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TPS Newsletter

Friday 7th November

Attendance

This week we have seen an attendance rate of **94.7%** - slightly below our school target of 95%.

The top 3 attendance this week:

Year 3 Jupiter = 98.1%

Year 4 Mariner = 99.1%

Year 2 Gemini = 99.6%

Ms Wilson's Message

Welcome back!

I trust you all had a great half term break. It was great to see the children back and looking well.

I hope you all enjoy the Glitter Disco today!

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

Communication with School

Reminder

Please note the modes of communication to school

parents@tootingprimary.org
This email address is for questions/ messages to teachers about your child's learning , trips , PE kit etc

admin@tootingprimary.org
This email address is for any messages about whole school - such as term dates/ events / trips

head@tootingprimary.org
Please use this email address for all confidential messages including concerns or complaints. This is a direct email to the head teacher only.

Please use this email only for complaints of any nature to do with school. Do not direct complaints to admin or parents email addresses

senco@tootingprimary.org
Please use this email address for communication about SEND queries/ concerns.
This email is direct contact with the SENCO.

safeguarding@tootingprimary.org
This email address is for confidential concerns of a safeguarding nature,
This is a confidential email address only accessed by the headteacher.

Odd Socks Day

We'll be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Monday 10th November 2025

Andy and the Odd Socks

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning about seasonal cooking and where our food comes from in Design Technology (DT) in preparation to make a "seasonal flatbread". During Autumn 1, the children were excited to learn the skills of cutting, peeling and grating using equipment safely in the DT room. From this, they sampled a range of ingredients grown in the UK including radish and spring onion. After evaluating their ingredients, they designed their flatbread whilst explaining the health benefits of different food groups. On Friday 24th October, with the help of wonderful parent volunteers, children were finally able to bring their designs to life. They were very eager to taste their own and a peer's creations to evaluate flavour. What a success!

What's the scoop in Early Years?

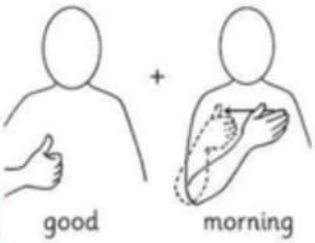
Week 1 has been action packed! On Monday we were surprised by a WITCH! She had forgotten the way home and needed our help! We've been busy!

Pumpkin Pie Playdough smelt delicious!

Helping the Witch by casting a spell

Cooking up a storm in our pumpkin patch cafe!

Sign of the week



SOCIAL STORY TEMPLATES

SEND Parent Carers in Wandsworth

Thursday 13h November
7.00-8.30pm, Online

What are social stories and how can they help a neurodiverse child or young person?

Please book a place by clicking this link or by scanning the QR Code with your phone camera

This is an online event organised by the forum as part of the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) programme.

There is a PINS event next week that may be of interest to you. The focus is on Social Stories and the session is offered online Thursday 13th November, 7.00pm-8.30. We use Social Stories a lot at school with the children and to have them encouraged at home as well, will support this in a positive way.

What to expect from the event:

What are social stories and how can they help your neurodiverse child or young person?

SEND Parent Carers in Wandsworth are delighted to welcome Ainy Zaidi. Ainy created Social Story Templates: a free digital resource that helps parents, carers, and educators explain everyday social situations (e.g., taking turns, personal space, visiting a doctor) through personalised, engaging comic-strip style stories.

The platform offers hundreds of pre-written Social Stories that can be quickly and easily personalised so children see themselves in the scenarios. This approach supports understanding, reduces anxiety, and strengthens communication for children with neurodiverse needs.

Ainy will be giving a short presentation and demo to show how families can benefit from this free resource and help reduce their struggle with managing routines, expectations and challenging behaviours.

Click to Book:

Social Story Templates Tickets, Thu 13 Nov 2025 at 19:00 | Eventbrite

WHAT'S THE SCOOP IN THE DISCOVERY ZONE

Little Explorers

We've had a very eventful — and tasty — week! Our core subject this term is Handa's Surprise, and we enjoyed exploring the story by trying eight new fruits mentioned in the book. The children loved discovering new flavours and identifying their favourites!

Alongside this, we have been learning about the Zones of Regulation, helping us to recognise and understand our emotions. We've been practising identifying which zone we might be in at different times of the day and discussing helpful strategies to manage our feelings.

It's been a wonderful week full of learning, tasting, and self-discovery!

Voyager

This week in Voyager we began the week celebrating a big birthday for Yusuf! Voyager have started a new text The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas. The Colour Monster is teaching us all about emotions and how the actions of others can impact how we feel. In this theme we have been creating our own monsters in class. During relaxation time we have been practising slowing our brains down and benefitting from that respite. Our Speech and Language therapist has been working with us on some technology to aid communication. In the playground Naomi even led some younger students in a dance.

