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TPS Newsletter

Friday 24th October

Attendance

This week we have seen an attendance rate of **93.8%** - slightly below our school target of 95%.

The top attendance in each phase this week:

Year 2 Gemini = 96.2%

Year 4 Pioneer = 97.8%

Year 3 Viking = 99.1%

Key Dates

Tuesday 4th November - Immunisation team in flu vaccination

Wednesday 12th November - NHS Height & Weight - Reception and Year 6

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 & Y4 Violin/Cello Performances - 1:15pm - 3:15pm

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

Ms Wilson's Message

Dear TPS Families,

At the end of the first half term of the school year, I am pleased to share that this week alone, I have given several Head teacher awards to children for their brilliant writing. Children from Early years, Year 2 and Year 5 have amazed me with their ability to form words and sentences using phonics: the development of their handwriting presentation: their amazing use of adjectives as well as the ability to edit their work to enhance the reader's enjoyment!

Well done to Theo, Mitchell, Laurie: Endeavour

Grace, Leonor, Phoebe, Rafael, Louis, Rosie: Apollo and Ellis- Mir.

Have a fantastic half term break!

See you on the other side!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Geologist visit

Both year 3 classes were treated to a fantastic talk on Monday 20th October to consolidate their science learning all about 'Rocks, fossils and soils'. Our very own TPS parent, David (Rio's Dad) volunteered his time to give an engaging presentation about the Earth's layout, formation of natural hazards and importance of rocks in our modern world. The children were thrilled to re-enact how the supercontinent, Pangea, broke apart due to the impact of the mantle and formation of the ocean, resulting in the continents we know today. They also showed the impact of earthquakes by making a shockwave through the middle hall!

Year 4 met Cressida Cowell!

Last Friday, Year 4 visited Burntwood School to meet the best-selling author Cressida Cowell, famous for writing the How to Train Your Dragon series. She told us all about her childhood and influences for her writing career and her key message to us was, "If you have an idea, write it down!"

The children who bought a signed copy of her new book couldn't wait to crack it open – as you can see!

Wandsworth Schools Games Panathlon

Well done to all the children who took part in the Primary Panathlon at Southfields today, it was very nice to see some former TPS students who helped to manage the activities as sports leaders!

