



Dear parents/carers and children,

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Newsletter no 11

We have had another busy week in school, welcoming visitors and preparing for performances. Thank you to everyone who attended our open morning on Tuesday. The families who walked around commented on how engaged the children were with their learning and how enjoyable it was to be shown around by well-informed, mature members of year 6. Very well done to year 6, for taking on this responsibility.

On Wednesday, year 2 children, parents and carers took part in a maths workshop with Mrs Hewitson in the hall. Thank you for joining us and practising some of the maths the children will work on this year.

Hawthorn class spent the morning yesterday investigating solar energy. They were scientists all morning and there was a buzz of enjoyment in and out of the classroom.

The Reception class had a wonderful surprise today when a hedgehog wandered into their playground!

On Saturday, we wish Kai G, Ruby B, Hannah and Oscar well as they represent the school and attend the Wellington Maths Challenge. We will share their favourite question with you all next week!

Today, in addition to the newsletter, there are letters linked to Christmas and plans for events over the next three weeks. Thank you for your support with these. I also mentioned in assembly today, that the children have two separate Christmas decoration making - opportunities this year: to help us decorate a tree in St John's as well as the school tree in the library. The decorations for the church need to have a Scandinavian theme of red, white, silver, gold and natural materials, whilst our school tree theme is to use one-use plastics or plastic items we have put into our recycling tubs. This continues our Eco-Warrior focus this term on reducing plastics.

## Virtual Book Fair

This is the final weekend of our Virtual Book Fair which will continue this weekend **until midnight Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Gain access to hundreds of discounted books this week with free delivery to school! <https://booksforbugs.co.uk/virtual-book-fair-info-for-parents/>



## School Lunches

**Christmas Lunch:** Again this year, children have the opportunity to enjoy **Christmas Lunch at school**, on Wednesday, 13th December. Please select meal for that date on parentpay by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The main will be: roast turkey, roast potatoes, sage & onion stuffing, peas & carrots, pork chipolata & turkey gravy or veggie/vegan option - sage, onion, cheddar & cranberry puff plait.

**Spring Term Menu:** The Spring term menus is attached and will be live on parentpay early next week, please make any meal choices until the Easter by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. (reception parents- this will be the first time you have chosen online – please ask the office if you need any help).

## Parkour

On Wednesday morning, Year 5 and 6 took part in parkour sessions. The aim of the sessions was to expose children to organised parkour, where they could experience traversing, moving in low positions and moving creatively in small spaces. The children really enjoyed their sessions and would like to say thank you to Alex at Actualise Parkour. If your child would like to take up parkour, please follow the link here to Alex's classes at Westlands, Yeovil:

<https://www.actualiseparkour.co.uk/classes>



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## Maths Workshops

This week, we held the Maths Workshop for Year 2 children and parents/carers. The focus was on the addition and subtraction methods that the children use to calculate with 1 and 2-digit numbers. Everyone had a go at using Numicon, drawing numberlines, using the tens and ones on a place value chart, and drawing out tens and ones. Thank you to all who attended - we hope you found it useful. Next week is our final Maths Workshop of this term: Y3, Wednesday 29th November 2.30 - 3.30pm. Please make sure that we have had your slip returned or an email today so we have time to prepare resources.



## Y4 Solar Energy Workshop

Year 4 were lucky enough to have fabulous hands-on workshop learning about electricity and solar energy. This was provided by Earth Energy, a charity to support renewable energy sources.

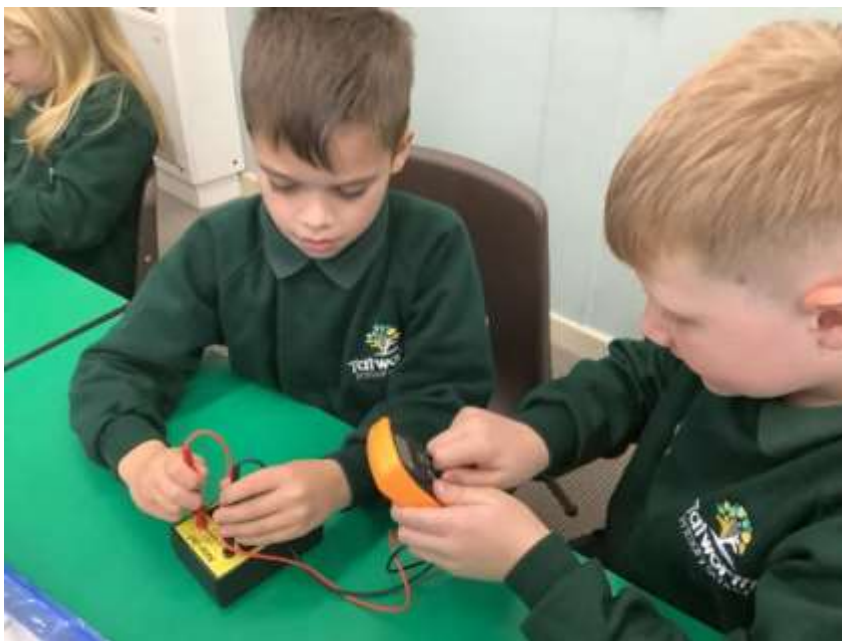
The children learnt about: solar cells, electrical circuits, reading volt meters, conduction, light sources and lots of other related ideas. They are now looking forward to their trip in the summer term (date to be confirmed) to the Chard Solar Farm and exploring more about energy sources.



