



Friday 16th January 2026 - Newsletter no.17

A message from Miss Towler...

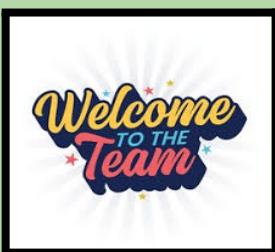
Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday our School Councillors carried out an assembly takeover. The children did brilliantly whilst explaining what our School Council project is for this year. For those who are not on Instagram we have decided that we will improve the garden area next to the carpark. Take a look at the pictures on Instagram for when we first explored the space back in the autumn term. On Monday the children had some great ideas for us to consider and so our next task is to start to put plans in place. Last week TPAC shared that funds previously raised had been used to improve the fencing and this isn't where the funding will end. We really do enjoy getting our teeth stuck into a new project and it is even better when the children come up with the ideas! More on this to follow as we start to get ideas together.



This week Team Saturn had their first swimming session and the team were really impressed with how the session went. Mr P chose three children from his team who had been brave in the session on Wednesday for his certificates today. Living in a town with a river running through it highlights how important it is for the children to be water confident. Team Neptune have this to look forward to in the summer term.

Have a lovely weekend,
Caroline Towler, Headteacher



Welcome to Miss Chugg

We are really pleased to share more about our new Assistant Teacher who has joined our school team. Miss Chugg worked in several of our academy trust schools prior to working with us at TPA. Miss Chugg has significant experience working in schools as a SEND Assistant Teacher and is loving working in Team TPA already!



Updated: Dates for your diary for this term.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 19th January	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
	Hub Club and Dodgeball Club with Five Star Sports Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Tuesday 20th January	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
	Hub Club and Music Club with Mrs Oldfield Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Wednesday 21st January	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
	Team Saturn swimming session Two
	Hub Club and Multiskills Club with Five Star Sports Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Thursday 22nd January	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
	Hub Club and Dance Club with York Dance Space Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Friday 23rd January	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Monday 26th January	Year Six SATs Evening presentation - 5pm Parents and Carers welcome Please see letter shared today.
Tuesday 3rd February	Skipping event with Team Saturn at Selby High

Attendance Matters

Our school attendance this week for Y1-Y6 is: **93.45%**

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

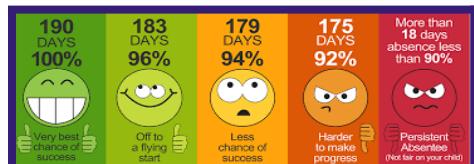
Team Neptune: **95.7%** Top Team Attendance! 

Team Saturn: **93.8%**

Team Venus Reception/Y1: **92.2%**.

Team Nursery: **84.9%**

*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.



Curriculum Update - Please take a look at the curriculum updates from your child's class teacher below to find out what your child will be learning this term:



Team Venus (Nursery, Reception and Year One)

This term we are learning about 'The Polar Regions', we will be looking at animals that live in the polar regions and learn facts about these animals and what the climate is like and how the animals have adapted to live in this climate. We will continue Drawing Club and the children are very aware of what we do and draw on each day. So far we have ventured into the story 'The three little pigs' and looked at an episode from the past of 'Willo the Wisp'. Team Venus Year 1 will be learning about 'Transport' in History and how transportation in the past compares to transport today. In Religious Education we are looking at 'How and why we celebrate special times' within religious and non-religious

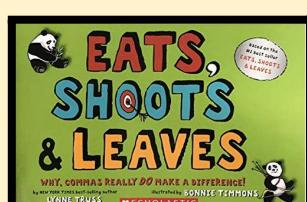
communities. In Science this term we are learning about 'Animals including Humans' - 'All about me'. We will be conducting experiments with the focus on our five senses. In PE we are focusing on gymnastics which includes jumping, balancing and mirroring. Mrs Oldfield and Miss Ambler will be teaching more new techniques in music and art. In Art the children will be making 3D sculptures. In Music Year 1 will be learning lots of new songs and using instruments to create musical conversations, Reception and Nursery will play singing games based on the theme of 'Bird Song' and learn to show the beat of music through movement.

Team Saturn (Years Two, Three and Four)

Team Saturn has lots of interesting things to do and learn this term. In History we will be learning about local historical events, buildings, industry, maps and place names. In Geography we will look at settlements including different types, megacities and how we can save settlements from being destroyed. In RE we will look at festivals. This will include looking at what the festival is, when and how it is celebrated. In Science we will be looking at Light. We will learn about what light and dark is, how the eye detects light, shadows and reflection. In PE it is our turn to go swimming and will be taking part in the Dance Festival. Mrs Oldfield and Miss Ambler will be teaching more new techniques in music and art respectively. We will continue to develop our French conversational skills covering the topics of colour, parts of the body, family, food and drink.



Team Neptune (Years Four, Five and Six) In English we are writing DIY Colour Poems & doing biography writing on the theme of "My Hero". This could be a family member or ancestor who the children will enjoy collecting some information about at home to write up in class. In story writing we will be using a short film "The Lighthouse" practising writing dialogue to show character & setting descriptions. We will use the picture book "Eats, Shoots and Leaves" to explore how important a comma can be in affecting meaning. In Geography our topic is Where does our energy come from? We will learn about carbon emissions and global warming and the change towards generating electricity using renewable forms of energy including Drax now a major biomass power station. In RE, we will focus on Christianity and Islam exploring the question Is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity? First Miss Bell is teaching PSHE & in the second half term Miss Ambler is teaching Art. Mrs Oldfield is teaching music which will include 'Building a Groove' and 'Epoca' learning about Beat, rhythm, bass lines, riffs, articulation and tango. In PE we are exploring symmetry and asymmetry in gymnastics and practising striking and fielding games including tri golf and rounders. In Science we are learning about Forces. In DT we will be making cam mechanisms.





Team TPA 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/>

Important: Please save the dates

Please see the following dates when children will be completing statutory assessments. It is really important that your child is in school and is not absent for medical appointments or holidays. Thank you for your support with this.

Year Group	Dates	Reason
6	Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May 2026	Key Stage Two SAT assessments
4	Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June 2026	Year One Phonics Screening Check
1	Monday 1st June - Friday 12th June 2026	Year Four Multiplication Tables Check

TPAC update

Thanks again to everyone that completed our Feedback Survey in Autumn. Your feedback is really valuable in helping us to plan for future events, fundraising and funding. As the survey was for feedback on TPAC, we're unable to comment on any feedback directly about School but please find the link below to our survey results with our responses and our action plans from it:

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