Happy Diwali
Year 4 presented their year group assembly this afternoon which told the Diwali story of Rama and Sita.
As part of this, some children worked with local dance teacher Ragini Rajagopal to learn some special dances for the performance. This was funded through a #WelcomeToWandsworth microgrant.
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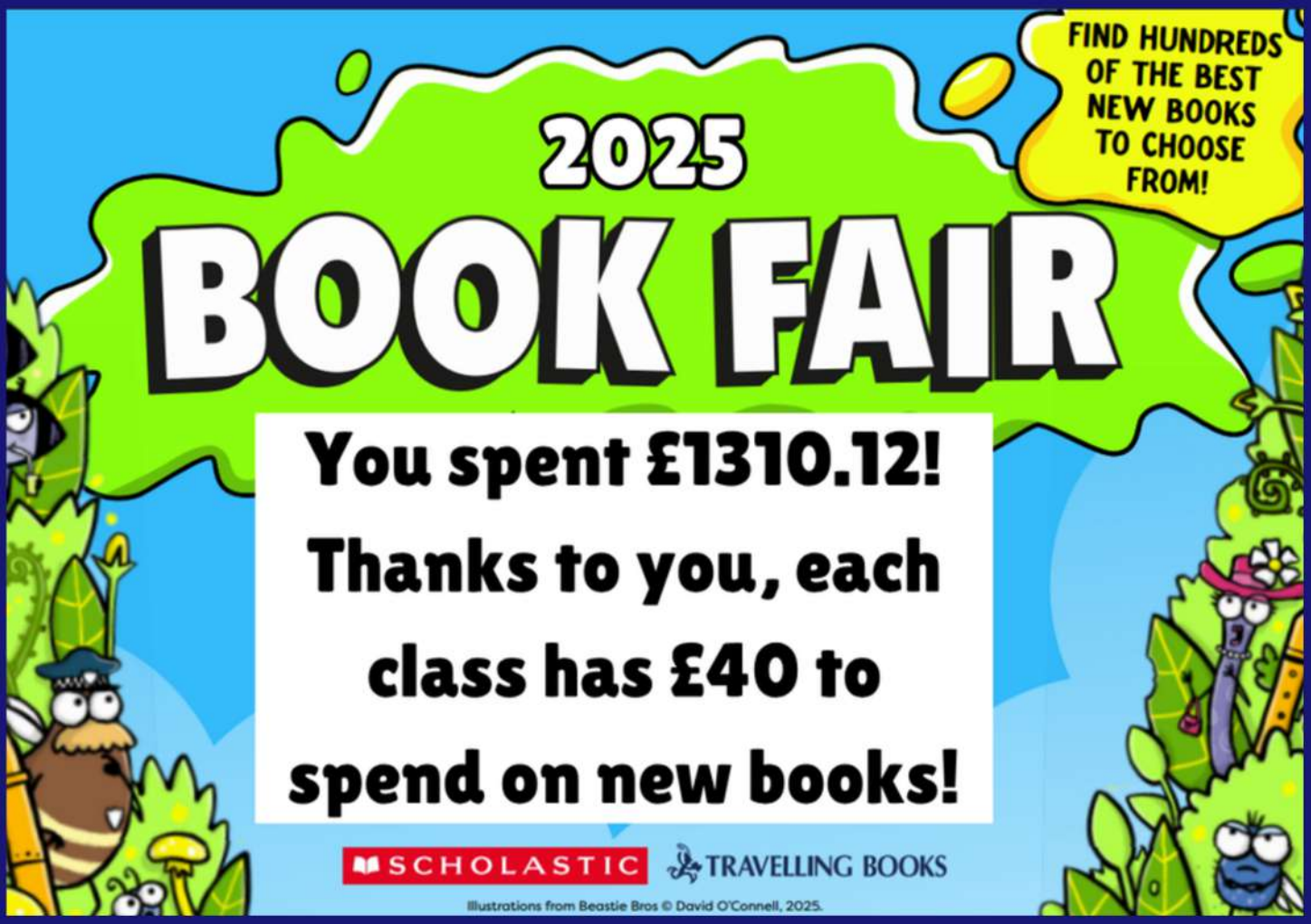
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You spent £1310.12!
Thanks to you, each class has £40 to spend on new books!
SCHOLASTIC
TRAVELLING BOOKS
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What's the scoop in Early Years

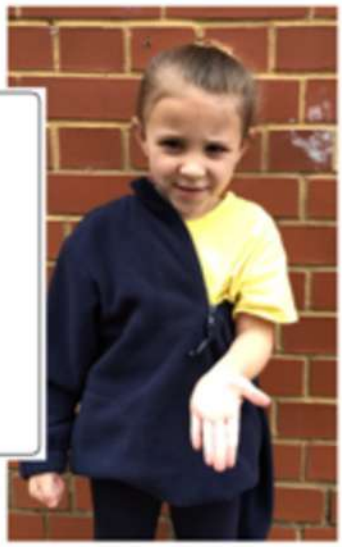
Happy holidays

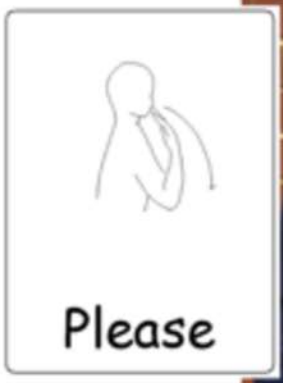
See you soon

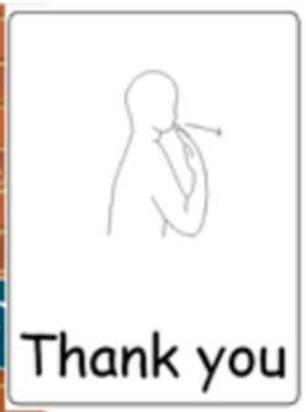
What a sensational first term we've had!

