



Dear parents/carers and children,

22nd March 2024

Newsletter no 25

With so much to celebrate today, I really do not know where to start! Thank you to everyone for attending the events in school this week. It is lovely that we had so many visit us and share the achievements of the children. Yesterday's music assemblies were both fantastic. The children were marvellous, there was chatter all day about how proud they felt sharing their singing and playing their instruments.

Today, we have shared a typical day at Tatworth with our directors. They have been in school to talk to staff and children about teaching and learning, the curriculum and the opportunities that we afford our children. They were extremely impressed by the level of commitment from both children and staff and wanted to pass on their thanks to everybody. Look out for a report about their time in school today.

Science day at Woodroffe School – Science Ambassadors

On Tuesday, our KS2 Science ambassadors travelled to Woodroffe School for a day of science discovery. We had to use teamwork, creativity and experimenting to succeed in the many challenges of the day. One of our favourite activities were 'helicopter building' and testing with Leonardo Helicopters, and 'Lego aircraft' with Honeywell Aerospace. We also learnt about static electricity, solar power, water resistance, acidity and had a virtual reality trip to the moon!

Jake "I learnt I had to keep going".

Sophia "I liked experimenting with different ideas".

Amelia "I enjoyed following the specification on the Lego challenge".





Rock your Socks Day

On 21st March 2024 we took party in Rock Your Socks by wearing our funkiest, brightest and boldest socks on Thursday 21st March. Please support Down Syndrome UK by donating directly via this QR code.



Pilates Club

Over the past 5 weeks during after school Pilates Club we have been focusing on 5 of the Pilates principles: core, posture, strength, breathing and coordination.

The children have really enjoyed controlling their bodies and learning about these principles in a fun yet educational way.



Music Assembly

Our music assemblies started with Rocksteady at 9.15am and then at 11am it was the turn of Y4 ukulele, peri instruments & choir. The children gave such amazing performances and we tried to capture as much as possible with the photographs below and we also posted videos on facebook!



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KS2 Spelling Bee Thursday 21st March



There was a wonder 'buzz' around school on Thursday afternoon as we held our first Spelling Bee in KS2. All the children participated with impressive focus and concentration. Well done to all! The scores were extremely close with Stonham ending up as the overall winner. We are hoping the new trophy will arrive soon, look out for a photo next week.

Yeovil Football

Thank you to Mr Riste for the following report:

The girls played brilliantly this morning on Tournament Day at Yeovil Town FC & representing Tatworth School very well. They played 5 matches, winning 3 & losing 2.

Results: Win 4-1, Win 6-1, Lose 0-1, Lose 0-3, Win 2-0.

The final league table wasn't shown at the end of the tournament but I believe they finished just outside the top 3. All the girls received medals from three Yeovil Town Women's players & the school was presented with a pop-up goal for training. Most importantly the though, they all seemed to have a lot of fun as well as playing some good football and it was a pleasure to watch.



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Bikeability / helpers

We hope to offer bikeability sessions next term for Y6 on 20 – 21 May and 4 – 6 June. For these sessions to run, **we need at least one 'helper' to be in attendance each day, which can be parents or friends of the school community.** Helpers will require a bicycle and helmet in the afternoon of day 1 onwards to be able to cycle on the highway with the group. **Please email the office asap** if you can help us, even if it is for half a day.

Adults Maths Sessions

Thank you to those who have replied. We still need at least one more person to sign up to the series of sessions to make this event viable. Many thanks. <https://forms.gle/7wwKsj2k2AhoT2pv9> Please talk to me if you are struggling with childcare for the sessions as we will see what we can do.

Guinea Pigs

Don't forget to think about names for our two female guinea pigs (one white and one mottled). The guinea pigs will be named next week before we break for Easter.

Safeguarding:

- Please find attached a flyer from **National Online Safety**: Encouraging open conversations at home.
- **Holiday Breakfast Scheme**

Attendance

100% attendance monthly award

This February 128 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.



Yew Class are the attendance winners this week with 98.61. Well done!

Our whole school percentage this week is 96.36% (expected 96% target).

Sessions YTD	to date	%
Attendances	45793	96.43
Authorised Absences	1425	
Unauthorised Absences	269	
Possible attendance	47487	
Late	349	

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!

Behaviour for Learning Certificates:

Acorn Class: Max for respect – he always helps other children without being asked – thank you Max.
Luna for aiming high – she writes the ditty that we are working on and then makes up her own ditties!



