



Tatworth
Primary School



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24th May 2024

Dear parents/carers and children,

Newsletter no 32

We have come to the end of a highly successful half term. The children have experienced several special visitors, attended events and been on trips. There have been sporting successes and enhanced experiences where children have had support to greater understand and embed their learning.

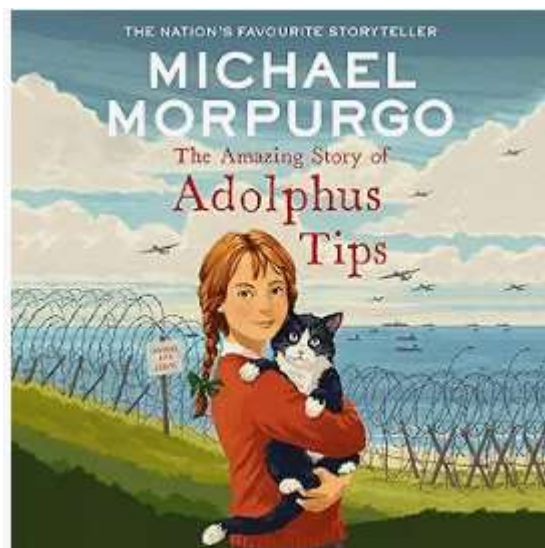
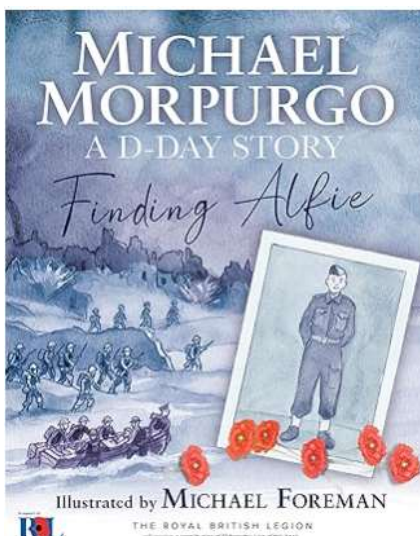
We continue to strive to offer experiences that will inspire our children. Early next half term, linked to the 80th anniversary of D-Day, we will have a special week with visits from organisations that serve and protect us. A huge thank you to our visitors who will share insights into life in the Royal Airforce, British Army, Royal Navy and RNLI. As well as this, we hope the children will do their own research about WW2 D-Day, Operation Overlord and share their findings as a poster, painting, newspaper article, story etc. once we return from half term. We hope to have enough entries to share these with parents and carers at the end of the school day, on Thursday 6th June. Here are a couple of links to help:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48456573>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zf49rj6>

[GYOP-D-Day-info-download.pdf \(growyourownpotatoes.org.uk\)](https://www.growyourownpotatoes.org.uk/GYOP-D-Day-info-download.pdf)

Entries to our gallery could win Michael Morpurgo's recent new novel, Finding Alfie or Adolphus Tips which tells the story of the practice for D-Day on Devon's shores.



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Bikeability - Well done to the first Y6 group who took part in Bikeability this week. The second session is planned for 5 – 6 June. Thank you to Mr King and Miss Stuckey for supporting the children. **For the second sessions to run, we still 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 in order 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.
<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/>



Swimming Gala

This week, we want to congratulate all the children who took part in the swimming gala – the first in our area for many years! The children competed in individual strokes, team games and relays. We are very proud of you all. Third place was fantastic! A special thank you to all our helpers.



Orchestra Day at Axe Valley

We've had another amazing Orchestra Day at Axe Valley Academy. Kian, Orla, Robyn and Georgie did a fantastic job getting to grips with 3 highly complex new pieces of music. It was a day of sight reading, counting and playing alongside others with different accompaniments. These are skills that show a real understanding of orchestral music. The children took part in a concert at the end of the day which was a triumph. They



performed Espana, the score from Jurassic Park, and a very rousing Pomp and Circumstance. In the words of Mr Jenkins, the conductor, 'The children have been well behaved, polite and a pleasure to work with'. Well done to all the incredibly talented musicians who took part in an exhausting musical extravaganza of a day! We will share a link to recordings very soon.



