

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It's the end of another busy TPA week and the beginning of the festive season at TPA, with rehearsals happening all over the school. The children cannot wait to share their performances with you!

This week, we have also talked about the meaning of advent and learned the Makaton for 'waiting' as during this period, Christians are waiting for the birth of Jesus. Ask your child to show you our sign of the week.

A reminder for parents in Year 5 and 6 whose children have mobile phones. Some of our children have been spotted using their phones whilst crossing busy roads and walking along the pavement in Twickenham. Please remind your children that phones should be in bags when they are walking to avoid accidents or theft. We have no expectation that children have a phone, but do expect that if a child is walking to or from school alone in our uniform that they do so safely and responsibly.

Finally, it is the time of year where infections are prevalent. Strep A is on the rise and parents should be aware of the symptoms. The NHS advice is to keep a close eye on your child if they are unwell and to watch out for anything worrying. You know your child best, so if you are worried, remember to phone your GP or NHS 111 for further advice.

The symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease to look out for include:

- **sore throat**
- **fever (above 38 degrees)**
- **severe muscle aches**
- **pain in one area of the body**
- **vomiting or diarrhoea**

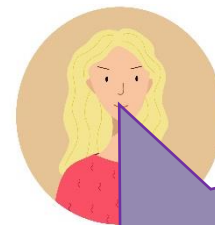
The best prevention for any illness is good hygiene and reminding children to wash their hands well before meals and after being outside.

Have a great weekend,

Erin

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Autumn Term: 1st December 23
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

Dates for NEXT WEEK	
w/c 4 th Dec	Last official week of clubs
Sat 9 th Dec	PTA Xmas Fair 12- 4pm



The Return of the Principal's Question!

For a House Point on Monday, can you write a Christmas Poem?

Please hand the answer to your teacher to pin up in our gallery!

Remember that there should be no parking by parents on Colne, Albion, Edwin or Knowle Road as part of the school travel policy.



Office News

Spring 2024 School Clubs

Deadline is today extended to 8pm for TPA clubs – please complete on ParentMail 'Forms'. Please contact private club directly. Outcome goes out by Wednesday 6th December. Clubs begin the first day back on Tuesday 9th January.

Communication to the School

A polite reminder to report ALL absences by either leaving a voice message on option 1 or emailing the office at:

office@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org

If you anticipate the absence to be more than 24 hours, you must contact the office daily to report in. Please do not email teachers unless it is regarding a serious concern or welfare for your child. Teachers are not able to frequently access emails and you must allow a reasonable time frame within the week for response.

Christmas Performances

Date	Year group(s)	Time	Booking?	Location
Tuesday 12 th Dec	Year 2	09.30 – 10.00	2 person max – no booking required	Main Hall
Wednesday 13 th Dec	Year 1	09.30 – 10.00	2 person max – no booking required	Main Hall
Thursday 14 th Dec	Reception	09.30 – 10.00	2 person max – no booking required	Main Hall
Friday 15 th Dec	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Carol Service	14:30 – 15:15 Entry from 14:15	2 person max – Book on ParentMail Consent Required	Holy Trinity Church

Office News

Lateness - EWO

We are continuing to monitor recurring lateness. The gates and doors close at 9am. From 09:01 all children must be signed in on our InVentry system. We regularly liaise with our Education Welfare Officer regarding lateness and attendance and formal letters will be issued in due course.

Christmas Cards

Our famous red post box will be in the foyer from **Monday 4th December**. Our wonderful Christmas postal team will distribute to the classes each day. Please remember you must put the **class** name on the envelopes to avoid postal delays!

End of Term Dismissal 21st Dec

There is no afterschool wrap around care provision. Please notify the school office by **10.30am** of any changes to pick-up arrangements.

