



Friday 9th January 2026 - Newsletter no.16

## A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and stayed safe and well. The children have been excitedly sharing how much they have loved spending time with their families and receiving some lovely gifts from Father Christmas. It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school, ready and raring for their learning.



This week's highlights have definitely been watching the children in Team Venus have fun in Pond and Beyond – frosty but great fun. For Team Saturn the children have been learning all about colors in French and writing recounts on their Christmas breaks. In Team Neptune the children have been creating poetry inspired by colour and learning about fractions in their Maths.

Look out for more information on what the children will be learning this term which will be shared next week. Keep an eye out for this in next week's newsletter!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Caroline Towler, Headteacher

## Book on our Super Census Day Menu

Next Thursday we will have a change in our menu choice for our special Census Day Menu. Please log onto Appetite to choose your meal choice. Take a look at the tasty option on offer here →

All children in Reception, Years One and Two will be offered the hot school meal choice and if they bring a packed lunch they can have a taster. Please let the office know if you would rather your child didn't have this.

THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Pork & Beef or Vegan  
Campfire Bangers

Served with Smokey  
BBQ Beans & Wedges

Vanilla Ice Cream

Wild West  
DAY!

# Happy New Year Team TPA! Here's to a fabulous 2026!

Updated: Dates for your diary for this term.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 12th January	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	Hub Club and Dodgeball Club with Five Star Sports Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Tuesday 13th January	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	Hub Club and Music Club with Mrs Oldfield Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Wednesday 14th January	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	Team Saturn swimming session one
	Hub Club and Multiskills Club with Five Star Sports Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	TPAC Meeting at 5.30pm at school - all welcome
Thursday 15th January	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	Census Day Menu - see menu overleaf
	Hub Club and Dance Club with York Dance Space Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Friday 16th January	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	Hub Club Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>

## Attendance Matters - Fab attendance this week Team TPA!

Our school attendance this week for Y1-Y6 is: 97.2% 

Our school attendance target is 97%.

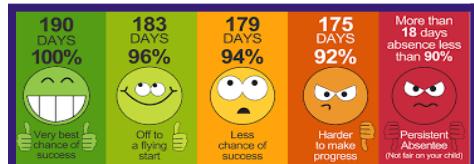
Team Neptune: 99.17%

Team Saturn: 99.2% Top Teams Attendance! 

Team Venus Reception/Y1: 91.9%

Team Nursery: 97.1%

\*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.



## National Year of Reading 2026

This year we are really focussing on reading throughout school to ensure that our children are confident readers with a passion for reading. Please get involved by listening to your child read, read aloud to your children regularly and celebrate books, books, books. Don't forget to log onto Learning with Parents to confirm your child has read at home three times a week. If you have any questions about reading or your child's reading book please get in touch with their class teacher.

It is the National Year of Reading 2026 this year. The National Year of Reading 2026 is your chance to help your child discover new worlds, grow confidence and build a lifelong love of reading - all through the everyday moments you already share. Find out more about this here:

<https://goallin.org.uk/get-involved/families/>

Check out this trailer which encourages your child to 'Go all in' and get stuck into reading absolutely anything! <https://goallin.org.uk/>

Children come alive when they're exploring the things they're passionate about. From superheroes and football to cooking, dancing and dinosaurs - every word counts.



## Attendance Update

All schools have to work incredibly hard every year to ensure that their whole school attendance figures sit above the national average set by the government. This national target sits at 96% and our academy trust target is 97%.



If children's attendance falls below 96% we do have to inform families so that you are aware of this information. Every term we send letters to parents to share if your child's attendance is below 96% and if it falls below 90% we have a responsibility to then meet with parents to discuss how we can work together to improve this. We know that these letters can feel frustrating if your child has been absent through illness, however we still need to discuss this.

We appreciate these letters are not popular aspects of school life but we hope you understand the importance of every child being in school, on time, everyday. We as a school are held accountable for children's attendance following Department of Education guidance and more importantly we know that children who have higher attendance don't miss out on crucial learning.

We would like to update you on the attendance figures for Tadcaster Primary Academy so far this academic year (from 1st September 2025 to 8th January 2026). Our whole-school attendance rate currently stands at 94.96%. Our goal is to aim to 96% so please help us to achieve this target.

## Wrap Around Care

Don't forget to book your child's place for **Breakfast Club** Monday- Friday and also for **After School Club** from Monday - Thursday.

**Breakfast Club** offers a nurturing start to the day and lots of creative fun with Mrs King! Enjoy cereal, toast or waffles and juice and fruit in our Hub.

Along with our amazing **Hub Club offer from Reception to Year 6** with Miss Bell and Miss Wilson please also check out our Y1 - Y6 enrichment clubs for next week's after school club:

Monday - Dodgeball Club with Five Star Sports 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
Tuesday - Music Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
Wednesday - Multiskills with Five Star Sports 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
Thursday - Dance with York Dance Space 3.30pm - 4.30pm

All this and a delicious cheese or ham salad wrap, fruit and juice for £4.50. For children who want to stay till 5.30pm its £9.00 for the two hour session

Book your child's places here: <https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/>



## TPAC UPDATE

Welcome back! We hope you had a good break.

Before the break we shared that we agreed to fund the School Council's project to develop the garden space at the front of School.

The first phase of this is now complete ✓  
Yorkshire hanging baskets and Garden services have been and replaced the broken fence and fitted a gate. We think you'll agree it's a big improvement!

The School council will be presenting their project ideas for the space in assembly over the next week. They'll then meet and feedback the ideas that come from this, and we'll start the next phase of the development! All exciting stuff!

### What's next?

We'll be presenting the findings from the feedback survey last term in the coming weeks.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 14th January at 5:30pm at School. We're welcoming new members and anyone is welcome to just pop in and see what we're about, how we work and say hello!