

TOWN END JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our October newsletter!



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's been a busy start to the year at Town End! We have been really impressed with everyone's fantastic attitude to learning, and it has been great to see the children rise to the challenge of their new year groups, and being able to share this with parents too during our Parents' Evenings. If you ever have any questions about your child's learning, please do get in touch.

A huge thank you to our children and families for the amazing contributions to the Halloween Cupcake Competition. We were blown away by the entries - it was a difficult decision for our School Council to pick winners! School Council will be sending out a newsletter of their own with more information so please keep an eye out for that!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Miss Riley will be going off on Maternity Leave after the October half term, and we all look forward to meeting the new arrival soon!

As always, if you need anything please let myself, Mrs Hodson or Mrs Boswell know. Have a lovely half term - we return to school on Monday 3rd November at 8:35.

Best wishes,
Mr Weston
(Head of School)



Reminder: Nut-free school



Please can we remind our families that we are a nut free school. Please can we ask that any snacks and food brought into school does not include any nuts due to pupils in school having severe allergies to these.

Children can bring in a healthy snack for breaktimes (fruit, healthy nut-free bars etc.). We also offer a fruit tuck shop at break - all fruit is sold for 20p.

Thank you for your support.



Morning Snack

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack into school (fruit, cereal bars, bread sticks etc.) but we ask that all snacks are nut free please. If children do bring in snacks which contain nuts, they will be asked to put them away due to severe allergies.

We also run a fruit tuck shop each morning break - all fruit is 20p. If you would prefer your child to pay for the whole week, they can also pay £1 on a Monday and this will be noted at the tuck shop.

Mobile Phones



We understand that there may be times your child will need to bring in a mobile phone to school (if walking home etc.) While we strongly encourage children not to, if your child does need to bring their phone into school, this must be handed in and switched off at the start of the school day to their class teacher. They will be locked away and handed out at the end of the day. If your child is bringing in their phone please complete the consent form, which you can get from the office .

As a school, we unfortunately cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to mobile phones, as school insurance will not cover these items.

Open Evening & Applying for a Year 3 Place at Town End



We are holding an open evening for parents of children currently in Year 2 to visit Town End. Feel free to come and join us and find out all about Town End on Monday 10th November from 5:00-6:00pm.

You can apply for a place at Town End via the Derbyshire County Council website - [linked here](#).

Year 6 Parents – Apply for your child’s Year 7 place.



Applications are now open for parents of children in year 6 to apply for their child’s year 7 place, ready for September 2026.

Parents must apply via the Derbyshire County Council Website ([linked here](#)) by midnight on 31st October.

Remembrance

Poppies and other Remembrance objects will be on sale in school after the half term holiday. If your child would like to buy any objects, they will be brought round classes for children to purchase.

Children have also been busy creating poppies for a Remembrance Garden at the front of school, which will be completed in time for Remembrance Day. We will also hold a two minute silence in school on Tuesday 11th November, and will discuss this in assembly too.



Sensory Room and The Enchanted Wood

Over the past term, we have been working hard to develop the provision for children in our school.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Tibshelf School who gave us £800 to develop a Sensory Area and The Enchanted Wood Nurture Room! The rooms are hugely popular and we can already see how much they are helping the children at Town End! Also, thank you to Mrs Hodson and Allie for their hard work over the summer to develop the Enchanted Wood - you have created such a fantastic space!



Harvest Festival - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for your generosity during our Harvest Festival. All of the donations have been sent to the Tibshelf Food Bank, along with donations at the church to help those who need it most.

We also would like to say well done to the children, who all performed fantastically, and to our families for attending the event.



Year 3 and 4 Update



We have had a great start to the new school year. The Year 4's have been fantastic role models, supporting the new children into Town End, and the Year 3's have really impressed us all with their great attitudes in school.

In history, we have been finding out all about life in Roman Britain and how the life for the people who lived here changed. We also explored what it was like for Roman Soldiers as they headed across from Italy to Britain.

In English, we also started off by reading a book all about circus magic. We had a circus skills workshop and used what we had tried to write our own versions of the story!



