

TPS Newsletter

Friday 26th September



Attendance

This week we have seen an attendance rate of **96.3%** - a great week for overall school attendance again, above our school target! Well done to everyone.

The top attendance in each phase this week:

Early Years = Apollo = 96.3%

Phase 1 = Y1 Enterprise = 98.7%



Phase 2 = Y3 Viking = 99.7%

Phase 3 = Y5 Mir = 99%

Ms Wilson's Message

In July we collected and packaged all the children's books that we no longer used at TPS and we donated them to a school in Accra Ghana, via another local headteacher, Mrs Crabbe (Balham Nursery).

She has kindly shared photos of the children enjoying the books (see below).

You can see the joy on their faces at having this basic but valuable resource.

We are really proud to have been able to demonstrate global citizenship in this way and to see books being reused and loved again.

Ms Burton's assembly today focused on recycle, reduce, reuse, and this is a perfect example of reusing.
Go TPS!



Key Dates

Tuesday 30th September - Reading at Home Coffee Morning 9-9:45am

Thursday 2nd October - Phonics Workshop 3:30pm

Thursday 2nd October - Y6 Secondary Transfer Meeting 5:00-5:30pm

Tuesday 7th October - Maths Workshop 3:30-4:00pm

Tuesday 14th October - Athletics Workshop 2:30-3:15pm

Thursday 23rd October - Y6 Secondary Transfer Application Support Session 3:30-4:00pm

Tuesday 9th December - Parents evening 2:00-6:00pm

Wednesday 17th December - Winter Performance Y3 & Y5

Thursday 18th December - Winter Performance Y4 & Y6



Tooting Primary School wishes all families that celebrated Rosh Hashanah this week a happy new year!
Shana Tova!





Sharing a love of books



In July we donated a large selection of books we no longer needed, to children in Ghana.



"Words cannot express how thankful we are. The books will go a long way to support our children's learning of phonics and to become confident readers. This is the beginning of their future, and you and your school played an important part in it. The KG 1 and KG 2 children of Haatso Presbyterian School in Accra Ghana, along with their teachers and families, send their appreciation for the incredible books we received."

Evelyn Dankwah (KG 1 and KG 2 teacher)



UNICEF UK RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD

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Tooting Primary School

is committed to placing the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of their ethos and is working towards becoming a Rights Respecting School.

Philip Goodwin
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HEALTH,
WATER, FOOD,
ENVIRONMENT

Every child has a right to be in a healthy, clean environment.

We all have a responsibility to take part in contributing to making the world we live in a clean and healthy place.

When we recycle at school, we're not just helping the environment – we're also protecting our health and the health of other children around the world. By sorting our rubbish, using less plastic, and reusing what we can, we are standing up for our rights and helping build a better future for everyone.

TUESDAY 30TH
SEPTEMBER 9:00-9:45
LOWER HALL



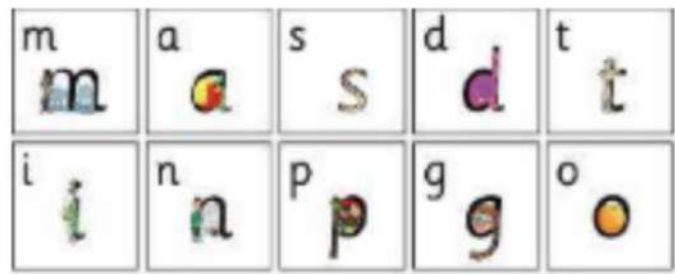
READING AT HOME

COFFEE MORNING

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER
3:30-4PM
ENDEAVOUR CLASS



PHONICS WORKSHOP



Contactless
payments only.
Cash not accepted.

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

Friday 10th –
Thursday 16th
October
3:30 – 4:00pm

FIND HUNDREDS
OF THE BEST
NEW BOOKS
TO CHOOSE
FROM!

