

Friday 28th November 2025 - Newsletter no.12

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the week with a visit from PC Nick Woods who is a wonderful support for our school. This term's focus is keeping safe so it was great that PC Nick could explain how he keeps people in our community safe. The children enjoyed sitting in the police van and hearing the sirens. PC Nick also delivered a whole school assembly to discuss how the children can keep themselves safe particularly now that the nights are drawing in.



We are nearing the end of term (and 2025!) and we have a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks. With Christmas rehearsals fully in swing and the TPAC Christmas fair plans being finalised there is lots keeping us busy. We hope to see families joining us for our Christmas Fair next Thursday after school and then the Christmas performances will no doubt see lots of our families joining us for what I think is everybody's favourite time of year!

I look forward to seeing lots of the children and families on Sunday at Tadcaster Christmas Market at 11.30am outside St Mary's Church. Don't forget to wrap up warm!

Best wishes,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Our school R-Y6 attendance this week is: **91.16%**

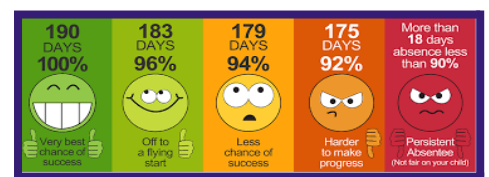
Our school attendance target is 97%.

Team Neptune: 87.4% **Team Saturn: 91.7%**

Team Venus Reception/Y1: 94.2% **Top Team Attendance!** 🙌

Team Nursery: 91.3%

*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 December 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 has been uploaded onto Appetite. 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. Please note we will not be providing jacket potatoes or sandwiches on this day as you can imagine the preparation always takes a lot of time for our kitchen team.

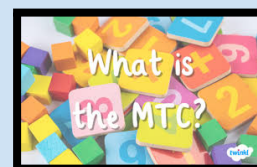


Updated: Dates for your diary for this term.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Sunday 30th November	Team TPA Christmas Carol singing outside St Mary's Church, Tadcaster 12pm - Google Form to be shared next week to sign your child up
Monday 1st December	Hub Club and Dodgeball Club Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Tuesday 2nd December	Hub Club (Please note no Music Club due to Mrs Oldfield not being in school) Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
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!) https://forms.gle/fCRw442YnafDyd737
	Hub Club and Multiskills Club Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Thursday 4th December	Hub Club (Please note No Dance Club due to the hall being used for the Christmas Fair) Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
	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 (one ticket per family - admits two)
Thursday 18th December	Teams Saturn and Neptune Christmas performance - 6pm (one ticket per family - admits two)
Friday 19th December	Break up for Christmas - Happy Holidays Team TPA!
Monday 5th January 2026	Training Day - School closed to pupils ~ Happy New Year!

Year Four MTC Maths Open Morning - Wednesday 3rd December at 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!



Please book your place on the following link: <https://forms.gle/fCRw442YnafDyd737>



Community Updates

Tadcaster Christmas Market – Sunday 30th November

We are really excited to share that Team TPA have been invited to take part in the Tadcaster Christmas Market and Festival next Sunday 30th November. This will involve us singing Christmas carols on Kirkgate (next to the York Mix stand). We have just finalised the details with the organisers regarding this event and are really hopeful that our children will be keen to take part next Sunday. Mrs Oldfield and myself will meet with any children who are interested in taking part at 11.30am for a quick rehearsal and then the children will perform to the people of Tadcaster from 12pm. We can't wait! Please complete this form to confirm that you will be coming along with your child/ren as part of this singalong performance. It will definitely help us all get into the Christmas spirit and of course show off to all in Tadcaster what fabulous singers our children are! Please see the link here with further details about the event: https://www.tadcastertowncouncil.gov.uk/Christmas_Festival_21832.aspx Please note Parents and Carers do not need to perform but just be a very enthusiastic audience! As part of the day Team Saturn's Shoebox Nativity scenes will be on show in the Methodist Church between 10am and 3pm and there will be a Santa's Grotto at St Mary's Church. The day is sure to get us all feeling Christmassy!



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Link for tickets
[HERE](#)