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Oak Class: **Rowen** for aiming high with all his learning and communicating his thinking well.

Harper for keeping going with her maths and helping her partner.

Beech Class: **Tabitha** for engaging brilliantly in Maths review – you have become a super speedy mathematician. **Rupert** for focussing and engaging brilliantly in speed sounds this week – Well done!

Willow Class: **Freddie** for amazing attention in his Reading Plus sessions – scoring 100% on Thursday!

Isobel for ALWAYS putting in maximum effort in her reading sessions.

Hawthorn Class: **Lola** for your contributions to class discussions and engagement in class. 😊 **Year 4** for a super performance in our music assembly yesterday! 😊

Hazel Class: **Isabelle C** for her enthusiasm and passion towards story writing. Thank you for sharing your book with me! **Harley** for always approaching tasks with a positive mindset, especially in spelling this week!

Yew Class: **Grace** for taking responsibility: helping us take good care of the guinea pigs. **Lilly** for focussing really well in Maths – this is helping you make super progress, Lily.

Bookworms – Willow Class: **Roxy.**



Platinum Bag

Choir for their wonderful singing during music assembly.

Max, Ralphie, Harper, Andrew & Isla for retelling the Easter story.

Willow Class: Alby, Belle, & Arianna for DT work on linked levers/Roman toys.

Hazel Class: Adley, Elijah, Darcie, Isabel H, Noah for their writing.

Parent Questionnaire: Please find attached my report from the recent parent questionnaire.

On Tuesday morning Tempest are visiting for class group photos for Reception & Year 6, we will let you know how you can order soon.



A reminder that our end of term celebration assembly combined with Poetry Aloud, is planned for Thursday 28 March at 11.45. We will send a quick online questionnaire on Monday to gauge the number of parents/carers that might attend.

Kind regards,



Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

Attachments:

NOS: Encouraging open conversations at home.

Holiday Breakfast Scheme Flyer

Parent Questionnaire Report

Wild Church Flyer

Reminders:

Birthday Invitations:

We will in future give out invitations if they are to the whole class and are unnamed. This way, we can quickly share out the envelopes to all bookbags. Any individual or named invitations need to be given out by parents/carers. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Extended Services

Just a reminder for parents of children attending our extended services sessions: Breakfast club, and sessions 1 and 2 of Stay and Play must be booked in on parentpay in advance of the sessions. We are finding increasing numbers arriving not on the registers. We do need to know numbers in advance to ensure we have adequate staffing levels and food for breakfast and snacks. In addition, if your child is needing to join session 2, after attending a club first session, please only book into the first session of stay and play. Staff will then collect them at the end of clubs.

Uniform

The link to the ordering portal is now live and can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/tatworth> Please check residual school stock with the [office by email](#) before placing any orders as we will be selling off our stock at the present prices. Deliveries will be made to Tatworth on the 2nd & 4th Mon of each month.

Celebration assembly is held weekly each Friday at 11.45am except for the first Friday of the month when it is at 2.55pm. All are welcome! As we are not at school at the beginning of April, the next afternoon assembly will be on Friday 3rd May.

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. Just a



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reminder to be considerate when parking around driveways in the village as we have also received complaints from the Drakes Crescent area.

"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 tatworthpafots@gmail.com."

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



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.



Attendance Guidance from DoFE

Please find below a helpful guide of what to do if your child is absent from school:

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit

Dates:

Tuesday 26th March

Thursday 28th March

Wed-Fri 17th-19th April

Monday 22nd April

Thursday 25th April

20th - 21st May

4th - 6th June

Tempest in for Reception and Y6 Class photos

11.45am Poetry Aloud assembly combined with Easter assembly/celebration assembly.

Y5 Residential

Wellbeing Action Group Meeting

Y2 Visit to Sea life Weymouth

Y6 Bikeability

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17-19th June
Thursday 20th June:

Wellbeing Week
Sports day

Residential Visits

Y5 residential Wed-Fri 17th -19th April 2024 – for three days and two nights

Residential Payment schedule reminder: 8 December: £18 (deposit); 5th January: £20; 26th Jan: £20; 9th Feb: £20; 23rd Feb: £20; 8th March: £20; 22nd March: £20. Then the final £50 to be paid by 12th April. Please return medical forms by 28th February 2024.



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