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## Books, books, books!

We know it's that time of year when we try to declutter and sort before the holiday celebrations begin. We are hoping that whilst sorting you might find some children's books that are still in great condition that you could donate to school to sell at our **Christmas Fayre on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. We would like books in good, readable condition for any age that we will then sell on for a donation at the fayre. This will hopefully mean you can purchase some great book-based gifts for Christmas too.

If you have any books you are happy to donate, please bring them into school throughout the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any questions please let Mrs Gosden know. In addition, if there are any AR or library books belonging to the school at home, please do pop them back.

## Certificate Design Competition

As discussed in Assembly, the Arts Ambassadors are calling for design entries for new Tatworth Primary School Learning Certificates.

The design should:

- Be A5 or A4
- Be one sided (Put your name and class on the reverse)
- Have space to write the name, reason, signature
- Be colourful
- Show the 8 animals currently featured - can be simple drawings
- Include the Tatworth Primary School Logo
- Use the title 'Learning Behaviour Certificate'

All entries should be given to Mrs Stocker or the class Arts Ambassadors by November 30<sup>th</sup> who will then judge them and chose a winner. Prizes will be awarded to the best designs.

**Reminder:** we have a request from Miss Turner, to ask if there is **an architect amongst our parents/carers who would be willing to come and talk to year 5** before they start their DT, 'school of the future' design project this term. Please let the office know, we would be very grateful.

## Christmas Challenge

Create a Christmas tree decoration that we can add to the tree. **The deadline for this is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. The theme is: Scandinavian red and white. Be as creative as possible. Please use environmentally friendly materials and no plastic! See attached flyer for more details.



## PAFOTS Xmas Fair Raffle Donation Request

Are you involved in a local business that would like to promote themselves with a prize donation to the Christmas Fayre raffle? All gifts welcome! Please speak to the school office or email [tatworthpafots@gmail.com](mailto:tatworthpafots@gmail.com) if you can help.



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**Safeguarding:**

- Please find attached a flyer from **National Online Safety: Black Friday & Cyber Monday**.
- **Gates:** please remember to let us know if children need to leave school via a different gate at the end of school, than which they arrived through in the morning.

**100% attendance monthly award**

In October, **136 children** attended school with 100% attendance and each received a special certificate in their class. Thank you for your efforts to keep children in school unless they have a temperature above 38 °C or they are too ill to attend.



**Year 4 class are the attendance winners this week with 99.67% – Well done!**

**Our whole school percentage this week is 96.41% (expected 96% target).**

Sessions YTD	to date	%
Attendances	20914	97.03
Authorised Absences	510	
Unauthorised Absences	131	
Possible attendance	21555	
Lates	164	

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

**Celebrations!**



Congratulations to Hannah In Year 6 for receiving a handwritten reply from David Attenborough.



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## Platinum Bag

Acorn Class: Evie for her Science work and careful observation and drawing on invertebrates.

Yew Class: Dylan, Eli & Calum for wonderful sea-creature poems.

## Behaviour for Learning Certificates

Acorn Class: Ava-Rose for being a risk taker and trying new things – she has been very focused on drawing and writing this week! Freddie for being a risk taker and trying new things – he has been very focused on colouring, cutting and sticking this week!

Oak Class: Scarlett for aiming high and taking risks with her writing in DT. Zach for taking risks in his learning and keeping going if he makes mistakes.

Beech Class: Ella for thinking about practical and realistic solutions to playground problems in PSHE. George for taking risks in discussions to share his brilliant (and accurate) explanations.

Willow Class: Isabella for speed and accuracy with her times tables facts. Freddie for consistent learning with his times tables and great recall.

Hawthorn Class: Amjed for being a confident communicator and demonstrating great knowledge which he explained clearly. Superstar! Georgie for being a confident communicator and explaining her ideas so clearly in the Y4 solar workshop. Well done!

