

Friday 21st November 2025 - Newsletter no.11

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it has definitely been a chillier one this week. The first flakes of snow have fallen and so its officially gloves, hats and scarves weather. It certainly has been apt timing when we are now starting to gear ourselves up to that period we at school officially know as 'Christmas Crazy'!



Hopefully you spotted the Christmas dates in last week's newsletter and these are now on the kitchen calendar. The next few weeks will involve rehearsals aplenty and a fair few Christmassy lyrics being sung. This week the songs to the Christmas performances have been playing in the background during dinner time so the children are very much getting in the spirit!

You will hopefully have received the Christmas dinner menu this week as well. Apologies that we were a little fast off the mark with this one. Unfortunately we have to wait for our catering company to update our meal booking system, Appetite, but have been assured this will be sorted very soon and will let you know as soon as it is uploaded.

Have a lovely weekend and wrap up warm!

Best wishes,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Our school R-Y6 attendance this week is:

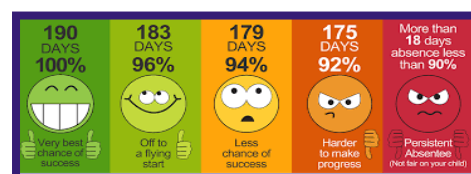
Our school attendance target is 97%.

Team Neptune: 95.3%

Team Saturn: 94.7%

Team Venus Reception/Y1: 96.3% Top Team Attendance! 🙌

Team Nursery: 96.3%. Top Team Attendance! 🙌



***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.**



Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 10th December

On Wednesday 10th July we will be donning our festive knits (or a bit of tinsel) and tucking into Mrs Bedford's world famous Christmas dinner.

Please see the menu here which will be uploaded onto Appetite shortly. You can't beat Mrs Bedford's Pigs in Blankets - we can't wait! Please note your

child does not have to wear a Christmas jumper to take part so please don't feel you have to buy anything special for the occasion. Non uniform is completely fine as an option on this day.



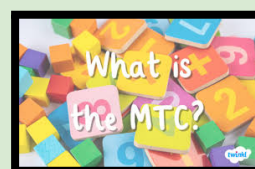
Updated: Dates for your diary for this term.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 24th November	PC Nick Wood in school visiting Team Venus and talking in assembly about how to keep safe
	Hub Club and Dodgeball Club (book your child's place on Childcare Bookings for School) Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Tuesday 25th November	Hub Club and Music Club (book your child's place on Childcare Bookings for School) Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Wednesday 26th November	Hub Club and Multiskills Club (book your child's place on Childcare Bookings for School) Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Thursday 27th November	Money Ready session 4 - supporting children in Teams Saturn and Neptune to understand the importance of managing their money
	Hub Club and Dance Club (book your child's place on Childcare Bookings for School) Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Sunday 30th November	Team TPA Choir Christmas singing outside St Mary's Church, Tadcaster 12pm - Google Form to be shared next week to sign your child up
Wednesday 3rd December	Year 4 Maths Multiplication Open Morning - Year 4 parents and carers welcome from 9am. Come and see how we teach Multiplication! (with Mr Parkinson and Mr Sands and some big children helpers!)
Thursday 4th December	TPAC Christmas Fair from 3.30pm in the school hall and the school playground
Tuesday 9th December	Team Venus - Christmas performance 9.00am
	Carols by Candlelight - 2pm at St Marys Church for Teams Saturn and Neptune
Wednesday 10th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day raising money in aid of Save the Children
Wednesday 17th December	Teams Saturn and Neptune Christmas performance - 2pm
Thursday 18th December	Teams Saturn and Neptune Christmas performance - 6pm
Friday 19th December	Break up for Christmas - Happy Holidays!



Year Four MTC Maths Open Morning - Wednesday 3rd December 9am

Year Four Parents and Carers are warmly invited to our MTC Maths Morning, where we will explore practical and engaging ways to support your child as they prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check. During this session, we will demonstrate helpful strategies, share fun activities you can use at home, and explain what the check involves so you can feel confident guiding your child's practice. This is a great opportunity to see the methods we use in school, ask questions, and discover simple tools—both digital and hands-on—that make learning times tables enjoyable and effective. We look forward to working together to help every child build strong, secure multiplication knowledge. You may even hear from some of our older children's experiences first hand as they are officially the Multiplication experts!



Thank you!



Tadcaster Primary Academy

For your incredible fundraising efforts in support of Wetherby and District Foodbank.

Your collection provided over 20 meals!

The Trustees & Volunteers
Wetherby and District Foodbank

In partnership with



Registered charity number 1157629. Registered in England and Wales.

This week Wetherby and District Foodbank came to collect some of the many Harvest donations that families kindly shared for those less fortunate. Half of the items were given to Wetherby and District Foodbank and the other half was directly dropped off at Tadcaster's The Barn. Thank you to all those families who gave generously.

Community News – What's going on in Tadcaster?

