



TIBSHELF SCHOOLS FEDERATION

Tibshelf Infant & Nursery School
Tel: 01773 872571
E: info@tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk

Town End Junior School
Tel: 01773 872306
E: info@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk

Newsletter – 9th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we are already into the second month of the academic year! The children have settled well, been working hard and it has been lovely to hear and see what they have been learning about.

Harvest – Friday 10th October at the church

We are looking forward to singing songs at our Harvest Festival at the church. This is for Y1-Y6 pupils. We really appreciate any donations brought into school of tins or packets. The gifts will be distributed to a local food bank who are always very grateful for anything they receive.

9:30am – Year 1 and Year 2

1pm – Year 3 & Year 4

2pm – Year 5 & Year 6

Important Dates

Fri 10th October – Harvest Festival

Mon 20th October and Wed 22nd October – infant school parents evenings

Tues 21st October and Thurs 23rd October – junior school parents evenings

Wed 22nd October – Mrs. Crabtree/Mrs. Birch Parent Lunch – 11:45am

Fri 24th October – Break up for half term. No clubs or after care.

Mon 4th November – Back to school.

Tibshelf Infant & Nursery School Open Evening Monday 4th November at 5:30pm

If you are looking at school or nursery places for September 2026, come and join us. If you would like more information about school and nursery places please ring the school office or visit our website.



Calling all budding writers!

The BBC's 500-word competition is back for another year! It is open for ages 5+ and is the UK's largest writing competition. If you'd like to find out more, follow the link below to take part.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zqc8mbk>

The closing date is 9pm on Friday 9th November.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is given the highest priority at Tibshelf Schools Federation. There may be times when adults are concerned about children in the community. If so, then you can contact Derbyshire County Council's Child Protection department on 01629 533190 or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline 08000198668

Free online mental health and wellbeing support, 7 days a week, for parents & carers of children & young people who live in Derby & Derbyshire.



Tenacious, Imaginative, Brave, Skilful, Honest, Enthusiastic, Life-long Learners, Friendly

This term we continue to promote our Federation school values in assemblies and discussing what these mean. Staff will be awarding stickers, team points etc when they spot the children really embracing this value – I have no doubt we will have lots of children who will show this daily 😊

Important information

Nursery & Year 2 pupils

Admissions will open for Reception & Junior school places on Monday 10th November and close at midnight on **Thursday**

January 15th 2026. When the window opens on 10th November the link is:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/primary-infant-and-junior-school-admissions.aspx>

Year 6 pupils at Town End

Parents must apply for a Secondary School place **by midnight on 31st October**.

Apply online at <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/secondary-admissions/secondary-school-admissions.aspx>



Important Dates

(in red are where Parents/Carers are invited)

Tibshelf Infants		Town End Juniors	
Friday 10th October	Harvest Festival 9.30am at Tibshelf church	Friday 10th October	Harvest Festival 1.00 – 1.45pm at Tibshelf church Y3/4 2.00 – 2.45pm at Tibshelf Church Y5/6
Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd October	Parents Evenings	Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October	Parents Evenings
		Wednesday 22nd October	Mrs Crabtree/Mrs Birch's class parent dinner
Friday 25th October	Break up for half term	Friday 25th October	Break up for half term
Monday 3rd November	Back to school Open Evening 5.30- 6.30pm for 2026 starters	Monday 3rd November	Back to school
Wednesday 12th November	Hedgehogs parent class dinner		
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Day – children can get dressed up or wear non-uniform for a contribution of £1 for this worthwhile cause 😊	Friday 14th November	Children in Need Day– children can get dressed up or wear non-uniform for a contribution of £1 for this worthwhile cause 😊
Tuesday 18th November	School photos (individual and siblings)	Wednesday 19th November	School photos (individual and siblings) Mrs Hoskyns and Mr Austin's class parent dinner
Monday 24th November	Christmas envelopes given out – more details to follow!	Monday 24th November	Christmas envelopes given out – more details to follow!
Friday 28th November	Whole school visit to Mansfield Palace Theatre to watch Snow White – a letter will be sent out soon		



Tibshelf Infants		Town End Juniors	
Monday 1st December	Christmas Movie Night at 3pm – details to follow	Monday 1st December	Whole school trip to EIS (English Institute of Sport) – details to follow
		Thursday 4th December	4th, 5th and 6th Bikeability for Year 6 (letters have gone out) Singing concert (Mr Smith's class) 2.15pm in the hall
Monday 8th December	Christmas Shop opens Christmas Fayre 1.30-3.30pm (held at Town End due to room)	Monday 8th December	Christmas Shop opens Christmas Fayre 1.30-3.30pm (held at Town End due to room)
Thursday 11th December	Christmas jumper day	Thursday 11th December	Christmas jumper day
Friday 12th December	Nursery Nativity (am and pm)	Friday 12th December	Whole school visit to Mansfield Palace Theatre to watch Snow White – a letter will be sent out soon
Monday 15th December	Christmas craft afternoon		
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas dinner day – children can wear Christmas jumpers or accessories 😊	Tuesday 16th December	Christmas dinner day – children can wear Christmas jumpers or accessories 😊 Rocksteady concert for parents/carers of children who do lessons 2.15pm
Wednesday 17th December	Y1 and Y2 Christmas concert		
Thursday 18th December	FS2 Nativity (am and pm)		



Tibshelf Infants		Town End Juniors	
Friday 19th December	Break up for Christmas	Friday 19th December	Break up for Christmas
Further dates for parents 2026			
Parent dinners		Parent dinners	
Wednesday 14th January	Owls Parent dinner	Wednesday 21st January	Mr Smith's class parent dinner
Wednesday 4th March	Squirrels parent dinner	Wednesday 18th March	Mrs Barrett's class parent dinner
Wednesday 22nd April	Ladybirds parent dinner	Wednesday 20th May	Y5/6 Mrs Taylor and Mr Dovey's
Wednesday day 10th June	Butterflies parent dinner	Wednesday 10th June	Mr Batchford's class parent lunch
To be confirmed:			
Monday 13th July	Sports Day (afternoon)	Monday 14th July	Sports Day (morning)

School Holiday Dates

HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSES (Last Day)	SCHOOL RE-OPENS (Children Return)
October Half Term	Friday 24th October 2025	Monday 3rd November 2025
Christmas Holiday	Friday 19th December 2025	Monday 5th January 2026
February Half Term	Friday 13th February 2026	Monday 23rd February 2026
Easter Holiday	Friday 27th March 2026	Monday 13th April 2026
May Half Term	Thursday 21st May 2026	Tuesday 2nd June 2026
Summer holiday	Thursday 23rd July 2026	TBC (likely to be Monday 7th September 2026)



INSET DAYs

Friday 6th March 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Mrs Banyard (Head of school at the Infants) and Mr Weston (Head of school at the Juniors) will be sending out their next letter in a couple of weeks with any updates and news so please do look out for them 😊

Mrs Rachel Boswell (Executive Headteacher)