Year 5 and 6 Update

In year 5/6, we have travelled back to life in Britain during World War Two. Using our book, Goodnight Mister Tom, we have thought about what it would have been like as a child in Britain who had been evacuated, and wrote our own Blitz inspired stories, using special objects as a focus point. We were blown away by the description and vocabulary!

We also created Blitz skylines using watercolour and collage materials - they look absolutely fantastic on display.

Year 6 also went on their residential to Newby Wiske. The children were fantastic, and showed fantastic resilience and determination to tackle the different activities there. It was an absolute pleasure to take the children!

PE and School Sport



What a busy start - we have taken part in the Year 5/6 football competition, where we progressed to the County Final, as well as taking a determined group of Year 3 and 4 children to their football competition too. A group of children from across the school also attended the Cross Country Competition at Frederick Gent. Well done to everyone - as usual you were fantastic and showed excellent attitudes!

We also had a whole school team building day with the Bolsover School Sports Partnership, where each class took part in sessions to develop communication skills, as well as our Colour Run, where the children had a great time getting messy and being active.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that we have once again been awarded the Platinum School Games award - thank you to our families for their support and staff for their hard work to improve our sports opportunities.

PE and Forest School

On PE days, children should come in their PE kit - trainers, black shorts and t shirt that is their house colour (green, red or blue). In colder weather, children may wear black joggers and a plain black hoody.

On Forest School days, children should come in their PE kit, with a suitable pair of shoes and weather appropriate clothes in a bag please.

Days for Forest School and PE are as follows:



Class	PE Day	Forest School Day
Mr Smith	Thursday	Wednesday
Mrs Crabtree/ Miss Birch	Friday	Wednesday
Mrs Hoskyns/ Mr Austin	Friday	Wednesday
Mrs Barrett	Monday	Tuesday
Mrs Taylor/ Mr Dovey	Monday	Tuesday
Mr Batchford	Monday	Tuesday



Clubs

Please see clubs available so far for next half term.

	Lunch Clubs (No cost for these clubs)	After School Clubs (Paid via School Gateway)
Monday	Art Ambassadors with Mrs Crabtree (from 12:30) Glee Club with Mrs Hoskyns (from 12:30)	No club
Tuesday		Girls' Football with Owen
Wednesday	Construction and Animation club with Mr Weston (from 12:30)	Cross Country with Mrs Hodson and Mr Smith
Thursday		Boys' Football with Owen
Friday	Book Swap Shop (Morning break with Mrs Hodson)	No club

What will my child be learning next half term?

	Maths	Englsih	History/ Geography	Science	RE/ PSHE
Year 3 and 4	We will be learning about addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.	We will be reading The BFG by Roald Dahl and writing newspaper reports. We are also reading: Poem by Carole Ann Duffy in Guided Reading.	We are continuing to head back in time to find out all about The Romans and their impact on Britain.	We will be learning about electricity, circuits and electrical safety.	PSHE: Celebrating Differences. RE: What does it mean to be a Hindu?
Year 5 and 6	We will be exploring addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems before moving onto Fractions	We will be reading Carrie's War by Nina Bawden. We will create reports and balanced arguments. In Guided Reading, we will continue to explore reading strategies in our daily lessons.	We are continuing to learn about Britain from the 1930s, the Second World War and the impact it had on Tibshelf and Britain.	We are exploring living things and their habitats as well as exploring ways living things are classified.	PSHE: Celebrating Differences. RE: What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa, Grace and/or Umnah?

We have also uploaded long term plans onto the school website, where you will be able to see your child's learning during their time here at Town End.

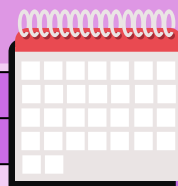
To access this, please follow [this link](#).





Upcoming Dates and Events

DATES IN RED ARE DATES WHERE PARENTS ARE INVITED INTO SCHOOL.