One of our highlights has been learning some Makaton signs!

Makaton is a tool that supports a child's ability to understand and express themselves and we are loving learning new signs each day!







Look out for our 'Sign Of The week' starting in Autumn 2

Happy Diwali!

We hope that everyone that celebrated on Monday had a wonderful day!

At school, we have been learning about how and why people celebrate Diwali.

WHAT'S THE SCOOP IN THE DISCOVERY ZONE

Little Explorers

This week in Art, the children have been working extremely hard to create their very own beautiful colour wheels. They used their word mats with confidence to help them choose which colours to mix and use next — demonstrating fantastic creativity and focus!
In PSHE, we have been learning all about recycling and the different materials that can be recycled. The children enjoyed discussing how we can all do our part to look after our planet and make environmentally friendly choices.

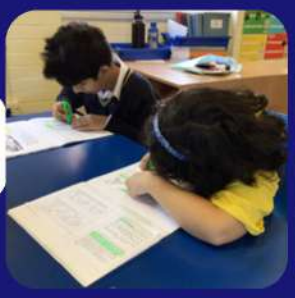
Well done to everyone for another wonderful week of learning and creativity!

Homework champions this week are as followed; Eesa, Eddie, Malone, L'maa

Voyager

This past week was a very busy one in Voyager. Everyone made the most of their PE lesson this week using the obstacle course. We enjoyed some interactive games for Phonics and had a Caribbean party to accompany our text So Much. We even made some halloween crafts.

Galaxy



This week in English, Galaxy Class continued to dive deeper into our class book, 'The Magic Finger'. We explored the text closely, highlighting key information to help us answer questions about the characters - what they were doing, how they were feeling, and the settings in which the events took place. Galaxy have shown a fantastic demonstration of independence and engagement throughout this work. It's been a strong and positive way to finish our first half term. Well done, Galaxy - we are all very proud of you!

Star of the Week!

Name	Class	Reason
Eddie	Little Explorers	Completing all learning activities and engaging in bucket time.
Manal	Voyager	For displaying turn taking, sharing and offering to help others.
Nazan	Galaxy	For showing independence in her learning and impressing us all with her incredible math skills, problem solving and positive attitude toward challenges.
Lena	Apollo	Lena shows such determination and focus in phonics! She is also a brilliant helper and super caring friend. Thank you for always trying your best and being such a role model!
Olia	Mercury	Olia always demonstrates our values in class, showing resilience when trying new activities. She has a positive attitude to learning and is always helping her friends. Keep it up!
Jay	Atlantis	Jay has been putting in excellent effort during his maths lessons. He shows such enthusiasm for his learning, and has blossomed in our addition topic this term. We are so proud of the progress he has made! Well done, Jay!
Madison	Enterprise	Madison always shows our TPS values, having a positive attitude to her learning and being a kind friend. It is her last day at TPS and we wish her the best of luck in her new school. Well done, Madison!
Charles	Endeavour	Well done to Charles, you've shown real commitment to your writing, creating longer pieces that clearly reflect your effort and pride in your work.
Alma	Gemini	Alma has shown outstanding effort in maths this week, tackling challenging problems with confidence and determination. Her resilience and growing independence in her work are truly impressive. Well done, Alma!