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Tower of London

On Monday, Year 5 embarked on an unforgettable trip to the Tower of London as part of our fascinating topic: Crime and Punishment! We took part in an engaging workshop where we explored the different types of crimes that could land someone in the infamous tower. Then, we set off to explore its ancient walls, uncovering tales of prisoners, plots, and punishments from centuries past. One of the highlights of the day was seeing the dazzling Crown Jewels up close, a truly unforgettable sight!



Last Friday 19th September, **Year 3 Jupiter** had an interactive day at Fulham Palace based on our learning of the Stone Age. This educational visit was a fantastic opportunity for the children to immerse themselves into daily life of a stone age camp and consolidate their historical knowledge. After creating a human timeline to show how long ago the Palaeolithic era was (3.3million years ago) we had the opportunity to travel back in time and really engage in nature. From foraging, shelter building, crafts and grinding spelt to make flour, we were exhausted by midday! After our exciting workshop, we explored the Palace to see neolithic artefacts discovered on the grounds including flint used to build fires. We look forward to applying our new knowledge across our History and English learning this term.



500 Words is open for entries! Make sure you submit your stories before 9pm, Friday 7 November.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds and spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity! There are prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>



What's the scoop in Early Years



This week we celebrated 4 weeks of school!
Our Reception students helped plan, prepare
and organise the event! Please enjoy the photos!



WHAT'S THE SCOOP IN THE DISCOVERY ZONE



Little Explorers

It's been a hands-on and exciting week in Little Explorers! In English, the children have been busy planting seeds and starting to grow cress. They're carefully watching it sprout, ready to use in next week's Life Skills lesson, where we'll be making our very own cress sandwiches – a fun (and tasty!) way to link learning across subjects. In Maths, Reception and Year 1 have been exploring patterns using shapes, creating colourful and creative repeating sequences. Year 2 have taken their number work even further by practising how to add numbers beyond ten – showing great focus and determination.

This week, we will begin learning to use Makaton, so please look out for our sign of the week poster during pick up/ drop off.
Well done to all our Little Explorers for a brilliant week of learning!

Voyager



This week Voyager have been continuing to read and learn from Titch building on small to big. The children have really enjoyed reading Titch and learning about his big brother Pete and his middle sister Mary. This term's Topic has been All About Me where they have tried to identify their likes and dislikes and create shaped faces. They have practised their cutting skills to create wiggly jelly fish and experimented with dot painting. They have also enjoyed some time in the big playground in the afternoon to great delight.

Galaxy

This week Galaxy has been looking at place value in Maths, labelling the continents in topic and writing diary entries in English



Star of the Week!

Name	Class	Reason
L'Maa	Little Explorers	For settling into the base, and working really hard in maths and creating patterns
Calyx	Voyager	He has been tremendously engaged in his learning and produced some fantastic pieces of work. We are very proud of Calyx and what he has achieved this week.
Sufyan	Galaxy	For always trying his best and putting 100% in his work.
Fraser	Apollo	Fraser has settled so beautifully into our Reception routines. He listens so carefully, follows instructions wonderfully, and is always ready to learn. We are especially proud of the way he shares so kindly with his friends. Well done, Fraser, keep shining!
Aisha	Mercury	Aisha has been coming in confidently to school this week and she has participated eagerly in our lessons! She loved telling us about her family and tried her best drawing a picture of them. Well done Aisha!
Dylan	Atlantis	Dylan has had an excellent attitude to his learning this week, always trying his best to be a great role model for his friends. He has particularly impressed us with his re-telling and sequencing of our story 'Little Red'! Well done, Dylan!
Noah	Enterprise	Noah always shows our TPS values, constantly being respectful and ready to learn. He is always ready and listening for the next instruction and has shown great resilience throughout his learning this week. Well done, Noah!
Harper	Endeavour	Harper has had a fantastic week - she has shown great focus in her learning and such a positive attitude. She has been tackling new challenges with enthusiasm and has been a great role model to others. Well done Harper!

