



Tatworth
Primary School



Headteacher: Ms Tracey Hart
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Hewitson
28th June 2024

Dear parents/carers and children,

Newsletter no 36

Once again, we are so proud of many of our children this week. With two educational visits out of school, I want to congratulate Acorn and Hawthorn classes for their engagement, behaviour and the respect shown towards the adults who accompanied them and the places they visited. We are also celebrating children from across the school, who took part in the Forde Abbey run on Wednesday. Our school came first in the team race 😊.



PAFOTS, once again your commitment and support has been overwhelming. The summer fayre and ice cream sale have raised a combined total of just over £860 for PAFOTS funds. A massive thank you to everyone for their time and efforts – you are a marvellous team! Thank you also for today's second-hand uniform sale afterschool.

On Monday, Hawthorn Class visited Charmouth to study cliff and coastal erosion. Here are some of the children's comments:

Orla: I enjoyed learning about waves and all the different stages: roll, break, surge and backwash.

Seth: I learnt about beach profiles and how to measure changes on the beach.

Joel: I found out about different people who use the beach like tourists and coastguards.

We would like send a very big thank you to Charmouth Heritage Centre and all the wonderful volunteers for their time, and providing us with rich memorable learning.



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Reception trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park

We had a fabulous day yesterday and the highlight was our handling session. The children (and adults!) were all very brave and held or stroked a stick insect, millipede, tortoise, bearded dragon and a snake! We also fed the meercats and then we started to explore the park - we loved the flamingos, the zebras, the peacocks and the lemurs...there was so much to see! We enjoyed having our lunch and snack in the shade and some of us had a quick nap on the bus on the way back to school. Thank you to Mr Stuttaford and Mrs Lee who kindly came with us.



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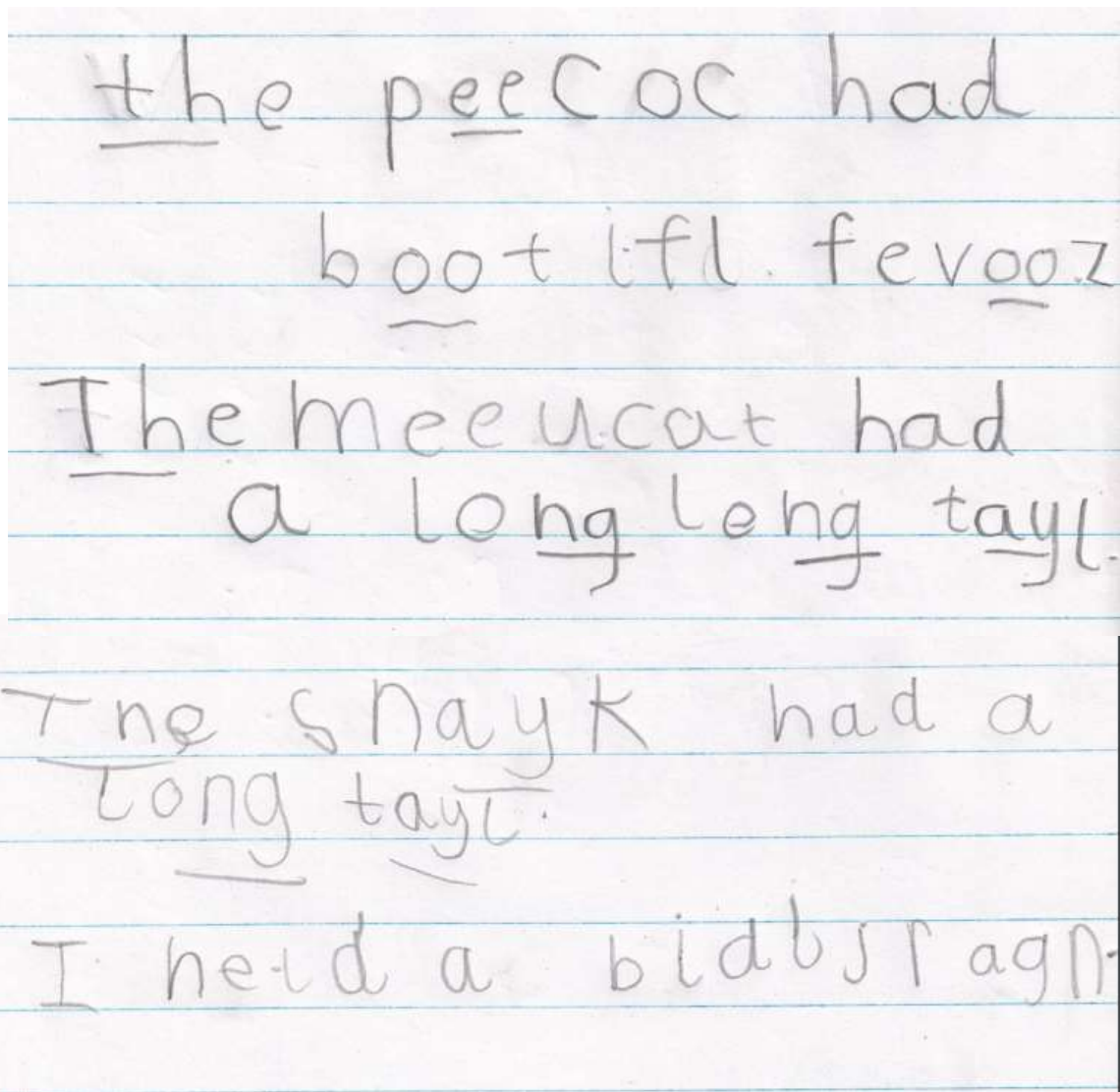
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Jake & Fleur from Acorn Class