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Y2 – Cricket Festival 22.5.24

Although Year 2's Cricket Festival was cancelled, Sean from Somerset Cricket came in and ran two sessions for Year 6 and Year 2. Thanks to Sean for running these very engaging sessions.

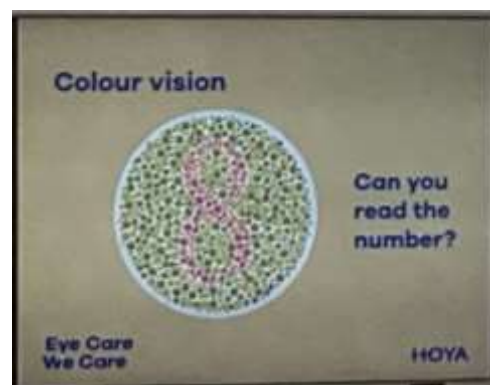


Robert Frith's Eye Care We Care Assemblies and Competition

Willow & Hawthorn Classes enjoyed an assembly from Robert Frith Opticians to help improve knowledge of eye health and eye care in an innovative and fun assembly for children. They have a competition to design a pair of glasses with prizes for Y3/4 and Y5/6 - see attached sheet. Send in any designs after half term by Thursday 6th June. We learnt some fun eye facts during the assembly and some points we must remember to keep our eyes healthy:



- The colour green is the colour we can see most shades of with our eyes.
- All fruits and vegetables help to keep our eyes healthy, but kiwis are particularly good!
- Eyes can get sunburnt so remember to not look directly at the sun and use sunglasses to help protect your eyes.
- When reading, your book should be about 30cm away from your eyes and we should always take a break after every 30 minutes spent on a screen.



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Chard Museum/Library Visit

On Thursday 23rd May, Year 1 had a very exciting adventure! They hopped aboard a coach and set off to find out everything they could about John Stringfellow. They arrived at Chard Museum and took part in three different workshops. They discovered all about John Stringfellow's work with powered flight, about the lace mills in Chard where he worked and also about what school would have been like when John was at school - the children were very grateful the cane is no longer used! We then walked to Chard Library via the house that John Stringfellow lived in. The children loved spotting all the blue plaques on the way down. We took part in a search and find at the library and the children loved exploring all the different books. We also made our own bookmarks which look amazing! We then went back to school on the coach, exhausted but full of new information! A huge thank you to our parent volunteers, Chard Museum and Chard Library for a wonderfully successful school trip.



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Thank you to everyone who popped in today to watch the Reception Class children's expressive dance work. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children.



Thank you also to all parents and carers who popped in to see Mrs Gosden this week for the **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check** update. The PSC will take place for children in school w/c 10th June 2024.

As part of the Children's Parliament, a group of Year 5 children are working on a whole-school project about kindness. They have decided to introduce a **kindness box** in the library where children can write the name of any child that they see being kind. Then on a Friday, a name will be chosen at random and they will be presented with a certificate designed by one of our Children's Parliament group. Today in assembly, the group explained to everyone that they need to look out for all those small acts of kindness such as holding a door open, as well as the more obvious ones...we look forward to finding out who will be our first kindness star...

Summer 2 Clubs

We are pleased to tell you that we have three new clubs starting after half term: **Golf for Y2-6 (20 places), Drama Club for Y3-6 (12 places) and a further Lego Club for Y1-6 (18 places)**. Please book as usual via parentpay. Some clubs will be continuing for the rest of the term: Art & Craft, Choir, Dodgeball, Cricket and Maypole Dancing.



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Safeguarding:

- Please find attached a flyer for a local holiday breakfast scheme in Chard.
- Jewellery: A reminder that just one pair of small stud earrings are allowed but no other jewellery. Jewellery should not be worn during PE.

Attendance

100% attendance monthly award

In May 133 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.



Reception Class win the attendance cup this week with 99.60% - Well done!

Our whole school percentage this week is 95.83% (expected 96% target).

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: Archie for trying really hard with his handwriting in phonics this week. Kobi for helping his friends solve problems and cheering them if they are sad!

Oak Class: Jenson for making good learning choices even when it is tricky. Ronnie G for incredible listening and behaviour on our school trip.

Beech Class: Millie T for using the colour zones to express her feelings to others. Zachary for being a brilliant confident communicator all week!

