

Friday 26th September 2025 - Newsletter no.4

A message from Miss Towler....

Dear Parents and Carers,



The sun was certainly out this week for ten of our children in Team Neptune who were carrying out their Bikeability training. I am incredibly proud of the group who did so well, passing their Level Two qualification. On both days the children hit the streets of Tadcaster on their bikes and did brilliantly. We had a 100% pass rate and the children were overjoyed to have completed the Bikeability programme so successfully. Well done to all our cyclists!

This week I am so pleased to share that we have had two days of 100% attendance with not one child absent from school. Thank you for your support with this! It is so important that the children don't miss out on their learning and of course for the teaching team and the office staff it is harder when we have children absent from school. We know that children are sometimes too unwell to come in but ask families to consider options to support such as popping into school to administer Calpol. Our attendance is much better this week and we are optimistic that this will be the same again next week!



Last night we held our annual TPAC AGM meeting which was chaired by the Chair of TPAC, Michelle Waudby. It was a really productive meeting and offered us a good opportunity to celebrate all the successes from last year, to review the expenditure and to consider what we will focus on this year. It is always fantastic to see how much money has been raised and of course none of this would be possible without the TPAC team's hard work. They really are an amazing group of volunteers who give up their time to make our school an even better place. Thank you Team TPAC!

Have a lovely weekend,
Caroline Towler, Headteacher

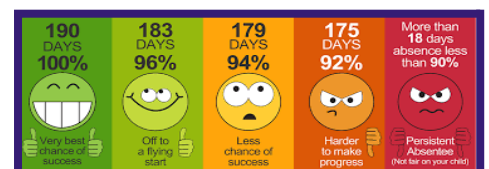
Our school R-Y6 attendance this week is: 98.07% 🙌

Our school attendance target is 97%.

Team Neptune: 96% Team Saturn: 99.38%

Team Venus Reception/Y1: 99.57% Top Team Attendance! 🙌

Team Nursery: 98.84%



*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.

We are now on Instagram!

This week we have launched our new social media account and so we will be sharing images of children learning on Instagram. Please sign up to Tadcasterprimaryacad and see if your child is appearing on Instagram.



Spotlight on Reading at TPA

Read below to find out more about what we are doing in Team TPA to help your child learn to read.

Learning with Parents

To support with reading this academic year we have an online reading log called Learn with Parents. Don't forget to share your child reading at home and keep a log of all the books they have read. The Learning with Parents digital reading log makes reading fun and easy to record. It's an inclusive way for schools and families to record reading, replacing physical paper reading records. You can record audio clips, submit photos and log all the different types of reading which takes place outside of school.

[Click here to find out how to use Learning with Parents Reading Log](#)

Little Wandle - Learning to Read

As many of our families will be aware we use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics scheme to help children read. Little Wandle has a useful parents section on their website with lots of fantastic resources which you can see if you follow the link below.

Resources include:

- How to videos including tricky words, alien words, blending and much more
- Correct pronunciation sheets
- Reception/Year 1 Sound sheets
- Formation Sheets
- Nursery rhyme videos and downloads
- Support with reading at home plus much more!



[Click here to access the Little Wandle resources for Parents](#)

If you have any questions about reading in class please speak with your child's class teacher. If you would like to find out more about phonics you can send any questions to our Early Reading and Phonics Lead, Mr Foster or if you would like to know more about reading generally speak with our Reading Lead, Mr Sands.



Harvest Festival

We are really looking forward to our Harvest Festival which will take place at St Mary's Church in Tadcaster on Tuesday 21st October. It is always lovely to get together in the Church and wonderful to see our families. For those families who have children in Nursery to Year 6 you will receive a harvest ticket which will admit two adults per family. Please bring this ticket along with you on the day. Unfortunately we are unable to give out additional tickets for this event.

We will also be accepting any donations of non-perishable foods eg cans, pasta, rice etc and any toiletry items. Please send these in with your child the week before the Harvest Festival at some point throughout the week. All donations will be shared with Tadcaster Food Bank and the Wetherby and District Foodbank. We can't wait for this special event in our school calendar and the children are loving their singing rehearsals in preparation for the lesson.



Attendance Update - fines for absence

All families need to be aware that should they book a term time holiday school will be required to notify the Local Authority immediately after the child has had their absence and the family may then be fined for the term time absence. This applies to any unauthorised absence of 5 days and over which equates to ten sessions or more of lost learning. If a family has an absence of three days at one point and then another two days at another time within a ten week period this will still be subject to a fine. ***Help your child by ensuring that you please don't book term time holidays.***



TPA Reception Open Day and Evening for September 2026 on Thursday 2nd October at 1.30pm and 5.00pm

We will be hosting an Open Day & Evening to show off our fantastic school and encourage any families to join Reception from September 2026.

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 these events to any friends and families that might be interested. We appreciate your support in getting the word out there about our wonderful school!



Updated: Dates for your diary for this term.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Thursday 2nd October	Census Day Menu - see details overleaf
	Reception 2026 Open Day and Evening (1.30pm and 5.00pm)
Monday 6th October	MSP meetings for children on the SEND register (see individual invites)
Monday 13th October	Nursery, Reception & Year One Phonics Meeting with Mr Foster at 4.30pm
Monday 20th October	Parents Evening for all Teams 3.40pm - 6.00pm
Tuesday 21st October	Harvest Festival at 2pm at St Mary's Church for all families (Nursery - Y6) More details in this newsletter.
Wednesday 22nd October	Parents Evening for all Teams 3.40pm - 6.00pm
Monday 27th October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 3rd November	Back to school
	Team Neptune - Everybody Dance event at York Theatre Royal (see details shared)
Thursday 13th November	Children in Need (more details to follow shortly)
	TPAC Neon disco (more details to follow shortly)
Friday 14th November	Training Day - School closed to children

American Diner Lunch Menu

BBQ Burger with
Smoky Wedges & Beans

or

BBQ Quorn Burger with
Smoky Wedges & Beans

Chocolate Brownie



THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Please see our Census Day Menu here which will be on offer for all children next Thursday (2.10.25). All children in Reception, Year One and Two will be given a meal or a taster of the meal alongside their packed lunch unless Parents and Carers contact school to say they would prefer them not to have a taster or school meal. Don't forget to book your child's meal on Appetite.



MEET THIS YEAR'S COMMITTEE

We're excited to announce the results of this year's elections



Michelle Waudby
Chair

Hello, I'm mum to Freya in Year 1. I'm looking forward to welcoming new volunteers and getting feedback from families about what events and funding you'd like to see this year.



Sarah Dance
Treasurer

Hi, I'm mum to Emily who is in year 4. Being part of TPAC is hugely rewarding and a great way to get more involved in school life. You'll see me standing at the school gate with our dog Milo!



Dawn Watson
Secretary

Hello, I am mum to Ivy who is in year 4. I love being involved in all the events that TPAC arrange, my favourites are definitely the school disco's and summer fair.

