



TIBSHELF SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Newsletter – 18th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas will soon be here again and, as ever, it seems to have come around very quickly! December has been a very busy and fun packed month with various activities and themed events for the children to enjoy 😊. We know that due to such a busy term we have sent a lot of letters and messages with regards to information so thank you for your understanding.

Important Dates

Friday 19th December – Party Day
Children can come in party clothes for the day.

No after care or clubs on Friday 19th December.

Break up on Friday 19th December and back to school on Monday 5th January.

Christmas Productions

Wow! What a talented bunch of pupils we have. Over the last couple of weeks, we have had a Y3/4 production at Tibshelf Secondary School, Nursery, Reception performances at school and Y1,2,3,4,5,6 performing at the church. We have also had many other events and activities for the children to take part in 😊. Whether they were acting, singing, dancing or working back stage, everyone deserves a big well done!



Christmas Fayre

The Federation Christmas Fayre this year was very well attended. It was lovely to see so many children across both schools there and enjoying it. We raised an amazing £1665.49 which will be spent on resources and activities for the children going forwards. Thank you to all the staff involved and also the PTA to make it so successful.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Julie and Cassie who have been fundraising and have kindly donated £800 to the Infant Cosy Cabin/Nest provision to go towards resources for the children who access this. We are very grateful.



Infants staffing update

We are delighted that Mrs Elliott in Squirrels class has agreed to increase her days after the holidays for the rest of the academic year. That means she will be working Mon-Thurs Squirrels and Mrs Banyard will be teaching on a Friday.

PE days

These will remain the same after we return in January. The Year 5 children going swimming will remain the same. Just a reminder for children not to wear football/rugby tips for PE as we have incidents where these are damaged causing upset. Also, please do ensure earrings are taped up as we would not want anyone injured.

Important information

Admissions are open to apply for Reception & Junior school places and close at midnight on **Thursday January 15th**

2026. Here is the link:

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

Coffee morning for
Parents/Cares

Thursday 15th January 2026 9am

We are delighted to welcome our Derbyshire inclusion officer, Kelly Turner for a parents/carer coffee morning across the Federation. Kelly will be discussing way for parents/carers to support children struggling to attend school due to emotional distress or anxiety. This will take place at Town End Junior School due to room but it is also for parents at the Infant School. If you would like to come please book on via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZTGqfBNAsp>



Rotary **YOUNG WRITER** COMPETITION

Rotary Young Writers competition for Junior School Y3-Y6

The Rotary Club have been in touch with the Junior School to see if any children would like to take part in a writing competition. This is at a local level and winning entries then have the chance to take part in district and then a National final. The task is to produce a handwritten or typed story in prose or poem entitled "Happiness in Nature". This can be interpreted as broadly as the pupil wishes and children are encouraged to use their creativity to show what this theme means to them. It can be non-fiction or fiction and needs to be submitted by mid-February. Please note:

- Prose entries should be up to a maximum of 550 words
- Poetry entries should be up to a maximum of 40 lines
- No pictures and/or drawings are to be part of the entry
- Entries will not be returned unless specifically requested

If your child would like to get involved, please contact the local rotary club at www.rotarygbi.org or if you have any questions, please email the competitions team at cometitions@rotarygbi.org



Please do check that your child's school uniform, coats etc has their name in. We have a lot lost property with no names which can make it tricky to get back to the owner!
Thank you 😊



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.



Tibshelf Infants		Town End Juniors	
Friday 19th December	Break up for Christmas - no after care or clubs	Friday 19th December	Break up for Christmas - no after care or clubs
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)
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

Mr Weston and Mrs Banyard will send out a newsletter in the first week back to let you know what the children will be learning about during Spring term.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year,

Mrs Rachel Boswell (Executive Headteacher)