Willow Class: Frederick for great effort with his reading progress and use of his story-teller voice. Isabella for taking care and pride in the content and presentation of all her work.

Hawthorn Class: Elliott for being a super team player – helping his partner and always offering his time to help around the classroom. Florence for being a super team player – helping her partner and offering her time to do jobs in the class.

Hazel Class: Kailin for always showing respect to every member of the class and setting a great example to others.

Yew Class: Billy for asking fantastic questions during our 'hot-seating' in English. Erin for asking lots of great questions during our 'hot-seating' in English.

Sessions YTD	to date	%
Attendances	58816	96.46
Authorised Absences	1770	
Unauthorised Absences	387	
Possible attendance	60973	
Lates	477	



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Platinum Bag

Beech Class: Ella, Rosa and Zachary - showing off all their learning about planet earth this term in their assessment - taking their thinking one step further and suggesting reasons for why certain animals live in different oceans.

Hawthorn Class: Arti for an excellent letter about climate change.

Handwriting Pens

Willow Class: Roxy

Hawthorn Class: Seth

Hazel Class: Benjamin & Jayden

Yew Class: Finley

Book Worms

Hazel Class: Noah B



A farewell this half term to Miss Gregory who has now successfully completed her Level 3 Teaching Assistant qualification and to Mr Richards who has completed his final teaching practice with us today. Best wishes to both of you as you move on to other schools and careers.

I wish you all a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 3rd June.

Kind regards

Tracey Hart, Headteacher.



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Attachments:

Holiday Breakfast Flyer

PAFOTS Flyer Pre-Loved Uniform

Reminders:

Y3 PE After half term:

After half term, year 3 PE lessons will change from Mondays & Tuesdays to Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Wellbeing action group meeting is Monday 3 June at 9am.

Bikeability / helpers

Reminder that next bikeability sessions start on 5 – 6 June. For these sessions to run, **we still 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.

PFSA Drop-in

Thank you to all the parents who took the time today to say hello to Whitney, our parent and family support advisor. The next drop in at school will be on **Friday 7th June at 8.30am** – all welcome! Whitney is looking forward to seeing you then.

Accelerated Reading

As requested, we have opened up quizzing at home. To access AR, please use the following [link](#)

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. Also,



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Chard Community Hub have asked me to let parents/carers know that they have a large amount of Tatworth uniform available for parents to purchase.

A reminder that children need a water bottle in school each day, as well as a sun hat and sunscreen. Naming cardigans and jumpers is especially beneficial at this time of year as children often take these off and then get distracted whilst playing on the field and leave them there. It is then quite tricky to return these to the rightful owner.

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! The next afternoon assembly will be on Friday 7th June.

Free School Meals

We encourage all families to check their entitlement to free school meals/Pupil Premium. 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 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.



Dates:

Monday 3 June	9am Wellbeing Action Group Meeting
5 th – 6 th June	Y6 Bikeability – (volunteer helper still needed)
Friday 7 th June	PFSA Drop in 8.30am
Wednesday 12 th June	Tempest in for Reception and Y6 Class photos
	Y3 Visit to Seaton Wetlands
17-21 st June	Wellbeing Week
Thursday 20 th June	Sports day:
	9-10.30 Reception, 1 and 2
	11.15-12.30 Years 3 and 4
	2.15-3.30 Years 5 and 6
Friday 21 st June	Summer Fair 3.45pm start
Monday 24 th June	Y4 Charmouth Visit
Wednesday 26 th June	Y6 Transition Day for The Woodroffe School
Thursday 27 th June	Reception Visit to Axevalley Animal Park
Tuesday 2 nd July	Y6 Somerset Cricket Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y6 Transition for Axe Valley Academy
Mon 8 th & Tues 9 th July	Y6 Transition Holyrood Academy
Thursday 11 th July	Music Assemblies from 9.15am
Monday 15 th July	Y6 Clip & climb Visit
Tuesday 16 th July	2.15pm Y6 Performance Dress Rehearsal (Supported by Y5)



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Wednesday 17th July
Thursday 18th July

Friday 19th July

6pm Y6 Performance (Supported by Y5)

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3.15pm Y6/Teachers Rounders & BBQ

5.15pm – 6.15pm KS2 Disco TBC

10am Leavers' Assembly



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