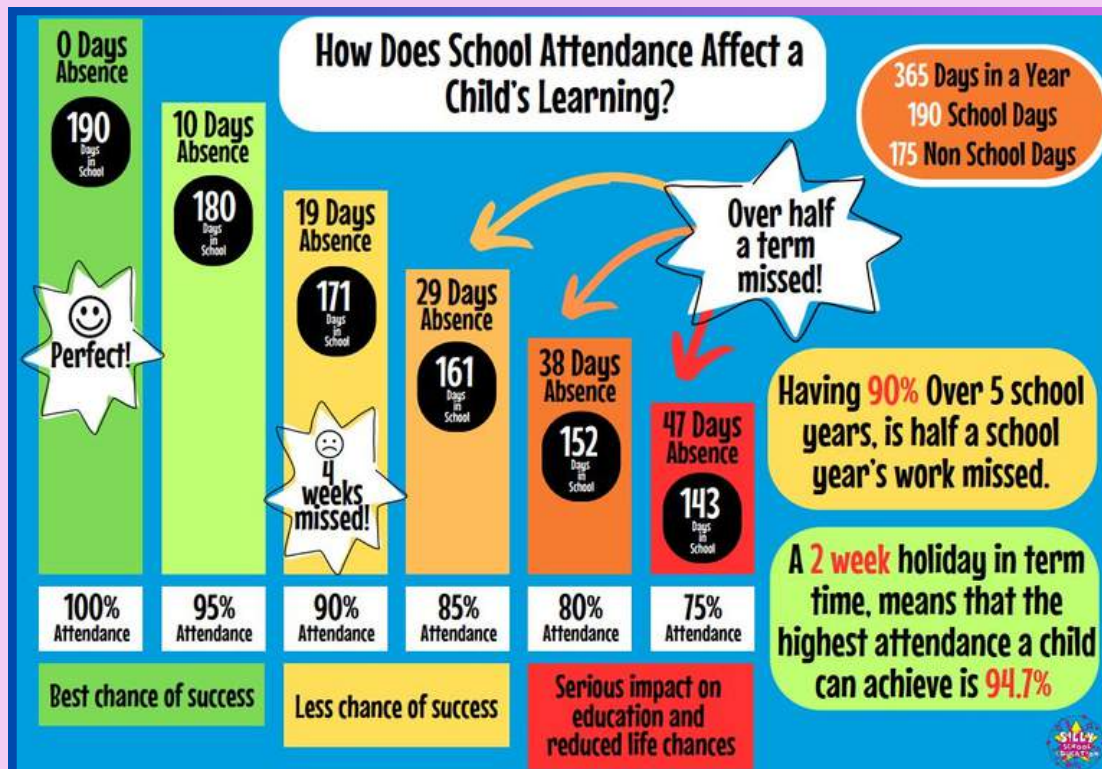


Date	Event
Autumn 1 2025	
Friday 24 th October	Break up for half term at 3:15
Autumn 2 2025	
Monday 3 rd November	Back to school for children
Tuesday 4 th November	Art Ambassadors Trip (letters to those involved sent directly)
Monday 10 th November	Year 2 Parent Open Evening at Town End 5:00 - 6:00pm
Thursday 13 th November	Individual Pupil Photographs - all children in uniform please.
Wednesday 19 th November	Mrs Hoskyns and Mr Austin's Class Parent/Carer Dinner
Monday 24 th November	Y6 Fire Safety Workshops with Derbyshire Fire and Rescue
W/C 24 th November	PTA Christmas Shop Envelopes out to families
Monday 1 st December	Elf Enterprise Day - information to follow
Monday 1 st December	PTA Christmas Film Night - info to follow.
Tuesday 2 nd December	Y3/4 To go to Tibshelf School for rehearsals (after drop off).
Wednesday 3 rd - Friday 5 th December	Y6 Bikeability Training
Thursday 4 th December	Mr Smith's Class Singing Performance at 2:15 in the hall..
Monday 8 th December	Federation Christmas Fair at Town End - info to follow.
Tuesday 9 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Concert at 6:00pm at Tibshelf School - info to follow.
Friday 12 th December	Whole School Panto Trip - info to follow.
Monday 15 th December	Whole School Trip to EIS - info to follow.
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 16 th December	Rock Steady Performance at 2:15 for parents of children having lessons.
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Performances at Tibshelf Church (pm) - more info to follow.
Friday 19 th December	Break Up for Christmas at 3:15
Spring Term 1 2026	
Monday 5 th January	Children back to school.
Wednesday 21 st January	Mr Smith's Class Parent/Carer Dinner
Friday 13 th February	Break up for half term at 3:15
Spring Term 2 2026	
Monday 23 rd February	Children back to school
Friday 6 th March	INSET Day
Wednesday 18 th March	Mrs Barrett's Class Parent/Carer Dinner
Friday 27 th March	Break up for Easter at 3:15
Summer Term 1 2026	
Monday 13 th April	Children back to school.
Monday 11 th - Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATS Assessment Week
Wednesday 20 th May	Mrs Taylor and Mr Dovey's Class Parent/Carer Dinner
Friday 22 nd May	INSET Day and Break up for half term.
Summer Term 2 2026	
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day
Tuesday 2 nd June	Children back to school
Wednesday 10 th June	Mr Batchford's Class Parent/Carer Dinner
Monday 13 th July	Sports Day (to be confirmed closer to the time) and Summer Fair (at Infants)
Thursday 23 rd July	Break up for Summer at 3:15

Attendance



The gates are open from 8:35-8:45 each morning. Children go straight into class and begin their learning. Arrival after this time is marked as 'late' on the register. Late arrivals can cause worries and anxiety for children when entering the classroom when their friends and classmates are already learning. If you need any support with this, please speak to Mrs Hodson, Mr Weston or the School Office.



Safeguarding



Safeguarding is given the highest priority at Tibshelf Schools Federation.

During term time, you can speak to a member of our safeguarding team by calling the office or speaking to us at drop off or collection. You can also email us on safeguarding@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk

Our Safeguarding Team is: Mr Weston, Mrs Boswell, Mrs Hodson, Mrs Crabtree or Chris.

If you have any concerns out of school hours, you can contact Derbyshire County Council's Child Protection department on 01629 533190 or the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS for young people

