



# TIBSHELF SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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## Newsletter – 26th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a short but busy term! Here are some of the things we have been up to across the Federation and updates for after the Easter break. Apologies for the amount of information but we wanted to get it out as soon as possible so you are aware and can put into your diaries. Year 6 parent/carers – please note the leavers hoodies link below and when they need to be ordered by at the very latest

## Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone that has or will be attending parents evenings this week – it is always great to share all the lovely things your child has been learning. If you did not manage to attend or could not make the date, please do get in touch so we can update you about your child's progress.



Thank you for your support and contributions to this worthwhile cause. The children really enjoyed coming to school in their red colours (although I felt some of the red football teams were questionable!!).

### Important Dates

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March – Break up for half term. **No after care or clubs.**

Mon 13<sup>rd</sup> April – Back to school

Ladybird Class – parent / carer lunch 12pm Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Parent Coffee morning at Town End. All welcome. More details below.

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week.

WORLD  
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The children (and staff!) looked wonderful on World Book Day and it was lovely to see everyone getting involved in reading for pleasure and discussing books. As one of the children said, "This is always one of my favourite days of the year!"



Lots of fun and learning was had during Science week. The children took part in different experiments and learnt what being a scientist is. There was a lot of discussion around what the job entails.

On the back of this, we are planning to hold a "Careers day" in Summer term 2 where children can come to school dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up (and we may also see the staff dressed up as what they wanted to be at their Infant/Junior school!). We will have a variety of visitors coming in to discuss their jobs and I am sure it will be a fun and informative day

Well done to all the children who have taken part and represented the school so well in so many different events this term whether in sport, part of pupil voice or in other community events. There will be more opportunities whole school and in year groups in the future for children to be involved in as they move through the federation. We have a Tibshelf Charter for all pupils which can be accessed at [www.tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tibshelf-Charter.pdf](http://www.tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Tibshelf-Charter.pdf)

### PE Days after Easter (Unchanged)

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/Miss 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



### Free School Meals

Derbyshire County Council website has a link that can provide an instant eligibility check for 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. Sometimes parents only have to be out of work for one day to become eligible and all the money school receives goes into supporting learning. Please visit:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Chris is happy to show you how to apply or discuss eligibility as every little helps families and the school to support giving our children the best learning experiences



### Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning focus is based on sensory processing and will be led by the Derbyshire Inclusion Team. It will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 9-10am at Town End Juniors due to room but all parents across both schools are welcome. Please can you let the office know if you are attending so we know approximate numbers.

### For all Year 6 parents/carers!

If you would like to order a Year 6 hoodie for your child, please visit the link below:

<https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/product/tibshelf-leavers-hoodie-2025/>

**Parents/carers need to order by 30<sup>th</sup> April** – Any orders after this date might not be delivered in or accepted.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Year 1 Phonics screening check will take place between Monday 8th June and Friday 12th June
- Year 6 SATs tests will take place from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and finish on Thursday 14th May
- Year 4 multiplication tables check will take place within the 2-week period between Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Some parents have asked about accessing resources to support their children with the upcoming Assessments. The following links will take you to past papers available online:

YEAR 1: <https://monsterphonics.com/the-phonics-screening-check/>

YEAR 6: <https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/ks2-sats-papers/>

YEAR 4:  
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

### Staffing updates

Mr Weston (Head of School at Town End Juniors) will be returning to school after the Easter break. To ensure a smooth handover, Mr Smith will continue to be out of class on a Monday and Tuesday for the first part of the new term and then will be returning to teach his Y3/4 class full time. A big thank you to Mr Jenkins for teaching on a Monday and Tuesday during this time and Mr Smith for supporting the day to day running of the school.



### **Uniform**

Thank you for sending your child to school in uniform. Like many schools, we feel this promotes a sense of belonging and does not encourage children to feel competitive or anxious about “keeping up” with peers. Uniform does not need to have our school logo and we always have lots of free, pre-loved uniform at both schools – if you require any, please contact the office and we will help. We also understand children may have sensory issues around uniform so have provided links below to support with this. New school uniform can be bought from [Just School Wear directly](#). [Click here to view Just School Wear](#).

