

TOWN END JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER
2026

Welcome to our September newsletter!



Well, hasn't the holiday flown by! I hope you all had a lovely Summer Holiday and enjoyed the lovely weather. A warm welcome to our new starters - we are sure there's a mixture of excitement and nerves. Please be assured that we will have plenty of staff around school to help during drop off and collection. I would also like to welcome back our year 4,5 and 6 pupils and families! I hope you are ready and recharged for another busy year.

The staff have been busy over the holiday preparing classrooms, including Chris and Lee (our caretaker) have been decorating and improving Town End and we can't wait for the children to be able to spot the changes. They plan to continue to work on the remainder of the school during the year, so keep an eye out for updates!

I would like to also welcome Kathy Beresford, who will be working supporting learning in Year 3/4 this year, as well as welcoming back Miss Riley from Maternity Leave.

I apologise in advance for the length of this newsletter - there is a lot to fit in! As always, if you have any questions, please do come and speak to me and I will help where I can.

Best wishes,

Mr Weston
(Head of School)

**WELCOME
BACK**

Key Contacts at Town End Junior School

Our Executive Headteacher is Mrs. Boswell and our Head of School and SENCO is Mr. Weston.

Our Attendance and Resilience and Wellbeing Lead is Mrs. Hodson.

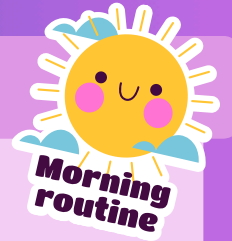
Our Senior Teacher is Mr. Smith.

Our Office team is Mrs. Haresign and Chris.

Our Safeguarding Team are: Mr Weston, Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Hodson, Mr. Smith and Mr. (Chris) Cafferty. You can contact via the office or email safeguarding@townend.derbyshire.sch.uk



Morning Routine at Town End



Morning Routines:

The side gate will be opened at 8:35 by Mrs Hodson and Mr Weston. Children are dropped off at the gate and then asked to go straight to their classrooms and put away their things on their pegs. During the first week, extra staff will be in the corridors to help and support children who may be nervous.

The gates are closed at 8:45. If your child arrives after this time, they will need to go to the main entrance at the front of school.

Morning Bus to Town End:

A bus runs in the morning - please note this is not run by Town End and although does sometimes have staff on, this is not always the case.

Please note - we expect pupils to behave as they would in school. The bus company have the right to refuse travel to any pupils who do not behave safely or appropriately, and their decision is final.

Any lost property left on the bus is returned to the depot and will need to be collected after contacting Redfern Travel.

End of Day Routines at Town End



We open the playground gate at 3:10 for parents to come onto the playground and children are dismissed from 3:15. Mr Weston and Mrs Hodson are on the gates daily.

The gates are closed at 3:25. If you are collecting your child after this time, please go to the small gate and press the door bell here, and a member of staff will come to you.

- Year 3 and 4 parents: please walk around the building onto the big playground. Children will be dismissed by their teacher from here.
- Year 5 and 6 parents: please wait on the small playground (straight after the gate). Teachers will dismiss directly to here.
- If your child is walking home, please can you ensure a letter/ note in reading records is provided - we will not let children go without this and will need to ring to confirm.
- If there is a change in adult collecting, please let us know as we will need to check with you before releasing.

Breakfast Club, After Care and After School Clubs



Breakfast Club

We run a breakfast club from 7:30 until 8:35. Children can be dropped off at the small side gate from 7:30. Please ring the doorbell and a member of staff will greet you.

Children attending are offered breakfast (toast, fruit, cereal). Once they have finished eating, they can complete calm activities before school begins. You can book a place in breakfast club via the School Gateway App. Sessions cost £4

After Care

We run After Care sessions every night (except for the final night of each half term). There are two sessions: 3:15-4:15 and 4:15-5:15. Each session costs £4 and can be booked via the School Gateway App.

Please collect from the small side gate. Please ring the bell and a member of staff will bring your child to you.

After School Clubs

After School sport clubs run from 3:15-4:15 and cost £4 per session. These can be paid for via the Gateway App. The clubs are: Tuesday Fitness, Wednesday Cross Country and Thursday Football Club. Sport club collection is from the front door at 4:15.

Clubs and Enrichment



	Lunch Clubs (No cost for these clubs and no need to book on)	After School Clubs (Book on and Paid via School Gateway)
Monday	Construction Club in the Library with Mr Weston (from 12:30)	No Club
Tuesday	Glee Club in Maple Classroom with Mrs Hoskyns (from 12:30)	Fitness club with Owen (until 4:15)
Wednesday	Puzzle Club in the Library with Mrs Taylor (from 12:30)	Cross Country with Mrs Hodson (until 4:15)
Thursday	Mrs Hodson's Lunch Club	Mixed Football with Owen (until 4:15)
Friday	Book Swap Shop (Morning break with Mrs Hodson)	No club

PE, Curriculum Plus and Forest School Days



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/shorts and a plain black hoody.