Hazel Class: Darcie for her perseverance with fractions and taking risks even when it gets a little bit tricky. Verity for always being sympathetic and caring towards her classmates.

Yew Class: Erin for keeping going with her sea-creature poem to build really effective imagery.

Skye for showing super effort and concentration in Maths – determination to get it right!

## Sporting Spirits

The six values of **passion, belief, respect, honesty, determination and teamwork** were developed by young people to identify what the experience of **school sport** should be built around. Every two weeks, the PE department will award children that have shown these sporting spirits in PE during the week.

					
Joel Y4	Clayton Y4	Lanah Y4	Teddy Y3	Hannah Y6	Alfie Y5

## Vacancies:

### Lunch time supervisor position

6.25 hrs per week (1.25 hrs per day 12:45-14:00, Monday to Friday). Term time only (38 weeks per year). We are looking for a reliable, conscientious person, able to be flexible and work as part of a team to assist with the supervision of students during the daily lunch break.

All vacancy details are on our website <https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies/>

Kind regards,

Tracey Hart, Headteacher.



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### Attachments:

Spring Term Menu

NOS: Black Friday and Cyber Monday – tips for safer online shopping.

Christmas Challenge

Christmas present appeal 2023

Charity Christmas Market

Christmas Tennis Events

### Reminders:

#### Parking outside of school

Please can I remind all families that the space on the far side of the road, opposite the office is a 'no parking' zone. There is no path directly outside of school along this section of the road. To keep all vehicles in the correct lane, we need cars to be able to move freely up and down the road.

#### "PAFOTS need your help!

They are always looking for new members to join their team. If you think you can help - please speak to the school office or email us at [tatworthpa.fots@gmail.com](mailto:tatworthpa.fots@gmail.com)."

#### Christmas Present Appeal

Please find attached details on a local Christmas Present Appeal. It would be lovely to support Forefront Community charity to support local families in need if we can.

#### Maths Workshops

Letters have been sent home to the parents/carers of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 to invite you to the maths workshops taking place in November.

Y2: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2.30-3.30pm.

Y3: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2.30 – 3.30pm.

Please let us know if you are able to attend, by returning the slip at the bottom of the letter, by the Friday of the preceding week. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### Acorn class and Oak/Beech classes Nativities

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be starting to prepare for their nativity performances!

In order to try to give parents/carers as much notice as possible regarding costumes, we have allocated parts and each child took home a slip before half term with their role. Thank you for your support with providing costumes – please do come to speak to your child's teacher if you have any issues.

#### Rocksteady Bands

Would your child like to play in their very own Rock Band?

Rocksteady bands continues this term and, over the next couple of weeks, they will run a series of trial lessons to see if any more children would like to sign up to learn how to be a rockstar. If interested in a trial session please email [office@tatworthschool.co.uk](mailto:office@tatworthschool.co.uk)



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Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. If you'd like any further information about Rocksteady you can also go to website <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com> to enrol your child.

### Milk in school

Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term. Register your child for school milk today. Sign them up in a few clicks... Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



### Stay and Play Clubs:

Please note, if your child is attending a club straight after school and then needs to access Stay and Play 4.30 - 5.30 pm, families need to book their child into session 1 instead of session 2 on the required day. A snack will be kept back for your child when they join Mrs Anderson at 4.30 pm. Many thanks.

### Phonics Book Amnesty

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

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

### Free School Meals

We encourage all families to check their entitlement to free school meals. We have been told by County that any existing PP applications will not be rechecked until March 2025, so changes in circumstances will not be picked up until then. We also have a PP offer for or all children who are benefit-related FSM. Please click on the link below to access the application.

<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.



### Visits:

#### Residential Visits

- Y5 residential Wed-Fri 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Dates:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Virtual Book Fair until midnight Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

2.30-3.30pm. Y2 Parent/Carer Maths Workshop

Wellington Maths Challenge 4 x Y6 pupils to attend.

2.30-3.30pm. Y3 Parent/Carer Maths Workshop

Y5 Magdalen Day Visit

2.45pm: Celebration Assembly



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Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December:	2.45pm. Rec Nativity
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December:	pm KSI dress rehearsal
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December:	KSI Nativity 6pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December:	am Music Assembly
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December:	KSI Nativity 5pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December:	Christmas Fayre (after school – cash only)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December:	KS2 Brewhouse Visit
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December :	am KS2 Christmas Carols at the church
Wed-Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> April:	Y5 Residential
17-19 <sup>th</sup> June	Wellbeing Week
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June:	Sports day



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