[Click here to view the delivery schedule for new school uniform](#). Last orders must be placed by [6<sup>th</sup> July to receive before we break up in the Summer](#).

Sensory Schoolwear shirts, trousers, sock & shoes:

<https://www.fledglings.org.uk> › collections › schoolwear

Adaptive clothing for kids | M&S

<https://sensorysmart.co.uk> › Collections › All Clothing

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 when we have 350 children plus! Thank you



Also, a big thank you to the PTA who have contributed Easter prizes for the raffle. If anyone is ever interested in joining the PTA, please do get in touch!



### **Smart watches and mobile phones**

At Town End Juniors, we have had a growing number of children bringing in smart watches and unfortunately incidents where these have not been used appropriately. We would appreciate your support in ensuring these are not brought to school. If your child does need a mobile device due to walking home etc, parents do need to fill in a consent form and these devices are kept locked in the office throughout the day and returned at home time.

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

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

**Tibshelf Infants**

**Town End Juniors**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - No Clubs or After School Care - Break up for Easter Holidays**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Back to School.**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Severn Trent water assembly

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Rock Steady Assembly for children.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - **Ladybirds parent dinner.**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Parent coffee morning – sensory processing with the Derbyshire Inclusion Team. This is at Town End due to space but all parents welcome.**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 1 & Year 2 mini marathon. More information to follow.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Kurling and Archery workshops - children to come in PE kit.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Sally Anderson, author and artist to run workshop for children in year 1.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATs week – a letter will be sent out to parents after Easter about the order of tests and also the SATs breakfast menu!

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Butterflies and Ladybirds - Trip to White Post Farm  
Ducklings - Trip to Havenswood

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 5 and 6 trip to the Space Centre.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
School Council's to visit Swanwick Primary School to meet other school council members.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Year 1 trip to Bolsover Castle.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Y5/6 Mr Dovey and Mrs Taylor's parent dinner**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - No Clubs or After Care - Break up for May half term. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May is an INSET Day.**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Back to school.

Tibshelf Infants	Town End Juniors
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June - Class Group Photos	
	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June - Y6 at EIS Sheffield
W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> June - Y1 Phonics Screening Check	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June - First Aid Workshop
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June - <b>Parent coffee morning - Anxiety and transitions with the Early Help Team.</b>	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June - <b>Butterflies parent dinner</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June - <b>Y5/6 Mr Batchford's parent dinner</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June - <b>Nursery and Reception children - the Big Toddle! Details to follow in Mrs Banyard's newsletter</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June - Outdoor learning day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June - Careers Day - children can come dressed as the job they want to be when they grow up if they would like to!	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June - First Aid workshop for Year 2.	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June - Athlete visit to schools.	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June - Transition week. More details will follow closer to the time for children moving into Reception and Year 3. Children in Year 6 will have transition week at Tibshelf Community School.	
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June - Class Group Photos
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July French Day - children can come dressed in red, white and blue.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July - <b>Sports Day (afternoon) Summer Fayre (afternoon)</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July - <b>Sports Day (morning) Summer Fayre (afternoon at the Infant school)</b>

Tibshelf Infants	Town End Juniors
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - Year 2 Leavers Assembly - 9:15am at Town End Junior School	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July - Year 6 Leaver Assembly - 9:15am.
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - No Clubs or After Care - Break up for the Summer holidays.</b>	
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September - INSET DAY - School and Nursery Closed</b>	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Back to school.</b>	

# School Holiday Dates

HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSSES (Last Day)	SCHOOL RE-OPENS (Children Return)
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	Monday 7th September 2026

### **INSET DAYs**

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Mrs Banyard and Mr Weston will send out a newsletter early next term to share with you updates, news and learning that is specific for each school.

Have a wonderful Easter break 

Mrs Rachel Boswell (Executive Headteacher)