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

Class	PE/ Forest School/ Curriculum Plus Day
Oak Class (Mr Austin)	Wednesday - Forest School and PE Friday - PE Day
Maple Class (Miss Riley/Mr Jenkins)	
Cedar Class (Mrs Crabtree/Miss Birch)	
Hawthorn Class (Mrs Barrett)	Monday - PE (Swimming for Autumn Term) Tuesday - Curriculum + Thursday - PE
Elder Class (Mr Smith)	Monday - PE Tuesday - Curriculum + Thursday - PE
Sycamore Class (Mr Batchford)	

Curriculum Plus and Forest School



We are excited to announce our new Curriculum Plus afternoon! Year 5/6 will have the chance to select two activities each half term to widen their experiences with us at Town End. Each week, on a Tuesday afternoon, they will spend time taking part in activities which they are interested in led by our skilful staff team. This means that they will have the chance to experience things which are not usually in classroom lessons, while learning skills to help in the future.

How will it work?

Each half term, children will be given a booklet with all of the options on offer during Curriculum Plus+ time. They will pick your top 5 activities, and we will enrol them on two of their choices.

For children in year 3 and 4, they will continue to have a weekly Forest School session on a Wednesday afternoon until the Spring Term. After this, we will begin to introduce Curriculum Plus for these pupils too!

Year 3 and 4 Classes



Maple Class
Miss Riley & Mr Jenkins



Cedar Class
Mrs Crabtree & Miss
Birch



Oak Class
Mr Austin & Mr Dovey

Year 3 and 4 Learning - Autumn 1

Subject	What are we learning?
English	We will be reading the First Drawing to help us write a historical narrative. In Guided Reading, we will read Zombierella and The Fossil Hunter.
Maths	Place value of numbers to 10,000 then addition and subtraction.
Science	We will be exploring Rocks and Soils.
History	We will learn about The stone Age and changes in Britian.
RE	What do different people believe about God?
Computing	We will be learning about computer networks and systems.
PE	Outdoor Adventurous Activity and Hand Ball. There will also be Forest School sessions on a Wednesday.
Art	Story telling through drawing.
French	We will learn greetings and how to describe the classroom.
Music	The Stone Age - composition.
PSHE	Being me in my world - exploring targets and being part of a community.

Year 5 and 6 Classes



Hawthorn Class
Mrs Barrett



Elder Class
Mr Smith & Mr Dovey



Sycamore Class
Mr Batchford

Year 5 and 6 Learning - Autumn 1

Subject	What are we learning?
English	We will be reading Curiosity: The Mars Rover and creating our own explanation texts.
Maths	Place value of numbers to 10 million then addition, subtraction, multiplication & division.
Science	We will be learning about space.
History	We will explore and compare Ancient Greece to other civilisations.
RE	What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?
Computing	We will explore internet and computer networks.
PE	Football and Handball. Hawthorn Class will also swim on a Monday.
Art	2D drawing to 3D making.
French	Describing myself and daily routines.
Music	We will compose our own music linked to electricity.
PSHE	Being me in my world - exploring targets and being part of a community.

Uniform Reminder

Uniform

Our uniform:

- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan - branded with school logo or unbranded.
- White polo shirt or burgundy polo shirt branded with school logo or unbranded.
- Black/Grey smart trousers or smart shorts
- Black/Grey skirt or pinafore with socks or tights
- Burgundy gingham dress, or playsuit, with socks
- Black school shoes (without a heel) or black trainers (plain).

Please can we ask that all uniform is labelled - this helps us ensure that everything is returned if it is lost!



PE Kit & Forest School



PE Kit:

For PE, we ask that children wear black shorts/ joggers and a PE top which is the colour of their house (red, blue or green).

Children should also wear trainers and may bring in a plain hoody during colder weather.

Please can we ask that children do not come into school in sports tops for PE - they are often damaged or lost and this causes upset.

Forest School:

Children should wear long trousers for Forest School please. They will also need a pair of wellies or a pair of shoes to change that can get muddy.



Bags & Equipment

Space for storage is limited at Town End. We therefore ask for children not to bring in large bags into school due to lack of storage space. Please could children bring in a book bag or a very small drawstring bag with their belongings in to ensure everything can fit into cloakrooms.

Children also do not need a pencil case, as we provide all stationery needed in lessons.





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 from the office- this is within the student profile and consents.

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.

Morning Snack & Water Bottles

We encourage children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break. This could be fruit, cereal bars, tube yoghurts or cheese. There is also a morning snack tuck shop - items are 20p each.

