

Friday 4th October 2024 - Newsletter 5

## A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to all our families who joined us on Tuesday afternoon for our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. It was lovely to see so many families in the setting of our local church. Thank you also to Rev Paulie who welcomed us into church. I hope that you enjoyed the children singing their hearts out and showing courage whilst performing for the TPA families. We know it was somewhat eventful with the technology side of things but the children enjoyed themselves lots and the adults did too!

Yesterday, we enjoyed a sport with a difference with all children in Years 1-6 having a go at fencing. The children really enjoyed themselves and helped them explore some new skills. Take a look at Twitter to see some of the photos of the children in action.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
Caroline Towler, Headteacher

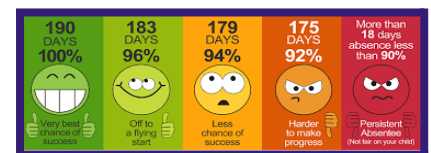
Our school R-Y6 attendance this WEEK is: **94.56%**

Our school attendance target is 97%.

Nursery: **100%** 🙌 **Top team attendance!**

Venus: **95.33%** Neptune: **94.79%** Saturn: **91.56%**

\*As Government guidance states, your child's attendance is compulsory in school and unless they are unwell we ask that you ensure they are in school, on time, every day.



## TPA Reception Open Evening for September 2025 Thursday 10th October at 5.30pm

We will be hosting an Open Evening to show off our fantastic school and encourage any families to join our school in Reception from September 2025.

This is also a great opportunity for any families of Nursery children to come and have a look if they are keen to visit our setting and start their Nursery child with us this year or next. Please spread the word about our Open Evening to any friends and families that might be interested. We appreciate your support in getting the details out there!



## Success at school starts with attendance!

*We ask that every child is in school, on time, every day*

### Contact school with the reason for absence

We ask that families contact the school office before 9am if your child will be absent. Please do so via the school admin email address

[admin.tad@ebor.academy](mailto:admin.tad@ebor.academy) or via phone on 01937

833795. Please specify the reason for their absence. Unwell, ill or feeling poorly unfortunately do not offer us the required information and so we will need to follow up on any absences if your child's illness and symptoms are not shared.

### Home visit

If families do not let us know the reason for their child's absence we are duty bound to follow up any absences with phone calls to all contact numbers and in the eventuality that we are unable to get in touch we would need to make a home visit. This would involve two members of our school team being required to visit the family home. As you will understand this puts pressure on our staff team and so we ask that you let us know the reason for your child's absence **before 9am to avoid any staff having to leave school.**

### Attendance

Where children's attendance falls to 90% or below this means your child sits within the **Persistent Absentee category** and so we would be required to hold a meeting to review your child's attendance. It is important to note that if your child has had two absences or more since the start of this term your child will have fallen into this category and their attendance will already be below 90%. With good attendance this will improve.

### Fines for absences

Where there are concerns regarding your child's absence figure we would need to communicate

#### Penalty Notice Fines - with effect from August 2024

| First offence                                                                                                                                                                                 | Second offence                                                                                                                                             | Third offence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| A penalty notice fine could be issued, for term time leave or irregular attendance, and would be £160 per child paid within 28 days. This is reduced to £80 per child if paid within 21 days. | A penalty notice fine could be issued, within 3 years, for term time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be £160 per child paid within 28 days. | A penalty notice will not be issued for the third or any subsequent time an offence is committed, for term time leave or irregular attendance within 3 years – instead the case may be presented to a Magistrates' Court. Fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child. This can affect future DSB certificates under the category of "failure to safeguard a child's education." |



this with the Local Authority. This would then be investigated by North Yorkshire LA and is likely to lead to a fine. Please see the details here regarding the fining process.

