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TOOTING PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Friday, 11th Sept 2026

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

As we launch into the 2026–2027 school year, we extend a warm welcome to all our returning families and a special greeting to those joining our community for the first time. We hope your summer was full of rest, joy, and wonderful memories.

A new school year brings fresh opportunities for growth, discovery, and connection. Our dedicated staff has been hard at work preparing engaging lessons, inviting classrooms, and supportive learning environments where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

We are so excited to see our halls filled with bright smiles, curiosity, and energy once again.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and trust.

Let's make this school year our best one yet!

Key Reminders for a Smooth Start

School Uniform

It was lovely to see all the children looking smart in their new uniform. Let's keep this up! A reminder that all footwear should be black. We prefer school bags to be navy blue.

Routine and Attendance

Consistent daily attendance and timely arrivals help set our children up for success and ease the transition back into school routines. Our attendance at the start of term is well below our 95% target. Please ensure that your children are in school by 8.55am. The graphic below shows the impact on learning.

Let's make a difference to every child, every day.

Key Dates: can be found on our website

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EY/KS1 Star Awards

KS2 Star Awards

TPA Newsletter

Important dates

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2026 – 2028 Rights Respecting Schools UNITED KINGDOM unicef Bronze Rights Committed

Our attendance is **91%**

upwards to our whole school target of **95%.**

Please help us to get back to target level.

Best attendance for classes this week are as follows:

Y4 Mariner = 98.8%

Y5 Mir = 96.6%

Y5 Selene = 95.9%

Well done to everyone!

Mariner you can collect the cup on Monday!

Attendance Matters

98-100%	• Excellent – children are accessing all learning opportunities • **0-2 days absence in an academic year**
96-97%	• Good – Very few learning opportunities are missed • **4-7 days absent in an academic year**
94-95%	• Risk of underachievement • **Up to 10 school days absent in an academic year**
92-93%	• High risk of underachievement • **Up to 15 school days absent in the academic year**
90-91%	• Severe risk of underachievement • **Up to 19 school days absent in the academic year**
<90%	• Extreme risk of underachievement • **Upwards of 22 days absent in the academic year**

Every Child, Every Day

Every day counts!

Our current attendance 91%.

We are here

Indian Dance World Record Award

Well done Adhia (Y5) for contributing to an Official GWR Global World Record for the 'Longest Shiva - themed Bharatanatyam Classical Repertoire', What a wonderful achievement and a grand medal and certificate!

Year 5 Phonetic alphabet coded sentences!

Here are two sentences with hidden code words. Can you use the phonetic alphabet to try and figure out the hidden words? Clue: Think police radio...

Romeo went to India to play golf at a hotel and then he wanted to tango all the way to Sierra!

- Written by Neha in year 5

I'd like to live in Lima where I would shout and hear my echo and play golf!

- Written by Ezra in year 5

THANK YOU

🥣 Breakfast Club Update

Unfortunately, the funding for Magic Breakfast has now come to an end, which means we are no longer able to provide breakfast in the same way.

We know that Magic Breakfast has been an important part of the school morning for many of our children and families, and we are working hard to find other ways to continue this support.

We are currently looking into several options, including the Government's Free Breakfast Clubs Programme and support available through Kellogg's and Greggs.
We will keep families updated and share more information as soon as we can.
Thank you for your understanding and support.

Star of the week - Discovery Zone - EY - KS1

Little Explorers - Malone

For communicating his wants.

Voyager - Miraj

For transitoning well back to class routines.

Galaxy - Dillon

For good listening and bing kind.

Apollo - Ahmed

Ahmed has had a fantastic first full week in Reception! He has shown kindness to everyone, helping his friends, sharing resources and making sure others feel included. Ahmed has also shown real responsibility by looking after our classroom, tidying away carefully, following our routines and making good choices independently.
We are so proud of the wonderful start you have made, Ahmed! 🌟

Mercury - Sulaiman

Suliman has made a fantantastic start to reception! He has been so eager to learn new sounds and explore the space, making lots of new friends! Sulaiman has been part of our classroom promise to look after the space and care for others. He has quickly learnt our new routines and comes into school confidently!
Keep up the amazing attitude Sulaiman!

