

TPS Newsletter

Friday 21st November



Attendance

This week we have seen an attendance rate of **94.3%** - slightly below our school target of 95%.

The top 3 attendance this week:

Year 2 Endeavour = 97.1%

Year 5 Mir = 97.2%



Galaxy = 99%

Safeguarding Notice

Reminder: parents are not to come into the school building in the mornings



Key Dates

Thursday 4th December - KS2 TPS Choir performing at the Christmas lights switch on at St Nicholas Church 4pm

Tuesday 9th December - Parents evening 1pm-6pm

Tuesday 9th December - Winter Performance Y4 & Y6 at Graveney School - doors open at 10:15am

Wednesday 10th December - Y3 Strings concert 11 - 11:20am

Wednesday 10th December - Y4 Strings Concert and Ensemble Strings Concert 2:15 - 2:35pm

Friday 12th December - Winter Performance Y3 & Y5 at Graveney School - doors open at 10:15am

Monday 15th December - Reception, Y1 & Y2 Winter Show, bottom hall 2pm

Tuesday 16th December - Reception, Y1 & Y2 Winter Show, bottom hall 9:30am

Monday 5th January - INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th January - Children return back to school



CHRISTMAS AT ST NICHOLAS

CHRISTMAS IN THE YARD

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 4-7pm

Step into Christmas in the Yard complete with Christmas fair, Nativity photo booth with real donkeys, live music and performances from local schools.

Market stalls will be selling Christmas gifts and decorations including jewellery, art, candles, cakes, children's toys and more.

At 4:30pm join the countdown for the switch on of the Tooting Christmas Tree lights.



ST. NICHOLAS
TOOTING

Nursery Expansion Consultation

Franciscan Primary School, as part of the Graveney Trust, is exploring the possibility of expanding its nursery so that more children can attend. Any expansion will be dependent on the award of funding from the Department for Education. Your views are vital and will play a key role in shaping this potential project.

We would be grateful if you could complete this short survey as part of our consultation process.

Nursery Consultation Questionnaire:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NurseryProvisionSurvey-FranciscanPrimarySchool/>

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

On Tuesday, some of the children in Year 5 attended the Schools Poetry Festival at the Wandsworth Civic Suite. They had the opportunity to listen to fantastic poets, take part in engaging poetry workshops, and even perform their own group poems, created with the support of Kat Francois, on stage in front of an audience of around 200 people! The children received feedback from Valerie Bloom and Joseph Coelho!



WHAT'S THE SCOOP IN THE DISCOVERY ZONE



Little Explorers



In Lex this week, we have engaged in an outdoor investigation focused on identifying and observing worms. Through this activity, We have developed a deeper understanding of the role worms play in maintaining healthy soil and supporting plant growth.

In Art, we have continued our study of warm and cool colours. We explored how these colour groups influence the tone and mood of an artwork, building on their knowledge through guided activities.

In Life Skills, we continue to deepen our understanding of dental health.

Voyager



This week in Voyager the students have been embedding their knowledge of emotions and linking them to colours as in The Colour Monster and the Zones of Regulation. They made plate monsters which everyone enjoyed, some even extending it to adding legs and arms!. We had fun with our Little Miss felt activity to create a variety of expressions. Calyx was the first student to fill his flower reward chart earning him some special stickers. Relaxation strategies Wednesday is still a hit amongst the students with some enjoying beanbag quiet time.

Galaxy



In P.E., Galaxy Class have been taking part in a variety of target games, using both throwing and kicking skills to build coordination, control, and teamwork. Everyone has shown great enthusiasm and growing confidence as they practised aiming for different targets and working together to improve their techniques.

During our Sensory Circuit sessions, the class have been following a structured sequence of physical activities designed to support self-regulation. This includes the three key phases: alerting, organising, and calming. By moving through these stages, pupils are developing their ability to regulate their sensory systems, preparing them to engage more effectively in learning throughout the day.

Star of the Week!

Name	Class	Reason
Mariana	Little Explorers	For independently self-correcting when ordering numbers.
Yusuf	Voyager	Yusuf is Voyager's star this week. He has shown patience with others and increased engagement in his Phonics.
Arisha	Galaxy	We are proud to recognize Arisha Khan as our Star of the Week for consistently displaying all the core values of our school
Manth	Apollo	Manth has settled in beautifully to TPS. He has shown confidence in making new friends, creating fantastic crafts and impressed us with his effort in phonics! Well done Manth!
Ridwan	Mercury	Ridwan has shown amazing resilience this week when sounding out words independently! He has been showing amazing listening skills and has been a model to everyone. Keep it up Ridwan!
Kairo	Atlantis	Kairo has had a very positive week in class. It has been great to see his engagement in his Maths and English learning, working independently to complete his work and showing his teachers lots of respect. We are very proud, Kairo, keep it up!
Sam	Enterprise	Sam has impressed us this week with his resilience, independence and increasing confidence in English! He has been working really hard to Fred Talk whilst writing which means he has written some fantastic sentences. As well as this, he has shown brilliant listening skills on the carpet. Keep up the good work, Sam!
Cleo	Endeavour	Cleo is our Star of the Week for always trying her very best in her learning and joining in with the Christmas production songs with such energy and enthusiasm. Well done Cleo!
Hafsa	Gemini	Hafsa has shown amazing resilience in her maths learning and has impressed us with her hard work. She is also a wonderful friend, always helping and caring for her classmates