Galaxy

Welcome back, Galaxy Class! What a fantastic first week we've had after the half-term break. Everyone has settled back into learning brilliantly and shown amazing focus and enthusiasm in all our lessons.

In Maths, we've been working hard on using mental strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. The children have impressed us with their quick thinking and clever methods — well done, mathematicians!

In Literacy, we've been exploring our new story, The Detective Dog. The class did a wonderful job describing the main characters, using lots of interesting adjectives and imaginative ideas to bring them to life.

It's been a brilliant week full of hard work, creativity, and smiles — keep it up, Galaxy Class!

Name	Class	Reason
L'maa	Little Explorers	For working very hard in maths and correctly identifying different zones of regulation independently.
Hassan	Voyager	Hassan for his display of maths skills moving from using objects to images in addition. As well Hassan has showed tremendous enthusiasm for our Phonics interactive games. Well done Hassan!
Donovan	Galaxy	We're thrilled to celebrate Donovan for his outstanding improvement in written and mental maths!
Te'a	Apollo	Te'a is so engaged in all areas of her school day and excited to explore and learn. She listens attentively and tries her best in everything, especially phonics. Well done Te'a!
Ayla	Mercury	Ayla has been making great progress with her listening and has been practising retelling our story this week! She has shown a lot of determination when learning new sounds in phonics. We are so proud of you, well done!
Muhammad	Atlantis	Muhammad has been working very hard on his writing this week and we are really proud of the progress he is making. He has been showing great resilience and independence, and has written a great sequence of sentences about our new story! Well done, Muhammad!
Eloise	Enterprise	Eloise consistently has a brilliant attitude, always getting on with her work and completing it to the best standard. She is a kind and caring member of our class who is a great role model to others and enjoys helping her friends by explaining her thinking during lessons.
Eliana	Endeavour	Eliana is someone who always sets a brilliant example for others. She consistently does the right thing, shows great responsibility, and approaches her learning with curiosity and determination. Keep shining!
Qasim	Gemini	Qasim has shown fantastic dedication to his learning this week! He approaches every lesson with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, always eager to take part and share his ideas. His hard work and determination are really paying off, and it's wonderful to see how confident and engaged he has become.

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Maya	**Viking**	Maya is a conscientious, kind and caring member of Viking. She performed brilliantly using expression, gesture and experimented with tone when rehearsing for the school play. It has been a joy to see her confidence grow.
Jasper	**Jupiter**	Jasper has shown outstanding effort this week throughout all classroom activities. He sticks to our class charter and has a positive attitude when facing challenging tasks. Jasper takes pride in his work and presentation, setting a great example for his peers.
Ayansh	**Mariner**	Ayansh has shown me since coming back after half term break that he is really ready to learn. He is engaged in class and has been giving very helpful explanations. He tried so hard in his assessments this week and his hard work paid off, he should be proud of his results, as I am!
Milad	**Pioneer**	It has been Assessment Week in Year 4, and this Star tried exceptionally hard to demonstrate everything he has learned to this point. Milad, you read and answered the questions carefully and you should be really PROUD!
Derrell	**Mir**	Derrell has truly amazed us with his performance skills in our poetry workshops. On Monday afternoon, he delivered his poem with such enthusiasm, confidence, and expressive flair, it was fantastic to watch!
Omar	**Selene**	For beautiful work and performing really well in the poetry performance
Leo	**Juno**	Leo has impressed us since the beginning of Year 6. He has shown great determination and resilience - all of the adults working with Leo have been so impressed with his positive mindset and his hard work is certainly paying off. We are so proud of you!
Mia	**Ariel**	Mia has absolutely shone in maths this week. She has contributed to discussions, asked for help when needed and consistently challenged herself to dive deeper in her learning. Well done I am so impressed!

TPA Newsletter

7 November 2025

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

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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

Raise a glass! Tickets are selling fast!

Don't delay – make sure you've booked your tickets for Rory's legendary Wine Tasting Night on Thursday 20 November! It's always a brilliant evening of great wine, good company, and plenty of laughs. We'd especially love to welcome Reception parents (and any other new parents and carers) for the first time. Last orders for tickets is Friday 14 November so book your tickets now by emailing tpa@tootingprimary.org

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.

Donate raffle prizes

Help make our Christmas Raffle extra special! If you (or someone you know) work somewhere that could donate a prize – think meals out, coffee vouchers, pamper treats or gifts – we'd love to hear from you. Every prize helps raise funds for the school and spreads some festive cheer! Drop us a line at tpa@tootingprimary.org

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!

Reuse, Re-love, Re-jingle!

Give your outgrown Christmas jumpers a new lease of life! We're collecting children's and adults' jumpers (in good condition) for our Jingle Mingle Christmas Jumper Stall. Simply drop them at the school office before the event. It's a brilliant way to reuse, recycle and spread festive cheer, while helping raise funds for the TPA. Let's make this Christmas both joyful and sustainable!

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

Anti-bullying week - 10th - 14th 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