestyn** for showing he is engaged by joining in class discussions - keep it up!

Noah for constant positivity and enthusiasm!

Parent Forum Feedback

Thank you to all who completed our recent parent questionnaire, results and comments are attached. Please feel free to raise any future points with your parent forumrep.

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School is closed on Monday for the bank holiday, and school will be opening on Tuesday for Years 2, 3 & 6. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday. Please also find attached the term dates for 2023/2024.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher

Attachments:

NOS: What parents and carers need to know about ipads

Parent Questionnaire feedback

Term dates 2023/2024.

Reminders:

Uniform order for non-stock items

We are wanting to make a further order of non-stock items, therefore if you would like to order any cardigans or coats etc, please make an order on parentpay by next Friday 5th May 2023. Delivery is approx..2-3 weeks to arrive.

Cycling to/from school. Please ensure that bikes are wheeled into school and not ridden on the path, and at the end of the day wheeled out of school until meeting with parents.

Playing fields Bottom Entrance

Just to advise that we have been informed that the Playing fields entrance bottom entrance by the tennis courts is closed, alternative access is still open at the playing fields football club and park gates.

Rocksteady Bands

Ryan from Rocksteady is offering a free taster session to any pupils who would like to try a session. Please email office@tatworthschool.co.uk if interested. Children will be slotted in before the end of term for a taster.

Free School Meals

With family/financial circumstances forever changing at the moment, please access the FSM application through the link below. It is easy to complete and will identify whether you are able to access them reasonably quickly.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>

If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals. Please phone 0300 123 2224 for advice.

Dates:

Celebration assembly each Friday for anyone able to join us. Please enter school through the front office gate at 11.45 am and sign in at the office. It would be lovely to see more parents each week. Following on from Parent Forum, once a month, we will hold the assembly in the afternoon: the next afternoon assembly will be Friday, 5th May at 2.55 pm next week, parents and carers can join us on the school field – weather permitting. Please can children bring in picnic blankets if possible. Many thanks.

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Swimming Y5 & some Y6:

Y5: Due to the strike action the final swimming date will now be 4th May.

Curriculum Evening: change of date

Please note a change to our planned Curriculum Evening for children and parents/carers which is now planned for Wednesday 3rd May, 5 – 6 pm.

Coronation of Charles III

On Friday, 6th May, children are being asked to come to school in clothes of red, white, or blue or to add a splash of red, white or blue to their school uniform, if they prefer to wear that to school.

Monday 8th May - Bank holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III.

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May 2023: KS2 SATs.

Y4 Visit to Bristol Museum – Tuesday 16th May.

Friday 26th May: Inset day.

Book Worms Club - A reminder that on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes we run 'Book Worms' club in the Library. This is a great opportunity for your child to read with an older child or adult. Children can go to the library from 1.15 - 1.45 pm.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be on Thursday 22nd June 2023. There will be three separate events and parents/carers and younger pre-school siblings are welcome to join us on the school field during their children's races. All parents and carers are asked to enter the school field through the bottom field gate and sign in. Picnic blankets and chairs should be brought to sit on, as all families will be asked to sit in a designated area to the side of the races.

- 9 am – 10.30 am Reception children and Years 1 and 2
- 11.15 am – 12.30 pm Years 3 and 4
- 2.15 pm – 3.30 pm Years 5 and 6

At the end of each session, we ask that all parents and carers leave the school field via the bottom field gate as the rest of the school will be on the field for play time and lunch time. The gates will be re-opened at the start of each Sports Day session, at designated times. **All parents and carers need to access Sports Day via the bottom field gate and sign in.** Thank you.

The children will run in their houses: Joslin (red), Brewer (blue), Stonham (yellow) and Langdon (green) and we encourage them to wear a t-shirt to school on this day in their house colour, along with their black PE kit shorts.

Residential Visits

- **Y3/4 Magdalen Residential 5th & 6th October 2023 – for present Y2/3 children. – details to follow soon.**

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