



Friday 7th November 2025 - Newsletter no.9



A message from Miss Towler....

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reflecting on the last nine weeks of school since we returned in September we really have achieved such a lot. With visitors in school such as PCSO Joe Spooner and Ruth Haynes from My Money, fantastic trips to Yorkshire Sculpture Park, the Everybody Dance event at York Theatre Royal and exciting learning going on including the recent fencing session we are all very

much blessed to be part of Team TPA. The commitment from our staff team, the fundraising efforts of TPAC and the drive of our school governing body have a significant impact on the success of our school. With supportive Parents and Carers and of course the best children in the world (we are very biased!) we have the ingredients for a fantastic school. I am sure some of the prospective new families who have visited our school won't mind me sharing how complimentary they have been about our school after visiting Team TPA as they certainly recognised the uniqueness of our school ethos and values.

On Monday evening I had the pleasure of joining Team Neptune at the Everybody Dance event which was held at York Theatre Royal. The children were an absolute credit and made both Mr Sands and myself very proud. They performed brilliantly as the headline act and I know the parents and carers who came to watch loved every minute of it! Check out more pictures on our recent Instagram reel at [Tadcasterprimaryacad](#).

Best wishes,

Caroline Towler,
Headteacher



Our school R-Y6 attendance this week is: **93.3%**.

Our school attendance target is **97%**.

Team Neptune: **93%**.

Team Saturn: **94.7%** - Top Team Attendance!

Team Venus Reception/Y1: **92.6%**

Team Nursery: **81.8%**

*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!

Check out our new social media account. Please sign up to [Tadcasterprimaryacad](#) and see if your child is appearing on Instagram.



Updated: Dates for your diary for this term.

| Dates | What's happening at TPA? |
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| Monday 10th November | Anti bullying week 10.11.25 - 14.11.25 Odd Socks Day - children can come to school wearing odd socks as bright and patterned as they fancy! |
| | Hub Club and Dodgeball Club (book your child's place on Childcare Bookings for School) |
| Tuesday 11th November | Hub Club and Music Club (book your child's place on Childcare Bookings for School) |
| Wednesday 12th November | Individual photographs with Evelyn Sweet Peas - 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. If you have a younger child who is not in Nursery this day you may bring your Nursery child along at the start of the day. |
| | Hub Club and Multiskills Club (book your child's place on Childcare Bookings for School) |
| Thursday 13th November | Money Ready session 2 - supporting children in Teams Saturn and Neptune to understand the importance of managing their money |
| | Children in Need |
| | TPAC Neon disco |
| | Hub Club and Dance Club (book your child's place on Childcare Bookings for School) |
| Friday 14th November | Training Day - School closed to children |
| Thursday 20th November | Money Ready session 3 - supporting children in Teams Saturn and Neptune to understand the importance of managing their money |
| Monday 24th November | PC Nick Wood in assembly talking to the children about how to keep safe |
| Thursday 4th December | TPAC Christmas Fair (more details to follow shortly) |
| Friday 19th December | Break up for Christmas |

Your Weekly Attendance Update

Every day at school counts. Even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects.

At primary school, children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 (95-100% attendance) are 30% more likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90-95% of the time.



As a parent or carer, you have an important role in making school attendance a priority. Only keep your child off school when they are genuinely too ill to attend. Book medical appointments and holidays outside of school time and talk to your child's teacher or our pastoral Lead, Miss Bell if you're having difficulties with attendance. We are here to help so please ask.

Don't forget your odd socks... parents can join in too this

Monday! ☺



Odd Socks Day is an annual event that marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week, held to celebrate what makes people unique and to raise awareness of bullying. To participate, everyone is encouraged to wear odd socks to school to show that it's okay to be different.

We will be learning more about this and other aspects throughout anti-bullying week which will run throughout the week and will be the focus of our Wellbeing Wednesday session and our PSHE lessons with Miss Bell.



This year's focus is Power for Good where our goal is to empower children and young people to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins. Ask your child about one of the most important mantras we have in our school, 'We put kindness first' which links brilliantly with this year's theme.

Find out more by clicking on these links:

[Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good](#)

[Anti-bullying Week](#)



Welcome to Mrs Samuels in our School Office

You may have met Mrs Samuels who has just started working at Tadcaster Primary as our new Senior Admin staff member. You will see Mrs Samuels working on a Thursday and Friday every week when Mrs Bishop is not in school. Please make sure you say hello and introduce yourself next time you are passing by the school office.



Individual School Photographs

Our Individual Child School Photograph day is next Wednesday 12th November

During the morning of Wednesday 12th November, the photographer will take children's individual photographs as well as sibling photographs. There is no need to arrive early if your children already attend school. However, if you have a younger child who does not attend nursery on a Wednesday morning or does not yet attend school and who you would want to have a joint photograph, please arrive at 8.40am via the school entrance for this to be taken. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.





Look out for your tickets which will be coming out next week if you have sent in your reply slip with money!

Children in Need - Thursday 13th November

We are really excited to share that we will be celebrating Children in Need next week. Due to Friday 14th November being a school Training Day we will be holding our Children in Need day on Thursday the 13th November.

Children are welcome to attend school in something 'spotacular' spotty, cheerful or yellow for the day. As an alternative children are welcome to come in non-uniform. We are pleased to share that we have a QR code to scan to make a donation to this very good cause. This year there is an exciting 'Challenge yourself to 25' fundraising campaign as well where we will be having a go at a cha cha cha routine to the song 'What Makes you Beautiful.'