Name	Class	Reason
Mishri	Viking	Mishri has shone brightly this week. She shows good manners to all, has listened much better this autumn term and always shows kindness. Her newspaper report writing included high level adjectives.
Mia	Jupiter	Mia is a shining star and could easily be the star of the week every single week! She is always a great role model to her peers, consistently displaying excellent listening skills and always demonstrating all of our school's core values. She is kind and respectful towards her peers while also being resilient and responsible in her learning. Keep up the fantastic work Mia!
Eliza	Mariner	This week, Eliza has been our enthusiastic campaigner for human rights as we have looked at responsible trading. She was eager to come up with more solutions to help encourage Fairtrade to support cocoa farmers. Eliza is always up for a discussion and a debate and this means she is a pleasure to have in the class!
Arlo	Pioneer	This week, this Maths Superstar taught us all a "handy" hack to help us learn our 9 times tables! He stood at the front of the class and explained himself clearly and confidently. Great job, Arlo!
Navid	Mir	Navid continuously shines with his positive attitude toward learning and shows kindness to everyone around the school. We're so proud of you, Navid, keep up the wonderful work
Aneira	Selene	I was really proud of Aneira for being confident with sharing her answers even when she was unsure if she was right. She's engaged fabulously in class discussions this week and came up with a fantastic 'show, not tell' phrase to describe our main character's emotions.
Thiya	Juno	Thiya is such a star! Thiya is always ready to lend a hand, whether it's supporting a friend or helping the class. She brings such a bright and cheerful energy to everything she does. She always gives her best, tries new things with confidence, and shows a wonderful determination to keep improving. We have so many reasons to celebrate Thiya!
Cole	Ariel	Cole is this week's star of the week for his fantastic presentation on WW2. Cole created an engaging presentation completely independently and was able to confidently present it to the class- who all thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done Cole!

TPA Newsletter

21 November 2025

Raising money to help fund school trips, sports & playground equipment and so much more!

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

WEDS 7-9.30pm | Lower Hall

03 WREATH
MAKING

FRI 3.15-5pm | School

05 JINGLE
MINGLE



Donate raffle prizes for Jingle Mingle

If your workplace could donate a prize, we'd be so grateful - every prize really does help. Get in touch at tpa@tootingprimary.org

There's still time to pass on your pre-loved Xmas jumpers!

Give your outgrown Christmas jumpers a new lease of life! Please drop them at the school office before 5 December so we can sell them at the Jingle Mingle.



Make a festive wreath for your door

Get into the festive spirit at the Christmas Wreath Workshop on Wednesday 3 December from 7-9.30pm. For just £40, you'll create your own beautiful festive wreath. Spaces are very limited, so email tpa@tootingprimary.org to secure your spot and complete payment by Friday 28 November.

Join us for the Jingle Mingle - 5 December

Get into the festive spirit at the TPA's Jingle Mingle on Friday 5 December! Enjoy an evening packed with Christmas fun, including a silent disco, choir performance, glitter tattoos, lucky dip, Christmas jumper sale, jar tombola, crafting and cookie decorating. Plus, tuck into mince pies, cakes and savoury bakes, and toast the season with mulled wine, hot chocolate or prosecco. It's the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit - we can't wait to see you there!



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Term Dates

Friday 19th December – Last day of term, **early finish, 2pm**

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January, 2026 – Inset day (no children in school)

Friday 13th February, 2026–Inset day (no children in school)

TUESDAY 6th JANUARY – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Thursday 12th February – last day, break up for Half Term

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February – Half Term Holiday

MONDAY 23rd February – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 27th March– Last day of term, **early finish, 2pm**

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL (NO INSET DAY)

Monday 4th May – Bank holiday (no children in school)

Friday 22nd May – last day, break up for Half Term

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May – Half Term Holiday

Monday 1st June – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 17th July – last day of term, **early finish 2pm**

Monday 20th July – Inset Day (no children in school)



Dates for Diary

TPA Wreath making 7-9:30pm - **3rd December**

St. Nicholas' Church Light Switch on with KS2 Choir - **4th December**

TPA Jingle Mingle - **5th December**

KS2 Performance at Graveney Y4 & Y6 - **9th December**

Y3 & Y4 Violin/Cello End of Term Performance - **10th December**

KS2 Performance at Graveney Y3 & Y5 - **12th December**

Reception, Y1 & Y2 Winter Show 2pm - **15th December**

Reception, Y1 & y2 Winter Show 9:30am - **16th December**

Last Day of Term, early finish 2pm - **19th December**

INSET DAY - **5th January**

Back to School - **6th January**