

Friday 13th February 2026 - Newsletter no.21

## *A message from Miss Towler...*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

This week we've been busy preparing our pupils for the world around them. On Monday we marked Safer Internet Day by ensuring our children have the tools to navigate the digital world securely. We also celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. Exploring the theme 'This is my place', we've seen some wonderful discussions about belonging and wellbeing which culminated in a fantastic day in a 'Come as You Are' day today. This all links brilliantly with our School Council project for this year as we have been discussing lots about how we can improve our world. Last Friday the School Council and myself met with Mr Waudby who is one of our Governors. We chatted about our plans for the garden area near the carpark and how the children would like to improve it. This also fits in nicely with a whole school project on the climate which all schools are carrying out this year. By creating a Climate Action Plan we will look at how we can improve our environment and the children's ideas for bug hotels and bee friendly environments will certainly help with this.



## A Special Guest!

The school was buzzing today as we welcomed a very special visitor—Farmer Carl! It was a fantastic treat for the children to learn about rural life and meet some animals, bringing a touch of the countryside right to our classrooms. Every child in school got to stroke the animals and chat with Farmer Carl which was fab.

## Trust Review: Team TPA Shines

Yesterday, we welcomed representatives from our Academy Trust for a full school review. They spent the day in classrooms, met with leaders, and looked closely at everything from teaching and learning to safeguarding and attendance. I am thrilled to share that the feedback was incredibly positive. The visitors were struck by the fantastic atmosphere in our school and the high standards of our pupils.

## Pupil Voice: Our Student Ambassadors

A special mention must go to the group of children who took part in the "Pupil Voice" session yesterday. They spoke to our visitors about our school with such confidence and pride that hearing the feedback blew me away. A massive well done to: Burhannudin, Sky, Teddie, Layla, Hayden, Trixie & Jesse. You were all phenomenal ambassadors for Team TPA. You made me, and the entire staff, incredibly proud 

None of this would be possible without the dedication and determination of our school team and so as always a big, big thank you for every staff member in Team TPA. They truly are the best!

Have a lovely half term everyone,  
Caroline Towler,  
Headteacher

## Attendance Matters

Our school attendance this week for Y1-Y6 is: **96.08%**

Our school attendance target is 97%.

**Team Neptune: 98.67% Top Team Attendance!** 🙌🙌

**Team Saturn: 93.75%**

**Team Venus Reception/Y1: 96.52%**

**Team Nursery: 88.14%**

\*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.



## Attendance Matters

Our school attendance this year to date for Y1-Y6 is: **94.89%**

Our school attendance target is 97%.

**Team Neptune: 94.73%**

**Team Saturn: 95.26%! Top Team Attendance** 🙌🙌🙌

**Team Venus Reception/Y1: 94.77%**

**Team Nursery: 91.25%**

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## Children's Mental Health Week

This week we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week and throughout the week we looked at why it is so important to belong. Today the children really enjoyed dressing in their choice of clothes for the 'Come as Yourself Day' theme. They had a fantastic end to Children's Mental Health Week creating their own tile and also having the chance to spend time with Farmer Carl and his lamb and hen!



## Attendance Spotlight

This week we have sent out attendance letters to families as our statutory response to informing parents of their child's attendance. Please remember that these are automated letters which are required to be sent to all families of children who have attendance of 96% and below.

For families to understand the reason why we have a real spotlight on attendance this year we thought it would be helpful to look at our autumn term attendance figures compared to last academic year. The Department of Education (DFE) has increased the expectations of all schools with regard to attendance and as our school's whole school attendance has fallen this year we need to be proactive to make sure this doesn't continue to decline.

### Year-on-Year Comparison Table

Year Group	2024 Attendance	2025 Attendance	Variance	Status
Reception	95.2%	94.3%	-0.9%	⚠️ Concern
Year 1	92.5%	95.7%	+3.2%	✅ Improving
Year 2	95.8%	96.7%	+0.9%	✅ Improving
Year 3	96.0%	95.9%	-0.1%	🟢 Stable
Year 4	97.8%	93.3%	-4.5%	🔴 Critical
Year 5	96.7%	95.5%	-1.2%	⚠️ Concern
Year 6	97.0%	93.0%	-4.0%	🔴 Critical

Updated: Dates for your diary for this term.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 23rd February <i>Welcome back Team TPA!</i>	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 24th February	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 25th February	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 six
	Hub Club and Multiskills Club with Five Star Sports Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Thursday 26th February	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	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 27th February	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	Break up for half term - happy holidays!
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 6th March	Everybody Dance for Team Saturn children
Thursday 12th March	TPAC Mothers Day Stall