Reception & Year 6

It's time to find a spot on the mantelpiece or a space on the wall as I'm delighted to let you know that your recent group photograph is now ready to view and purchase at the following link - <https://htmp.st/TatworthPS-264>



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Tempest offer a free "deliver to school" option that is open for approximately 14 days, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the "contact" button on their website home page (htempest.co.uk).

Parent Forum – Thank you to all class representatives for attending this week's meeting. An update from the meeting has been emailed to all families.

Y5 Relationships Education – please look out for separate letter sent today, thank you.

Sunflower Seeds

Thank you, children for your updates; your sunflowers are looking fantastically tall!



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Autumn Term Meals

The new menu is now live on parentpay for Autumn term meals; please make meal selections up to Christmas **by next Friday, July 5th**. Thank you.

Year 6

In preparation for our leavers' celebrations, we would like a photo of each child from year 6 of when they started school – whether here at Tatworth or elsewhere, together with a more recent photo. Please either email over to homelearning@tatworthschool.co.uk, or send in an original which we will return before the end of term. Please could we have these by Monday 15th July. Many thanks

Safeguarding:

- Please find attached a flyer from National Online Safety: **What parents and educators need to know about Gambling.**

Attendance

100% attendance monthly award

In June 112 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.



Hawthorn Class win the attendance cup again this week with 95.67%.

Our whole school percentage this week is 90.46% (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.

This week we have dropped from 96.44% as our year to date attendance to 96.27%.

Sessions YTD	to date	%
Attendances	66271	96.27
Authorised Absences	1989	
Unauthorised Absences	577	
Possible attendance	68837	
Lates	543	

Celebrations!

Forde Abbey Fun Run

On Wednesday evening, 9 children from years Reception to Y5 took part in Forde Abbey's annual junior race. The children ran around the beautiful grounds to complete 1500m on what was a very hot summers evening! Tatworth won the Primary School cup for the highest points achieved across the Under 8's & Under 12's category. Well done all - we are very proud of you.



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Kindness Award winner this week is Max H– he has been really helpful.