Atlantis - Leena

Leena has had a fabulous first full week in Year 1, and has settled into the new classroom and routines so well. We have been so proud of the effort she has been putting in, working hard to show of all the Tooting values of respect, kindness, responsibility and resilience. Well done, Leena!

Enterprise - Ridwan

Ridwan has made a fantastic start to Year 1! He has consistently shown respect, setting a brilliant example both in lessons where he has listened carefully to instructions and when walking with respect around school. It was lovely to see him so ambitious when he spoke about his dream to one day become a pilot! Well done, Ridwan!

Gemini- Noah

This week Noah has been a role model to all of his peers cosistently showing resilience towards his learning and doing so with a positive attitude. He has been pushing himself in all of his learning and his confidence at the start of this year has been excellent to see.

Endeavour- Lyra

Well done for taking responsibility for your learning this week. You have shared some fantastic ideas and contributed positively to class discussions. Your enthusiasm, effort and willingness to get involved have been wonderful to see. Keep up the great work

Star of the Week - KS2

Viking - Jason

For being a role-model to the class due to his excellent listening skills and fo rbeing a kind learning partner. Keep it up!

Jupiter - Dylan

Dylan has been working super hard this week. He has been incredibly resilient and always tries to challenge himself with his learning. This was especially evident during handwriting where Dylan was looking carefully and focusing on forming his letters correctly.

Pioneer - Mia

This week's Star has been a MEGASTAR! Mia has been the most excellent role model ALL week and this has not gone unnoticed. Her class have entrusted her to be their *Rights Champ* and I can already see why. I can't wait to see the progress you make in Year 4 Mia, keep it up!

Mariner - Phoebe

Phoebe has had an amazing start to Year 4. She exemplifies all the school values in everything she does. She is a hard worker and puts in 100% effort to her work. I loved reading her character description of the boy from Flotsam this week, she pushed herself to use ambitious vocabulary and compound sentence. Well done Phoebe, keep up the amazing work!

Mir - Neha

Neha has had a fantastic start to year 5! She has settled into 5 Mir class so well and follows instructions and routines to a T. This week Neha has demonstrated her maturity and resilience on our first swimming lesson of the year. I am so proud of you. Well done and keep it up!

Selene - Jannat

Jannat has really shone this week! She has settled in brilliantly to new routines, shown her resilience already in her learning, and showed real courage when going swimming for the firs titme this week. I am already so impressed and look forward to seeing you grow this year!

Juno - Tilly

Myself and the whole Year 6 team have been so impressed with Tilly. She has had an incredible start to the year, being a fantastic role model for behaviour and approaching her learning with an amazing can-do attitude. We know that Tilly can keep this up and continue to flourish throughout her time in Year 6. You should be so proud of yourself, Tilly. Keep up the fantastic hard work!

Ariel -Seb G

Seb has had a fantastic start to the year, I have been so impressed his attitude and determination. I have been particularly impressed by his handwriting which has transformed over the summer holidays. Well done for all of your hard work and keep it up!

TOOTING PRIMARY ASSOCIATION (TPA) NEWSLETTER

11 September 2026

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

TPA EVENTS: AUTUMN

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER | 7 - 7.30pm
TPA AGM | Online

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER | 7 - 9.30pm
Curry & Quiz night | Main hall

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER | 3.15 - 4pm
Halloween bake sale | Main hall

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER | 5.30 - 7pm
Glitter & Glow disco (years 4, 5 & 6) | Main hall

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER | 7 - 9.30pm
Wreath making | Main hall

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER | 3.15 - 5pm
Jingle Mingle | All halls

Correct at time of printing

MAKE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL BY DOING NOTHING!

(Well, almost nothing...!)

Simply download the easyfundraising app and select Tooting Primary School - London

You can then shop online at no additional cost at over 8,000 retailers including:

And we'll get a free cashback donation AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU.

DON'T DELAY DOWNLOAD TODAY!

https://tinyurl.com/easyfundraising-app

LET'S GO BIGGER. BETTER. FURTHER.