Reception	11.50pm	Reception playground and Main Entrance as usual
Year 1	12.00pm	Both classes at Main Entrance
Year 2	12.00pm	Both classes at Reception Playground
Year 3	12.10pm	Both classes at Main Entrance
Year 4	12.10pm	Both classes at Reception Playground
Year 5	12.15pm	Both classes at Main Entrance
Year 6	12.15pm	Both classes at Reception Playground

School Panto Dismissal – Weds 20th Dec

For families attending the TPA Pantomime with the PTA on the 20th December will be dismissed from school at the glass main entrance at 3:15pm.

The PTA have issued the list of pupils attending to the office and only those on the list will be lining for dismissal at 3.15pm.

Normal pick up will apply for the majority of the school with no exceptions.

Attendance this week...

Class	Attendance %
Reception Turner	83.73
Reception Hepworth	89.66
Year 1 Potter	91.11
Year 1 Dahl	91.6
Year 2 Darwin	91
Year 2 Hawking	94.14
Year 3 Elgar	99
Year 3 Glennie	89.67
Year 4 Austen	95.67
Year 4 Dickens	93.45
Year 5 Moore	90.37
Year 5 Nightingale	91.48
Year 6 Farah	94.67
Year 6 Brown	93.33

Well done to:

ELGAR!

for the best attendance
this week!

Please remember that we do not authorise any holiday taken during term time. The school attendance target is **97%** of pupils attending every day. Attendance and punctuality are key factors in children's success in learning. If a child's attendance falls below 95% that is the equivalent of two weeks learning lost per year.

House Points this week...





Well done to
our stars this
week!

Celebrating Success!



School
Council



Our
Values!



Maths
Superstar!

Sports News

Football Competition!

On Wednesday our Boys Football Team participated in Richmond Borough Football Tournament. We started with a three draws against Vineyard(0:0), Radnor House(1:1), St Edmunds(0:0) and we lost our final group stage game against Hampton Hill (1:3). We have finished third in our group and our next game in a Plate competition was against The King's which we lost 0:1. All the boys played very well but we couldn't put the ball to the back of the net. We are top of the league at the moment, so we will focus on our remaining two fixtures.

Well done boys!

Big thank you to our parent helper/coach Richard Oddy



TPA Year 5 & 6 Football – Richmond Football Tournament

Rugby Competition!

Mr. David and I would like to express our immense pride in the rugby team that competed against Sir Richard Reynolds on November 28. Your collective effort has made us incredibly proud! As a team, you exhibited remarkable resilience and exceptional sportsmanship. Your performance was truly outstanding! Although the match ended with a narrow one-point loss, it's crucial to acknowledge that Sir Richard Reynolds is a formidable opponent, benefitting from the guidance of a rugby league coach. Once again, I am thrilled with the score and the evident joy, camaraderie, and fun that permeated the pitch!

Best regards, Mr. Sam

Notices

Super Raffle Prizes! Come and buy your raffle tickets!

Classlist members: <https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/raffle/1034931406>

Open Public: <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/raffle/view/1034931406>



Friends of TPA
Festivities update 1st Dec

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more sleeps until the fun begins. See you there!



FESTIVE FAIR

LIVE MUSIC ~ RAFFLE
SANTA'S GROTTO
BOUNCY CASTLE - DISCO
CRAFTS - GAMES AND MUCH MORE!

DECEMBER 9 ~ 12-4PM

FREE ENTRY

Twickenham
PRIMARY ACADEMY

RAFFLE

TICKETS ONLY £1 EACH, FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN AMAZING PRIZES!



Star Prize sponsored by
MN HNASIUM



NESPRESSO ESSENZA COFFEE MACHINE



SIGNED ENGLAND RUGBY SHIRT

8 HAMPERS STUFFED FULL WITH FESTIVE GOODIES & GIFTS



TICKETS HERE

The draw will be held at 3pm on the day of the fair. Tickets only available through Classlist. Good luck!

DONATIONS NEEDED

PLEASE HAND IN ALL DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Jolly Jars

Jars stuffed with sweets, toys and treats (no nuts).