Behaviour for Learning Certificates:

Acorn Class: Ava-Rose for always making kind and encouraging comments to her friends and teachers. Max for becoming more and more confident this year to try different things – he is a fabulous risktaker. Acorn Class for being fantastic on our trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park – everyone listened, learnt and gave things a go! (even holding a snake!).

Oak Class: Summer for aiming high with her writing. George for being kind to his class and helping them during their tests.

Beech Class: Ella for building on other's ideas whether she agrees or disagrees and does this thoughtfully. William for focusing and engaging brilliantly in every subject this week – well one!

Willow Class: Evie M for great maths talk with her partner – explaining how to calculate time duration on a number line. Isabella for kindness to friends throughout the week, honesty and integrity 😊.

Hawthorn Class: Orla for being very attentive on our school trip to Charmouth – Thank you Orla. Arial for using super vocabulary choices in our recount writing.

Hazel Class: Noah for his well thought out ideas during our group consensus in geography. Harley for being an excellent teacher during RE. He confidently communicated information about the five pillars of Islam.

Yew Class: Finley for being thoughtful and helpful in the classroom this week. Maisy So for being confident and clear with all her lines in the play – already!

Platinum Bag

Acorn Class: Rex, Reuben, Albie and Tillie for role-play and teamwork to create their own wildlife park & Arlo, Teddy, Everly, Clemmie & Archie for writing about their trip to Axe Valley.



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Kind regards



Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

Attachments:

NOS: 10 top tips for parents and educators: gambling.

Happy Hooves Flyer.

Reminders:

Next Year: Young Engineers' Workshops for Y3 – Y6: Please look out for a paper letter today with further details of our Young Engineers Club for Years 3-6 next term run by an external provider. Please return reply slips asap.

Music: If any children would like to start **violin, flute or guitar** lessons with Julia Hurley from Somerset Music in September, please send her an email at julia.hurley@somerset.gov.uk Music lessons are a great way to boost performance skills and social confidence, and playing music is an enjoyable hobby for home. Teaching is adapted to children's needs and musical preferences. Instrument hire is free for the duration of lessons. Individual lessons cost £14.50 for 20 minutes. Shared lessons cost £7.25 for 20 minutes between 2 or 30 minutes between 3.

Tracey Ellis-Trott also teaches **saxophone, clarinet, piano and voice**, please contact her direct to arrange on 07814758917

[Win £1,000 for our school's library](#)

Help your school #rebuildthelibrary, plus win a £100 National Book Token for yourself!

Five lucky schools from across the UK and Ireland will each win £1,000/€1,000, with one overall winner also receiving £500/€500 to upgrade their library space. [Nominate](#) a school to win one of our big prizes and encourage reading for pleasure all year round. Nominate us [here](#).



Back Gate

Just a reminder that the back gate is a quiet and safe alternative to negotiating the business of the front of the school! You can park in the playing fields car park and walk through the park to the gate.



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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 Orders

The final uniform delivery will be w/c 8th July. for parents choosing the free school delivery option when ordering online with Price and Buckland. **The link to the ordering portal 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, 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!

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.



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Dates:

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
Rocksteady at 9.15am - parents/carers to arrive at 9.10am to sign in.	
11am Y3 Drummers, peri instruments & choir, parents/carers to arrive at 10.55am to sign in.	
Monday 15 th July	Y6 Clip & dimb Visit
Tuesday 16 th July	2.15pm Y6 Performance Dress Rehearsal (Supported by Y5)
	6pm Y6 Performance (Supported by Y5)
(Y5 to arrive at 5.45pm / Y6 to arrive at 5.30pm & costumes by Monday 8 th July)	
Wednesday 17 th July	6pm Y6 Performance (Supported by Y5)
(Y5 to arrive at 5.45pm / Y6 to arrive at 5.30pm)	
Thursday 18 th July	3.15pm Y6/Teachers Rounders & BBQ
	5.15pm – 6.15pm KS2 Disco
Friday 19 th July	10am Leavers' Assembly



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