

Friday 12th December 2025 - Newsletter no.14

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team Venus made us feel all warm and fuzzy with their Christmas Nativity on Tuesday. What a treat it was to see all the children on the stage. They were so confident and certainly sang their hearts out. It was lovely to see so many families in school enjoying the performance.

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day were a real hit and the children and adults loved the fantastic Christmas meal that Mrs Bedford and Miss Phillips made for us all. With festive tunes and Christmas Crackers provided by TPAC it really was a special event.



Click on the link below to see the children in Teams Saturn and Neptune performing at the Christmas Carol performance, 'Carols by Candlelight' at St Mary's Church. It was fantastic to hear the children singing so beautifully.

<https://www.instagram.com/tadcasterprimaryacad/reel/DSGJUwmjCLX/>

Well we only have one more week in school and I am sure that it will be a wonderful end to a very busy and fun 2025!

Best wishes,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher



Team TPA's Countdown to Christmas!

From the 8th December to 19th December attend school on time and you will have a chance to take part in our attendance raffle. You will be given a raffle ticket to add your name to and then if your name is drawn you will then receive the prize shared below on that day of the draw. There will be a prize for each of your class teams.

You've got to be in it to win it, Team TPA!

8th December	9th December	10th December	11th December	12th December
A festive pencil case and pen	A hot chocolate treat 	Festive selection box	Christmas themed sweets	MYSTERY SURPRISE 
15th December	16th December	17th December	18th December	19th December
Festive stationary 	£5 Amazon voucher	Festive Selection Box	£5 gift card 	MYSTERY SURPRISE

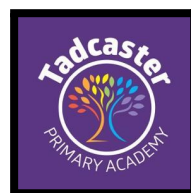
We are thrilled to announce a dazzling festive incentive because your child's attendance in school is so important to us. We are passionate about ensuring that every single child benefits from every learning opportunity available and the best way to do that is for them to be in school, on time, every day. Get ready for next week's Countdown to Christmas Attendance initiative which we are so excited about!



Check out Week two of our Countdown to Christmas. Who will win these fabulous prizes including £5 Amazon Vouchers!

Our School Focus - 2025-2026

Every year we set ourselves targets to achieve to ensure that we are providing the best education for our pupils. Our School Development Plan sets out these targets for the year. This year we have a range of different targets which include the three key priority areas below:



Key Priority One: Enhance pupil learning and independence by developing metacognitive and self-regulatory skills, informed by educational research.

Key Priority Two: To improve pupil outcomes in Early Reading, Phonics and reading through quality teaching and early identification of gaps

Key Priority Three: Secure pupil's understanding of multiplication facts to ensure rapid recall impacts on Multiplication Tables Check outcomes

Where we can, we ensure families are very much involved in helping us to raise the profile of these priority areas. As you may have spotted last week we held the Year 4 Multiplication Open Morning for families with children in Year 4. This was a great opportunity to raise the profile of Key Priority Three. Last term we also had our Phonics Open Evening where Parents of Team Venus children were encouraged to find out more about how we teach Phonics and Early Reading at school.

Attendance Matters

Our school attendance this week for Y1- Y6 is: **95.3%**

Reception to Year 6: **94.9%**

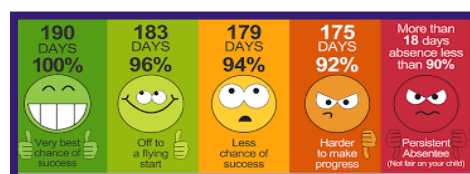
Our school attendance target is **97%**.

Team Neptune: 95.3% Top Team Attendance! 🙌

Team Saturn: 94.7%

Team Venus Reception/Y1: 94.8%

Team Nursery: 94.3%



***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.**

Community Updates

Tadcaster Grammar School

Link for tickets [HERE](#)



Feelings chart

Use this chart to identify and talk about feelings you and your child might have.



Feelings Chart - expressing our emotions

In school we have a daily check-in which explores how our children are feeling. We ask the children to describe how they are feeling, they choose from a range of emotion words and give a number that represents this feeling from 1-10. If children are really feeling positive they might share they are excited which might scale as a 9 or a 10. If they are feeling down they might say they are at a 4. We always encourage our children to explain why they feel this way and ask the other members of their team how they could help that child feel better. The children are always good at thinking of ways to cheer their classmates up!

When our children leave TPA we are confident that they are able to articulate their feelings and know how to discuss their mental health. We know this is so important for all children as they move on into adulthood.



January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	

TPAC Festive Update

We received an extra £4 donation from A Bauble Affair, a stall holder at our Christmas Fair. Which puts the total raised up to £791.22! Thank you to A Bauble Affair!

We paid for "No snap" Kids Christmas crackers for the school Christmas dinner this week

Sales from the IQ Christmas card designs raised £78! Thanks for all your purchases!

Coming Up:

Friday 19th December: A visit from Santa & his Elves!!



Updated: Dates for your diary for this term.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 15th December	Hub Club and Dodgeball Club with Five Star Sports Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Tuesday 16th December	Hub Club and Music Club with Mrs Oldfield Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Wednesday 17th December	Teams Saturn and Neptune Christmas performance of 'The Most Magical Place of All' - 2pm (one ticket per family - admits two)
	Hub Club and Multiskills Club with Five Star Sports Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Thursday 18th December	Teams Saturn and Neptune Christmas performance of 'The Most Magical Place of All' - 6pm (one ticket per family - admits two)
	Hub Club ONLY Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Friday 19th December	Christmas celebrations and a special visitor to look forward to...Ho Ho Ho
	Break up for Christmas - Happy Holidays Team TPA!
Monday 5th January 2026	Training Day - School closed to pupils ~ Happy New Year!
Tuesday 6th January	Welcome back to Children and families.

Parenting Support

The Solihull Parenting Programme has several training modules that are helpful for all parents. Please sign up for the Free sessions by visiting this link: [inourplace - Solihull Approach / inourplace](https://inourplace-solihullapproach.inourplace)

*You will need to enter your postcode and access code **NYFAMILIES**.*

Attendance

Next week attendance letters will be sent out to all families who have children with attendance at 90% and below (Persistent Absentee level) and also for those children who have attendance below 96%.

Please note that this is something that all schools are required to do and is a statutory requirement.

How can you help your child to stay safe online?

Online Safety for Our Learners: A Guide for Primary Families

1. Start the Conversation Early and Keep it Simple

It's never too early to talk about online safety!



2. Setting Up a Safe Digital Environment

Your guidance creates a secure online world.



3. Healthy Habits for a Balanced Life

Technology is a tool; balance makes it beneficial.