Name	Class	Reason
Driss	Viking	For always showing excellent active listening skills, uses good manners and offers to help around the classroom. He has focussed really well this half term, resulting in him making great learning progress as a resilient learner. Especially in maths when linking previous knowledge about place value to help answer column method calculations.
Amelia	Jupiter	While Amelia is always full of kindness towards everyone around her, Amelia has shown exceptional resilience this week during our English and Maths learning. She has been trying very hard and created a lovely poem about the Stone Age over the week! Well done for your thoughtful actions and perseverance!
Frankie	Mariner	Frankie has been showing a lot more focus and drive whilst completing his independent work in class. He wrote and has learnt some excellent lines for our year group assembly and has been delivering them with excellent volume and enthusiasm.
Charlotte	Pioneer	This week's Star is a 4 Times Table QUEEN!! We were blown away by her speed and accuracy playing Hit the Button earlier this week. Keep it up, Charlotte!
Aria	Mir	Aria consistently takes great care and pride in all of her work. She approaches every learning opportunity with enthusiasm and is a wonderful role model for the class. Well done, Aria!
Arisha	Selene	For amazing work and contributions to class discussions
Manal	Juno	Manal has been a star throughout this first half term in Juno Class. She has been working hard, challenging herself and has shown great resilience when taking on new learning. We are so proud of you and your hard work!
Elijah	Ariel	This week's star of the week is Elijah. Elijah has really begun to focus in class towards the end of term. He contributes to class discussions, asks for more challenges and reflects on how to improve. This has had such a positive impact on his progress and learning. Well done Elijah, keep it up and you will achieve so much!

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AFC WIMBLEDON FOUNDATION FOOTBALL CAMPS FOUNDATION THIS OCTOBER:
A FUN, SKILL-FOCUSED 5-DAY CAMP AWAITS!
JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR OUR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMP, PERFECT FOR GIRLS AGED 6 TO 16 YEARS!
WHAT TO EXPECT:
SKILL GROWTH: BALL CONTROL, SHOOTING, PASSING & MORE.
GAME SMARTS: APPLY SKILLS IN MATCH PLAY SITUATIONS.
CONFIDENCE BOOST: BUILD RESILIENCE & A WINNING MINDSET.
27TH OCTOBER
28TH OCTOBER
29TH OCTOBER
30TH OCTOBER
31ST OCTOBER
WIMBLEDON HIGH PLAYING FIELDS, NURSERY ROAD, SW19 4JA
MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS HERE...

TPA Newsletter

24 October 2025

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

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

FRI 07 5.30-7pm | Lower Hall
YEAR 4-6 GLITTER & GLOW DISCO

THUR 20 7-9.30pm | Venue TBC
WINE TASTING

DECEMBER

WEDS 03 7-9.30pm | Lower Hall
WREATH MAKING

FRI 05 3.15-5pm | School
JINGLE MINGLE

A dazzling night of music, fun, and dancing

Get the kids ready to shine at our Glitter and Glow Disco for Years 4, 5 and 6! It will be an evening of music, dancing and fun on Friday 7 November. Snacks and soft drinks will be available for the children, with alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks on sale for the grown-ups. Tickets are £2.50 per child, payable on the door. Please note: no drop-offs – each child must have a named parent or responsible adult onsite throughout the event.

Deadline for festive cards - 3 November!

We're excited to be part of the Art Projects for Schools Festive Project, celebrating your children's creativity while raising funds for the TPA. **The children have created wonderful artwork that can be printed onto cards, mugs and other personalised gifts** - perfect for Christmas presents! **Your child should have brought their artwork home last week so kyou can now place your order.** Every purchase helps support the school and makes a thoughtful, personal gift for family and friends.

Join the 'Friends of TPA'

If you'd like to support the TPA but can't commit to joining the committee, why not become a **Friend of the TPA**? It's a great way to get involved and help out occasionally with events and activities but with no regular commitment needed! Simply join our WhatsApp group to stay in the loop: http://bit.ly/4nVVbqo

Employer matched fundraising

If your employer offers a matched fundraising scheme, please ask them to support any fundraising you do for the TPA.
To find out more email tpa@tootingprimary.org

Tickets for wine-tasting going fast!

Don't delay - book tickets to Rory's legendary wine tasting night on Thursday 20 November. Tickets are £25 per person. Round up a group of parents, **email tpa@tootingprimary.org** and get that babysitter booked!

Term Dates

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October – Half Term Holiday

Monday 3rd November – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

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 29thth 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

Back to School - 3rd November
Y5 to Graveney Concert 9am-12pm - 6th November
TPA Glitter & Glow Disco (Y4-6) 5:30-7pm - 7th November
NHS Height & Weight - Reception & Y6 - 12th November
Children in Need - 14th November
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
Parents Evening - 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