This year, we want to raise even more money for our school and our children. To make it happen, we need **MORE VOLUNTEERS!**

1. JOIN THE COMMITTEE

Help shape the TPA and support events and fundraising throughout the year. This year we're on the hunt for a new Treasurer to shadow this year, and take over in 2027.

2. JOIN FRIENDS OF TPA

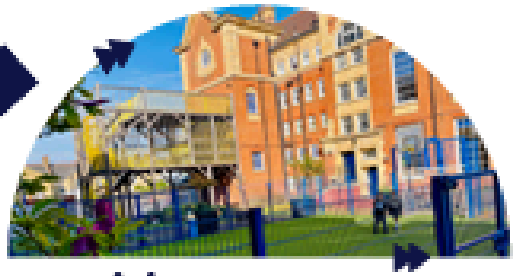
A flexible way to help out when you can, at events or behind the scenes.

3. JOIN THE NEW PRIZE TEAM

A new team dedicated to finding fantastic raffle and auction prizes.

Learn more at the AGM next month!

TPA AGM



THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 26

7 - 7.30PM

ONLINE
LINK TO FOLLOW

MP's TOOTING TEKKERZ

LEARN
IMPROVE
HAVE FUN

FOOTBALL SKILLS CLUB

LOCATION:
TOOTING PRIMARY SCHOOL
Franciscan Road, Tooting, London SW17 8HE

WHEN:
EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

SESSIONS:
9:00 - 10:00 | YEAR 1-3
10:00 - 11:00 | YEAR 4-6

PRICE:
£6 PER SESSION

DEVELOP SKILLS
BUILD CONFIDENCE
LOVE THE GAME!

IMPROVE TECHNIQUE | MAKE FRIENDS | BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

TURN UP. PLAY. IMPROVE. LET'S GO!

St George's Healthcare NHS
NHS Trust

Understanding and Supporting Children That Communicate Through Echolalia

An exciting offer from St. Georges Speech and Language Therapy department

Understand and recognise if your child might follow this language development

What will we cover?

- What is echolalia?
- Gain an understanding of immediate and delayed echolalia
- Key tools to use at school and at home

Become a language detective!

Discover the meaning behind your child's talking...

Join our webinar on 13.10.26

9:30am-12:30pm

Register your interest by 06.10.26 using the link:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/sjatTzBNqn

Contact your child's school therapist OR call 02087258042 for more information

WIN

ONE OF FIVE £5 BOOK VOUCHERS TO SPEND AT NEXT YEAR'S BOOK FAIR

How to enter: Simply complete this year's Summer Reading Challenge with Tooting Library to enter the prize raffle.

How to spend: Redeem your voucher between Monday 12th and Friday 16th October at our annual Book Fair.

What's on @ Tooting Library

September

Sat 5/09 @ 2pm

Join Iqbal Hussain author of "The Night I Borrowed Time" in this interactive story session. Ages 7+

Mon 7 / 09 @ 4pm

Reading Aloud.
Celebrate International Literacy Day with a group reading session.

Mon 14/09 @ 4pm

Roald Dahl Day
Come celebrate Roald Dahl day with themed activities.

Tues 15/ 09 @ 3.30pm

LEGO STEAM BUILDERS

6+ years, max 15 every Tuesday for 8 weeks
speak to staff to book your slot

TOOTING LIBRARY

READING AGENCY

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Finishers party

Join us to mark the end of the Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge. Certificate presentations, crafts, party games & disco!

Sat 26 / 09 from 2pm

SPIKE STEAM LEGO @ TOOTING LIBRARY

WHAT IS SPIKE STEAM LEGO?

It's not normal LEGO!
It can move!
Each week you'll build a new movable LEGO model!

For parents

Each session follows the STEAM curriculum focusing on hands on investigation & using imagination to problem solve.

8 WEEK COURSE
RUNNING ON TUESDAYS 3.30 - 4.30PM
STARTING TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
(not including school holidays)
max 15 children aged 6+

WANT TO GET CREATIVE WITH LEGO?
SPEAK TO STAFF TO BOOK YOUR SLOT!

Tooting Library

Join illustrator Daisy - May Wright for a special fairy craft session.
Design a fairy character that represents you!
With the option to purchase her colouring book!

Saturday 26 September @ 2pm