Bottles of wine etc

Alcoholic or non-alcoholic - just as long as it's unopened please!

Kids' Xmas Jumpers

Bring in your unwanted, clean festive knits.

Your Time

All help gratefully received.

STORY TIME WITH SANTA

Meet the Jolly Man in his cosy grotto at the fair for a story, some festive cheer and a special gift.



BOOK HERE

£5 per child including gift. Pre-booking via Classlist is essential.



Notices

THANK YOU TO ALL THE LOCAL BUSINESSES
SO GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING OUR FAIR



Funeralcare



Year Group	Class News
<p>EYFS</p>	<p>What number do you call in an emergency? What information do you need to share with the emergency services? These are just a few of the questions we have been discussing this week, as we continue to explore the different people who help us in our local community. This week, we've also talked about going to the dentist and how nurses and doctors help us and how we can help them; by remembering to cover our mouths when we cough and to wash hands properly with soap and water.</p> <p>In Maths we have been exploring the composition of the number 10 and number bonds to 10 through different practical activities, including skittles and a game involving mini bean bags and number targets!</p> <p>This week we were very excited to welcome Marlene and her teddy bear, from Mini First Aid to TPA. Marlene and Ted taught us how to apply plasters and cold packs and helped us to role play what to do in an emergency.</p> <p>Though the highlight of the week must go to the arrival of the builders and their incredibly speedy work when constructing our new climbing frame. Even during Adventure Time, there were faces glued to the windows, providing us an up-to-the-minute account of what was going on in our EYFS playground. We can't wait to get out there!</p> <p>Over the weekend, please remember to practise putting on your coat and zipping it up independently. This is a very important skill to master for Reception!</p> <p>Rebecca Gillis EYFS Lead and Reception Teacher</p>
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>The big bad wolf is loose in Duloc Kingdom! We started exploring how to create a wanted poster so we can find the big bad wolf.</p> <p>The three little pigs wanted balloons for their new house so we looked at what material would be best. We sorted materials into stretchy, bendy, stretch and bendy, rigid.</p> <p>In maths, We had fun exploring 3D shapes this week. We made various 3D shapes with playdough and we sorted objects by shape.</p> <p>We designed our gingerbread houses and we are very excited to make our gingerbread houses before Christmas!</p>

<h2>Year 2</h2>	<p>We have had a bust week in year 2. We have been learning the names of 3D shapes in maths, counting their faces, vertices and edges. The children did a fantastic job with this! We used physical manipulatives to help us with this learning.</p> <p>In English we learnt about suffixes including -ing and -ness. We also did some descriptive writing inspired by a wintery image. We used our senses to describe, and thought what we needed to include on our success criteria. The children were able to write in the present tense, include a range of punctuation, use amazing adjectives, alliteration and similes!</p> <p>In science we did our jelly experiment, investigating what temperature of what dissolves jelly the fastest. The children loved making observations during the investigation.</p> <p>We hope you have a lovely weekend!</p>
<h2>Year 3</h2>	<p>Dear Parents</p> <p>We have had another fun and eventful week in Year 3. In Maths we continued our unit of multiplication; from multiplying and dividing by 3 to ending off the week with multiplying and dividing by 4. In English, the children have been working hard on their Diary's by pretending to be Mary Anning and discovering a dinosaur fossil. The children wrote up their drafts and we are so impressed by their amazing ideas and excellent paragraph writing. In Art, we continued making our dinosaurs with Elgar class using paper mache and Glennie painting theirs. We are all so excited to see the final product. In History, the children looked at how to prove the existence of dinosaurs by researching a time period the dinosaurs lived in using computers and in Science we looked at the effects of erosion and aging in rocks.</p> <p>We hope you have a lovely weekend 😊</p> <p>Best wishes</p> <p>The Year 3 Team</p>
<h2>Year 4</h2>	<p>Here's a glimpse into the exciting week our Year 4 students have had!</p> <p>Our young mathematicians successfully completed the White Rose Scheme of work on multiplication and division. We have now started to recap some earlier learning and have honed in on reasoning and problem-solving skills to solidify their understanding. This week the focus has been on place-value.</p> <p>Year four have delved into the art of constructing a balanced argument. They stepped into the shoes of the Houses of Parliament, engaging in a lively debate on the contentious topic of whether bullfighting should be banned. They had to ensure they used the persuasive techniques they have built up over the last few weeks.</p>