WHATS GOING ON IN TADCASTER

Community Centres

Calcaria House, Windmill Rise, Tadcaster LS24 9HR

Bingo – Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 2pm
Other activities, Line Dancing, occasional Saturday social lunches
Horton Housing Well Being Café held at Calcaria House Tuesday 10 am to 12 noon for those with health issues in need of support.
W.I. 3rd Wednesday – 7.00pm -9.00

Kelcbar Centre, Kelcbar Close, Tadcaster LS24 9NY

Wednesday Club Weekly Social afternoon, 12.00 -3.00 pm £3.50 inc. light lunch and refreshments, open to all wanting company, dementia friendly.
Chatterbox Coffee Morning – Friday, 10.30 -12 noon
Art group - 3rd Tuesday each month 1.30 – 4.00 materials supplied
Plus a range of other activities, call in for details or see facebook page

Rosemary House, Rosemary Court, Tadcaster LS24 8HR

Coffee morning -Thursday 10-11 tea/toast
Community Lunch - Thursday 12-2pm. (pay as you feel able)
Knit and natter – Monday 10.00 – 12.00
Bingo – Monday, 7.00pm to start 7.30pm £4.00 - 8 games. (50p raffle bring a prize win a prize)

St. Mary's Church, Kirkgate

Coffee Morning - Thursday 10-11.30am (in the Church)
Little Fishes Stay and Play a group for children and carers,
Tues 9-30am (Term time only) Boys Sunday School

Tadcaster Methodist Church (High Street, opposite John Smith's Brewery)

Coffee Stop Tuesday 10-11.30 am
Community Lunch - 2nd Thurs of the month. 12 noon £5
Knit and Natter - 1st Wednesday of the month. 2pm.

The Barn, (the corner of St. Joseph's Street) Tel 01937 830254 www.tadcasterbarn.co.uk

Various activities for all ages - see website for details

Groups meeting at the Barn include:

The Bridge Project

Groups for children, young people and families including: Seedlings drop in for tots and carers
Friday 9 am to 11.30 pm
Wednesday Nibbles for parents with primary school children, younger siblings welcome, £2.50 per family.
Alive Youth Club, Wednesday 5.30 to 7.00pm for school years 7 to 11.

Tadcrafters -

Stepping Stone

A resource for all

20 Kirkgate, Tadcaster – Tel: 1937 530288

Email: steppingstone@tad.eclipse.co.uk

Website: stepping-stone-tadcaster-1.jimdosite.com

Problems or queries, large or small, we can help you to get the information you need and set you off on the right path

Local vacancies CV assistance

Family relationships Housing

Drug & alcohol abuse Debt & finance

Services for the elderly Local Information

and much more

Open Tuesday and Thursday

9.30 am to 12.30 pm

email us at tadcastersteppingstone@gmail.com
or leave a message on our answerphone and we will endeavour to get back to you asap
(01937 530288)

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WHATS GOING ON IN TADCASTER

Craft & sewing group 2nd Tuesday of the month 10am– 3pm.
Information about other groups associated with Tadcrafters see website: www.tadcrafters.org.uk
U3A – hold some meetings at The Barn and other Venues in the town.
See www.u3asites.org.uk/tadcaster

Tadcaster Community Library, Station Road, Tadcaster, LS24 9JG

Monday: 2pm – 6pm, Tuesday: 1.30pm - 5pm,
Wednesday: 1.30pm – 5pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am - 1pm, Saturday: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Books to borrow, audio books and events
Tel 0845 0349452
www.northyorks.gov.uk/tadcastercommunitylibrary
See also Tadcaster Community Library Facebook

Other groups

Tadcaster Mens Forum Monday, 10 to 11.30am

The Old Boys Sunday School (beside St. Mary's Church)

Tadcaster Ladies Forum – Friday, 9.45 to 11.45 pm
every two weeks. Meeting at Magnets Sports & Social Club, Queens Gardens, LS24 9HD

Tadcaster Historical Society - 1st Thurs of Month

Sept-May , 7.30 pm in Methodist Church. See posters in various locations website www.tadhistory.org.uk.

U3A – hold some meetings at The Boys Sunday School (3rd Monday of the month, 2.00 pm for coffee and catch up) and also at other venues in the

town. See www.u3asites.org.uk/Tadcaster

Andy's Mens Club – Monday at 7.00 pm. Meeting at

Tadcaster Fire Station, open to men of all ages, everyone welcome

There are other clubs and societies held in the town, see Sainsbury's notice board, shop windows, the Library and Tadcaster Events Facebook.

Some other places to look at what's on:

Riley Smith Hall, Westgate including Tadcaster Theatre Company,
Tadcaster Community Choir, Dance groups etc. See Notice Board in foyer or website www.rileysmithhall.org.uk

Tadcaster Community Swimming Pool and Gym, Kirkgate Tel 01937 833001

www.Tadcasterpool.org.uk

Tadcaster Leisure Centre, Station Road, LS24 9JE Tel 01937 834375

www.tadcasterleisurecentre.org

Tadcaster Sports & Social Club - Queen's Gardens (opposite petrol station)