We would like to ask for your cooperation in ensuring that you do not send in snacks containing nuts due to several pupils having allergies to this. Please also send in your child with a named water bottle for use in class.



Year 6 Parents - Apply for Secondary School

Applications open during on 7th September for parents of children in year 6 to apply for their child's year 7 place, ready for September 2027.

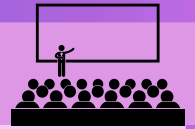
Parents must apply via the Derbyshire County Council Website ([linked here](#)) by midnight on 31 October.

Tibshelf Community School Open Evening

Tibshelf Community School are holding an open evening for year 5 and 6 pupils and parents on Thursday 1st October from 5 - 7pm.

Staff will be available to find out more about life at Tibshelf, and how transition to Secondary School works. No need to sign up, just turn up!





Punctuality

It is important to be on time at the start of each day. The start of school is used to give out instructions, review and recap prior learning or organise work. If your child is late they can miss work, time with their class teacher getting vital information, cause disruption to the lesson for others, and it can be upsetting for them leading to possible further absence.

School starts promptly - see below times:

- School gates open at 8:35am.
- School gates close at 8.45am.
- Late arrivals must report to the school office via the main entrance.
- Arrival after 9:05am is recorded as unauthorised absence.



Our Attendance

Our Whole School attendance target is 96%.

Last year, our attendance was 94.6%.

Year 3's attendance last year - 94.6%

Year 4's attendance last year - 95.81%

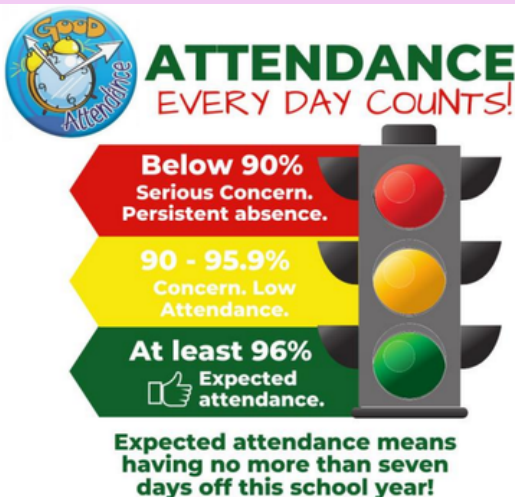
Year 5's attendance last year - 93.25%

Year 6's attendance last year - 93.59%

Attendance Celebration

Each week in assembly, we celebrate attendance, focussing on children being punctual and the class with the best attendance. The class who wins receives the attendance trophy and a go on our Attendopoly Board, which leads to treats and rewards! Those who have 100% attendance each week are also entered to a raffle to receive an attendance merit too.

Each week, Mr Weston will also drop into a surprise class at 8:45 for a punctuality treat too. Please support us by ensuring children are in school on time.



Absence

If your child is absent from school, please let the office know either through the Gateway App or by leaving an answer phone message. If we do not hear from you by 9:30, we will make contact as per our safeguarding and attendance policy. Where possible, please can appointments be made out of school time.

Upcoming Dates and Events



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

Date	Event
Autumn 1 2026	
Friday 4 th September	INSET Day 1
Monday 7 th September	Children back in school - gates open at 8:35
Monday 21 st September	SMILERS Ambassadors Training Session
Friday 25 th September	Year 5 and 6 Reading Mentors Session
Monday 28 th September	Sports Activity Day - All to wear PE kit please.
Tuesday 29 th September	Town End Colour Run - info to follow.
Wednesday 30 th September - Friday 2 nd October	Y6 Residential to Newby Wiske
Wednesday 7 th October	Sycamore (Mr Batchford) Class Parent/Carer Dinner
Tuesday 13 th October	Harvest Festival at Church in pm - info to follow.
W/C Monday 19 th October	Scholastic Book Fair in school.
Tuesday 20 th and Thursday 22 nd October	Parent Consultation Evenings - info to follow
Friday 23 rd October	Break up for October Half Term at 3:15pm
Autumn 2 2026	
Monday 2nd November	Back to school for children - gates open at 8:35.
Wednesday 18 th November	Elder (Mr Smith) Class Parent/Carer Dinner
Monday 30 th November	Elf Day - info to follow Friends of Tibshelf Schools Christmas Film Night - info to follow
Monday 7 th December	Christmas Fair in pm at Town End - info to follow.
Friday 11 th December	Whole School Pantomime Visit - info to follow
Monday 14 th December	Christmas Performances at Church - info to follow
Tuesday 15 th December	Whole School EIS Trip - info to follow.
Friday 18 th December	Break Up for Christmas at 3:15
Spring 1 2027	
Monday 4 th January	Back to school for children.

INSET Days:

Friday 12th February 2027; Friday 28th May 2027; Monday 7th June 2027 and Monday 26th July 2027