Name	Class	Reason
Camila	Gemini	Camila has had an excellent week! She has shown determination and focus in her math lessons, working hard to solve problems and showing resilience when faced with a challenge. Her positive attitude shines through every day, and she is always so polite and kind to others.
Yassir	Viking	Yassir has recently joined Tooting Primary School this year and has already embraced our school values. He is a resilient learner, always willing to learn new activities and has built strong friendships.
Reece	Jupiter	Reece has demonstrated our school's core value of resilience during our English writing! He has tried his best while we drafted and edited our diary entries before he eventually published an amazing piece of writing. Keep it up Reece!
Malek	Mariner	Malek has only joined our school this year but already shows all the Tooting values. He is always ready to learn and is trying hard to push himself in his learning. He was wonderful at arguing the pros and cons of the Roman invasion of Britain which shows his critical thinking skills.
Kamran	Pioneer	Our star this week is, in fact, an Emperor! Kamran was an excellent actor on our school trip to the London Amphitheatre. He was a responsible and respectful representative of our school. "All hail the Emperor!"
Ruby	Mir	Ruby, you always demonstrate our Tooting values in school and with your learning. You should be extremely proud of how you were on our school trip to the Tower of London. You were respectful, sensible and had a lot of enthusiasm to learn!
Amelie	Selene	For always producing great work especially writing and for her patience and kindness
Amira	Juno	Amira has been impressing us in Juno Class since the beginning of term. She works hard, is determined to progress and shows our Tooting values daily. What a brilliant role model Amira is - keep it up, superstar!
Jeremias	Ariel	Jerry has truly shone this week by following the TPS values both in class and in the playground this week! He has been kind, respectful and safe in the playground and shown his resilience with his fantastic maths work in class!

TPA Newsletter

26 September 2025

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

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

THURS 02 7-9pm | Lower Hall
PARENTS WELCOME
DRINKS

THURS 09 8-8.30pm | Online
TPA ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING

FRI 24 3.15-4pm | Playground
HALLOWEEN
BAKE SALE

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

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE



Please donate your pre-loved uniform...

If you're having a clear-out, we'd love your good-quality pre-loved school uniform to sell on in our second-hand shop. Remember, all money raised goes towards funding school trips, educational magazines, sports and playground equipment. Thank you for helping us recycle, reduce waste and raise funds!

...and stock up at the uniform shop every Friday

Visit the second-hand uniform shop in school every Friday from 9-10am, or email tpa@tootingprimary.org with your order and your child's name.

Join us on Thursday 2 October for the Welcome Drinks in the Lower Hall

Join us for the TPA Welcome Drinks on Thursday 2 October from 7-9pm in the school's Lower Hall. It's a fantastic chance for new parents – especially those in Reception – to meet others and for current parents to catch up after the summer break. A bar will be open on the night serving both alcoholic drinks and mocktails.

The infamous wine tasting night returns!

Back by popular demand! Rory's legendary wine tasting night returns on Thursday 20 November. Pop the date in your diary, book the babysitter, and get ready for a brilliant evening!

Mark your diary!

Join us on Thursday 9 October for the Tooting Primary Association's Annual General Meeting online from 8-8.30pm.

- Find out who's on the committee and what they do
- Volunteer and elect new members into the committee
- Find out exactly how much we raised last year
- Learn how the money will be spent
- Hear the fundraising plans for 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1st September, 2025 – Inset Day (no children in school)

Tuesday 2nd September, 2025 – Inset Day (no children in school)

Wednesday 3rd SEPTEMBER – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 24th October – last day, break up for Half Term

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 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

Y2 Inspiring Women Workshop - 1st October

TPA Event - parents welcome drinks - 2nd October

Y6 Trip to Imperial War Museum - 7th October

World Mental Health Day - 10th October

Y1 Florence Nightingale Workshop in school - 15th October

Y6 WW2 Workshop in school - 16th October

Y6 TFL Workshop in school - 21st October

TPA Event Halloween Bake Sale - 24th October

Last day of school, break up for Half Term 3:15pm finish - 24th October

Back to School - 3rd November