## Updated: Dates for your diary for the coming weeks!

| Dates                   | What's happening at TPA?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Monday 7th October      | Years One - Six After School Football Club with York City FC Foundation 3.30pm - 4.30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Tuesday 8th October     | Rescheduled TPAC AGM at 5.30pm - Thank you to all that have signed up so far! Please can we ask families and existing members of TPAC to confirm their attendance on this Google Link. Please support your school by getting involved!<br><a href="https://forms.gle/STc4dZmkdMnQ9Wh46">https://forms.gle/STc4dZmkdMnQ9Wh46</a>                        |
|                         | Years One - Six After School Singing Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - <b>4.15pm</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Wednesday 9th October   | Years One - Six After School Multi-Skills Club with Five Star Sports 3.30pm - 4.30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Thursday 10th October   | Evelyn's Sweet Pea photography - individual and sibling photographs for all pupils. Please note if you would like younger siblings to join in bring them along at the start of the day                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                         | Years One - Six After School Dance Club with York Dance Space 3.30pm - 4.30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                         | TPA Open Evening at 5.30pm - please let any families know that we will be having an Open Evening to show off our fantastic school and encourage any families to join our school in Reception from September 2025. This is also a great opportunity for any families of Nursery children to come and have a look if they are keen to visit our setting. |
| Friday 11th October     | Years One - Six After School Dodgeball Club with Five Star Sports 3.30pm - 4.30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Tuesday 15th October    | Community Coffee Morning 9.00am - 10.00am (see details below)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Monday 21st October     | Parents Evening for all Teams - 3.40pm - 6.40pm (see booking details shared this week)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Tuesday 22nd October    | Parents Evening for all Teams - 3.40pm - 6.40pm (see booking details shared this week)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Friday 25th October     | Halloween Special School meal choice (see flyer overleaf). Don't forget to order your choice on Appetite.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                         | Break up for October half term. School closes at 3.30pm (or 4.30pm for those who attend our Friday AFC club)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Monday 4th November     | Return to school after Half Term break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                         | Road Safety assembly with PCSO Joe Spooner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Thursday 7th November   | School Disco (more details to follow)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday 13th November | Everybody Dance Festival at York Theatre Royal (Years 4, 5 and 6)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



### Twitter at TPA

Please click on the link below to see if your child is appearing on Twitter right now!

[Tadcaster Primary Academy](#) 🌈 (@TadPrimaryAcad)

## What's cooking?

**THE FOOD EXPLORERS** Hutchison CATERING

**HALLOWEEN SPECIAL**  
**25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**BOO Beef Burgers**  
**Chilling Chips**  
**Petrifying Peas**

**Spooky Sandwiches**  
**Jinxed Jackets**  
**(Both options with assorted fillings)**

**Creepy Chocolate Cookies**  
**Or Frightening Fruit**  
**Or Yelling Yoghurt**

**THE FOOD EXPLORERS**

Please see our special menu choices for this term and book your child's meal choice on Appetite.



**THE FOOD EXPLORERS** Hutchison CATERING

**Bonfire Night Special**  
**5<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Cheese Pizza Pinwheel -**  
Served with Chips & Garden Peas

**Sandwiches Or Jacket Potatoes**  
(Both served with assorted fillings)

**Chocolate Brownie**  
Or Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

**THE FOOD EXPLORERS**

## A note from our Community Champion Mr Metcalfe

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and your children for the warm welcome I've received here at Tadcaster Primary School. It's been a pleasure getting to know the children, staff and yourself.

As part of my role as Community Champion I am excited to invite you to a **Community Coffee Morning** at Tadcaster Primary Academy.

This will be a relaxed and informal event, providing parents with the chance to **share your views** on your local community and school life. The event will be led by myself, Mr Metcalfe (Tadcaster Primary Academy Community Champion).

### Event Details:

**Date:** 15th October

**Time:** 9am

**Location:** The Hub, Tadcaster Primary Academy

Complimentary **coffee and biscuits** will be available, and we hope this will be a great occasion for you to connect with other parents, discuss your community and have an open conversation with me.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your thoughts!

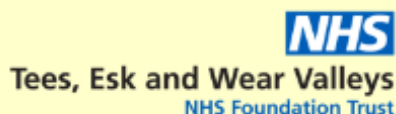
Kind regards,  
Steve Metcalfe  
Tadcaster Community Champion



**Come along to the TPAC AGM - Tuesday 8th October at 5.30pm**



Thank you to everyone who has completed this Google Form link. Please can we ask families and existing members of TPAC to confirm their attendance at the first TPAC meeting of the year on this Google Link. Please support your school by getting involved! Even if you are just keen to find out more, come along and see what being part of TPAC involves. We need your support! <https://forms.gle/STc4dZmkdMnQ9Wh46>



## Parent ADHD Session

**A Wellbeing in Mind Team & CAMHS  
webinar to provide information,  
resources, practical ideas, and  
strategies to support  
children & young people with ADHD**

**Date and Time  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 5.30 – 6.30 pm**

**To Join the Meeting  
Click on the LINK below  
Microsoft Teams**

**[Join the meeting now](#)  
Meeting ID: 357 929 456 384  
Passcode: TsDvW4**

**[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_N2YzNGQ1N2MtNDY5Mi00MDJILWE5NDkY2M4NWQ3ZTgyMWY0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%2237c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_N2YzNGQ1N2MtNDY5Mi00MDJILWE5NDkY2M4NWQ3ZTgyMWY0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%2237c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-)**

**Wellbeing in Mind Team** – Team of NHS staff working with schools to provide advice, support, and training on wellbeing issues, as well as forming a link between school and other services supporting young people. This work includes direct support for young people experiencing mild to moderate mental health, such as anxiety and low mood, support to utilise online resources and develop skills, as well as classroom-based educational sessions in conjunction with the school's pastoral team to improve knowledge and understanding about wellbeing.