You may have been lucky enough to have an unopened smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly participating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it's your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself - and your valuable personal info - safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

- NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE**
Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends - after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house, would you? It's a scary thought that a friend would be able to use your phone, but it's a reality. If you're unsure, ask them to help you set up your phone, but don't give them your passcode.
- RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS**
If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device - not to spend your time but to help you avoid harmful sites and content. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.
- TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT**
Whether it's to turn on music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling worried, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something's not right. It's important not to ignore these feelings. Instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.
- STAY ALERT**
Two weeks back up. It might sound obvious, but it's not. We've all been distracted by our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings - or - we might be involved in an accident. Always wear your seat belt, and don't drink and drive. If you're walking, look where you're going, and don't use your phone while crossing the road.
- DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS**
Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting your phone down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.
- IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS**
There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and promise you details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but be suspicious. Businesses don't spontaneously call or message you for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.
- SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION**
In your phone's settings, you'll find a location services for individual apps and photos. This means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about you or where you are at any time. On the subject of photos, it's important to ask permission before taking or sharing photos of other people, and never upload photos of others without their permission. Images of your friends with others.
- ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS**
Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's a game, it's a game. If it's a social media app, it's a social media app. If it's a game, it's a game. If it's a social media app, it's a social media app. If it's a game, it's a game. If it's a social media app, it's a social media app.
- REMOVE TEMPTATION**
A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. It's a good idea to turn off your phone at night, or at least to turn off the screen. If you're using your phone at night, you're more likely to be awake and using your phone, which can make it harder to fall asleep. If you're using your phone at night, you're more likely to be awake and using your phone, which can make it harder to fall asleep.
- THINK ABOUT OTHERS**
Watching videos, listening to music or calling friends is fun, but it's also important to think about the people you're interacting with. If you're using your phone at night, you're more likely to be awake and using your phone, which can make it harder to fall asleep.

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