



TIBSHELF SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Newsletter – 5th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will soon to be going into Spring term 2 – how quickly it has flown! Here is the Federation newsletter with upcoming events



World Book Day Thursday 5th March

On this day, if they would like to, your child is welcome to dress up as a character from a book or come in their pyjamas, ready to read or listen to books in their class. Please do not feel that you must buy anything new, as this day is about celebrating reading and taking part in activities! All children will be given a World Book Day £1 token to take home with them.

Important Dates

Ducklings stay and play – Thurs 12th Feb.

Fri 13th Feb – Break up for half term. **No after care or clubs.**

Mon 23rd Feb – Back to school

Squirrel Class – parent / carer lunch 12pm Wed 4th March

World Book Day – 5th March

Friday 6th March – INSET DAY

Staffing updates

As the some Parents/Carers will be aware, Mr Weston (Head of School at Town End) will be taking parental leave for the rest of this academic year. Due to this, I will be based for the first part of the week at Tibshelf Infants whilst Mr Smith supports the day to day running of the Juniors. I will be based at the Juniors at the end of the week. Mrs Banyard (Head of School at the Infants) will be coming out of class on a Friday. Mrs Elliott will continue to teach Squirrels Monday–Thursday and we welcome back Mrs Pryor from maternity leave who will be teaching Year 1 on a Friday for the rest of the academic year. Mrs Pryor has already been working alongside Mrs Elliott and Mrs Banyard to ensure a smooth transition.

We also welcome back Mrs Wright at the Infants from her maternity leave. Congratulations to Mr. Austin (Y3/4) and his partner, for the arrival of their new born baby. Mr. Austin is now on paternity leave and will be back after half term.

PE Days from 23rd February 2026

Just a reminder for children not to wear football/rugby tops 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.

Tibshelf Infants		Town End Juniors	
Ducklings (Nursery)	Monday: Kixx Wednesday: Welly Boot Wednesday (dependent on weather)	Mr Smith (Y3/4)	Wednesday: Forest Schools/PE Thursday: PE
Butterflies & Ladybirds	Thursday: PE	Mrs Crabtree/Mrs Birch	Wednesday: Forest Schools/PE Friday: PE
Squirrels	Tuesday: PE	Mrs Hoskyns/Mr Austin	Wednesday: Forest Schools/PE Friday: PE
Hedgehogs and Owls	Monday: PE Friday: Outdoor learning	Mrs Barrett, Mrs Taylor/Mr Dovey, Mr Batchford	Monday: PE Tuesday: PE/Forest Schools

Uniform

The cold and wet weather will no doubt continue so please make sure your child comes to school every day with a weatherproof coat. We always have lots of free, pre-loved uniform at both schools – if you require any, please contact the office and we will help.

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

Free School Meals

Derbyshire County Council website has a link that can provide an instant eligibility check free school meals. Even if your child is at the infants, receiving the universal free school meals, please do check as the school receives funding for anyone who is eligible. Please visit:
<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Dates for your diary for Spring Term (in red are where Parents/Carers are invited, in black are joined events across both schools). Further dates will follow for Summer when confirmed.

Tibshelf Infants		Town End Juniors	
Thursday 12 th February	Ducklings stay and play (Mrs Butler will send out details)		
Friday 13 th February – No Clubs or After Care Break up for Half Term Back to school on Monday 23 rd February			
		Wednesday 25th February	Cross Country Finals (info to follow from Mr Smith for those involved)
		Thursday 26 th February	Y5/6 indoor rowing competition (info to follow from Mr Smith for those involved)
Wednesday 4 th March	Squirrels (Y1 Mrs Elliott's) parent dinner		
Thursday 5 th March	Dragonflies PE Event		
Thursday 5 th March World Book Day – children can come dressed as their favourite characters if they would like to! There will be a book sale on this day 😊			
Friday 6 th March – INSET DAY – School / Nursery Closed			
Monday 9 th March to Friday 13 th March – Science Week – Theme: “Curiosity – what is your question?”			
		Wednesday 11 th March	Dance Festival at The Winding Wheel – info to follow for those involved.

Tibshelf Infants		Town End Juniors	
		Tuesday 17 th March	Rock Steady Concert at 2:15 – parents invited for those children who have lessons.
		Wednesday 18 th March	Y5/6 Mrs Barrett’s parent dinner
Thursday 19 th March	Y1/2 dance festival at Tibshelf Community School (details to follow)		
Friday 20 th March – Red nose Day – Children can wear non-uniform or red for a donation to this worthwhile cause.			
Monday 23 rd and Wednesday 25 th March	Parents Evening – details to follow closer to the time	Tuesday 24 th and Thursday 26 th March	Parents Evening – details to follow closer to the time
Friday 27 th March – No Clubs or After School Care – Break up for Easter Holidays			
Monday 13 th April – Back to School.			
Wednesday 22 nd April	Ladybirds (Mrs Sacco FS2) parent dinner.		
		Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th May	Y6 SATs week – details to follow.
		Wednesday 20 th May	Y5/6 Mr Dovey and Mrs Taylor’s parent dinner
Thursday 21 st May – No Clubs or After Care – Break up for May half term.			
Friday 22 nd May and Monday 1 st June – INSET DAYS – School and Nursery Closed.			

Tibshelf Infants		Town End Juniors	
Tuesday 2 nd June – Back to school.			
W/C 8 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check		
Tuesday 9 th June – Parent coffee morning – Anxiety and transitions with the Early Help Team.			
Wednesday 10 th June	Butterflies (Mrs Husselbee/Mrs Lyle FS2) parent dinner	Wednesday 10 th June	Y5/6 Mr Batchford’s parent dinner
Monday 13 th July	Sports Day (afternoon) Summer Fayre (afternoon)	Monday 13 th July	Sports Day (morning) Summer Fayre (afternoon at the infant school)
Thursday 23 rd July – No Clubs or After Care – Break up for the Summer holidays.			
Friday 4 th September – INSET DAY – School and Nursery Closed			
Monday 7 th September – Back to school.			



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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 0800 800 5000.

School Holiday Dates

HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSES (Last Day)	SCHOOL RE-OPENS (Children Return)
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 Rachel Boswell (Executive Headteacher)