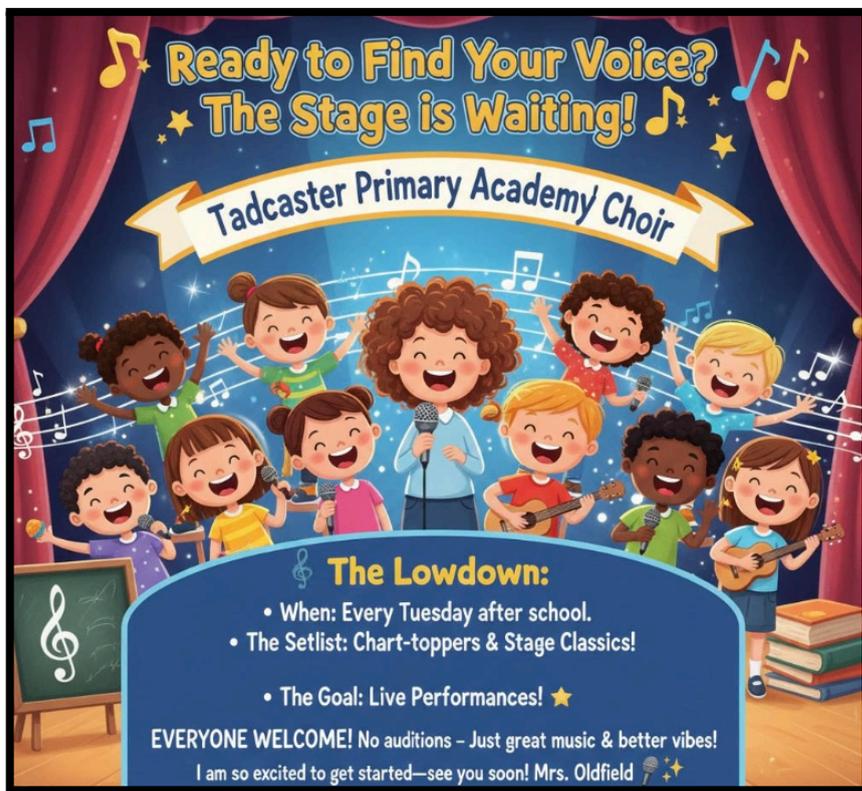


### *Easter Raffle*

During next half term we will be monitoring our weekly attendance and the class team with the top attendance will be entered into our Easter half term draw for a Easter pinata for their class! Ask your children more as we have discussed all about this in school this week.

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

*Happy Half Term Team TPA!*



## Our School Choir



🎵 *Ready to Find Your Voice? The Stage is Waiting!*

Mrs Oldfield here with some huge news! Get ready to turn up the volume because next half term, we are officially launching our brand-new Year 1-6 Tadcaster Primary Academy School Choir—and it's going to be epic!

Whether you're a shower-singing superstar or a total beginner, this is for everyone. No auditions, no pressure—just great music and better vibes.

🎤 *The Lowdown:*

- *When:* Every Tuesday after school, starting after half term

- *Who:* Children in Years One - Six

- *The Setlist:* We'll be diving into everything from chart-topping hits to stage classics.

- *The Goal:* We aren't just practicing; we're prepping for live performances that will blow the roof off!

All this and a delicious wrap for £4.50.

This is your chance to be part of something big, make new friends, and show the school what you've got. I am so excited to get started—see you soon! Mrs. Oldfield 🎤 ✨



# TPAC Update



## Project Garden:

The School Council met last week to discuss how the garden space should be used. There was a focus on environmental stewardship and sustainability, which we're really proud of!

Here's some of the ideas (we hope to incorporate as many of these as possible in the space):

* Hedgehog Houses	* Wildlife camera	* Plant wildflowers
* An allotment area	* Fairy Garden	* Bug hotels
* Sheltered seating/story telling area.		

We hope to add a shed too, to use as a pre-loved uniform shop, which we can open on a regular basis.

Next steps:

- \* Research purchase options/ source materials to create the hotels.
- \* Clear out rubbish, old planters, weeds etc. Look out for news on a community project coming up for this!
- \* Drain the old pond.
- \* We're applying for grants towards a shelter and we've applied for a charity-funded shed.



## Parent Forum Feedback - what did our Parents & Carers say?

### What's going well?

- The range of activities offered at Hub Club are enjoyed by the children. The after school snacks were also popular.
- Pastoral Care in school.
- Early Years team are very approachable and supportive.
- TT Rockstars app has been a hit. The children love being able to access the app at home and look at their progress.
- TPAC - lots of opportunities to support the school and get involved in the school community.

### Even better if?

- A free trial session at Hub Club or multi-child discount.
- More knowledge of what is on offer at school to support children's well being and how to access this.
- More availability to access the school SENCo if this is possible.

## Team TPA Wrap Around Care: Join the Hub Club!



### A Nurturing Start with Mrs King



Morning sessions offer creative fun and a welcoming environment for students.



### Healthy Morning Menu

Students enjoy cereal, toast, waffles, juice, and fresh fruit in the Hub.



Led by Miss Wilson and Miss Bell

**Flexible Sessions & Pricing**

£4.50 or £9.00

The Hub Club offers high-quality after-school care from Reception to Year 6.

£4.50 until 4:30 PM or £9.00 until 5:30 PM including a snack wrap.

### Enrichment Activities Included

Daily clubs include Dodgeball, Music, Multiskills, and Dance.

#### Monday



**Dodgeball Club**  
Five Star Sports

#### Tuesday



**Music Club**  
Mrs Oldfield

#### Thursday



**Dance**  
York Dance Space