	<p>In PSHE this week, the children took the time to reflect on what makes them special, sharing heartwarming compliments about themselves and celebrating their unique qualities.</p> <p>This week in Science, they children looked into the issue of habitat destruction. They passionately researched an endangered animal, delving into the factors contributing to their near-extinction, creating a fantastic fact file.</p> <p>Year four worked on their map reading skills, they had to read the grid to identify the Spanish cities correctly.</p> <p>Reminder:</p> <p>The children should be bringing their planners and reading books in daily. We would also love to see some more amazing homework come through the classroom doors, it is not too late to complete some before the end of term!</p> <p>Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead!</p> <p>The Year 4 team 😊</p>
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>It's been a great week in Year 5!</p> <p>In English, the children have become fantastic Science Fiction writers, writing setting descriptions of their own invented planets. They have been working hard to build a mood and atmosphere in their work, describing one welcoming and awe-inspiring planet and another that is threatening and dangerous!</p> <p>In maths, the children are continuing to become experts with fractions. This week, the focus has been on adding and subtracting fractions - including those with different denominators - and the children been persevering brilliantly with the challenge.</p> <p>In science, the children have learnt about the movement of the moon and it's different phases, creating some wonderful diagrams labelled with lots of scientific vocabulary.</p> <p>The children have been fantastic historians as they continue to learn about Ancient Greece. They made some excellent inferences while studying the imagery on a variety of Greek pots to find out about what the Olympics were like during Ancient Greek times.</p> <p>In RE, the children are continuing to learn about the Christian meaning behind Christmas. This week they discussed the difference between religious and secular imagery in Christmas cards, before designing their own.</p>

	<p>Meanwhile, in music the children have begun to rehearse their part in the KS2 Christmas concert. They have been enjoying the Year 5 song, Midnight, and lots of children know all the words off-by-heart already! Impressive!</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend,</p> <p>All the best,</p> <p>The Year 5 Team</p>
<h2>Year 6</h2>	<p>We have had another busy week! In Maths, we are finishing our unit on fractions this week and will start a new unit next week. In English, we are preparing for our new writing piece by breaking down setting descriptions and deciding what makes up a good example of a setting description! In Science, we are rounding our unit on Light by creating a poster highlighting what we have learned. In RE, we are creating the creation story of the different religions - focusing on Islam and Christianity this week. In PSHE we have continued to discuss the importance of celebrating differences in others, and strategies for dealing with bullies so we can keep safe. In DT, we have begun building our models of a WW2 shelter. We have begun practicing our song and poem for the Christmas performance which is rapidly approaching - please help your child practice their lines when you have a free moment. And of course, we are ending the week with a bang - Golden Time and PE!</p> <p>Reminders for the week:</p> <p>Please send in homework weekly so we can go over the weekly SPaG sheets. Do let us know if need copies of the homework. Boys will NOT be swimming Monday as we will be going on our trip to the Churchill War Rooms. This lesson will be caught up. Please remember to send in a packed lunch, as we will be eating there. Children are to wear their uniforms with comfortable walking shoes. We anticipate returning for the normal dismissal.</p> <p>Please keep encouraging your child to take ownership of their diary and to bring it in daily. Please remember to make a note when they have read (independently or with you). And please share any concerns or notes with us in the diary. Also, please remember to practice the poem and song for the Christmas performance with your child.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p> <p>Roseana, Richelle, Katie, Tina and Zaneta</p>

