

Friday 24th April 2026 - Newsletter no.28

## A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

*This week, I am really pleased to be able to celebrate our status as a truly sporty school. Whether it's in the pool, on the court, or finding balance on a yoga mat, our pupils are certainly demonstrating incredible energy and sportskills. At our school, we have always believed that a healthy body fuels a healthy mind. Here is a glimpse into the fantastic physical activities happening across our year groups.*



*Team Neptune will be making a splash and diving headfirst into their fitness goals with swimming sessions every Wednesday. After just one week it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow in the water as they master new strokes and water safety skills.*

*Sport isn't always about high-speed competition as it's also about focus and resilience. In fact Team Venus has been finding their "zen" with weekly Yoga sessions, improving their flexibility and core strength.*

*This week, Year Six have been practicing Mindfulness to help them stay calm, centered, and confident as they prepare for their upcoming Key Stage Two SATs. They were fabulous in their first session and are looking forward to the upcoming sessions in the run up the SATs.*

*Our weekly after-school clubs are in full swing, with students sharpening their reflexes and teamwork in Basketball, Multi-skills, and the ever-popular Dodgeball.*

*The excitement is building for Team Saturn, who will be heading off to the Brownlee Triathlon this May. This is a prestigious event that challenges our young athletes to swim, cycle, and run—inspired by our local Olympic heroes. We know they will represent us with pride!*

Best wishes,

Caroline Towler,  
Headteacher

## Our Wrap Around Care offer in Team TPA!

Book your places here:

<https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/>

**Breakfast Club**  
(8:00 AM - 8:45 AM)  
Start the day with friends, games, and a nutritious breakfast (Mon-Fri).

**Hub Club**  
(3:30 PM - 5:30 PM)  
Relax with baking, crafts, and music plus a healthy salad wrap (Mon-Thur).

**Active After-School Sports**  
Y1-Y6 Enrichment Clubs  
Specialized sports sessions including basketball, multi-skills, and dodgeball.

Day	Activity	Provider
Monday	Basketball	City of Leeds Basketball
Wednesday	Multi-skills	Five Star Sports
Thursday	Dodgeball	Five Star Sports

**Weekly Sports Enrichment Schedule**

**Healthy Snacks Included**  
Every sports club provides a tasty wrap, fruit, and juice.

**Quick & Easy Booking**  
Reserve your spot online at <https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/> before spaces fill up.

## Updated: Dates for your diary for this term.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 27th April	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	Hub Club and Basketball with City of Leeds Basketball Club Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Tuesday 28th April	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>
Wednesday 29th April	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	Team Neptune Swimming Session - don't forget to send children with towels, swimwear and remove children's earrings. Thank you.
	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
Thursday 30th April	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 with Five Star Sports Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Friday 1st May	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday Monday - school closed

## Attendance Matters

Our school attendance this week for Y1-Y6 is: **95.54%**

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

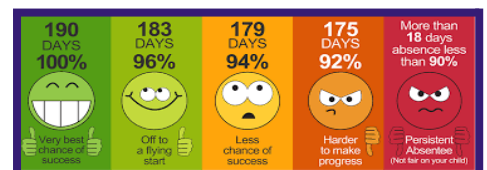
**Team Neptune: 96% -Top team attendance!**

**Team Saturn: 94.1% Team Venus Reception/Y1:91.58%**

**Team Venus Nursery:87.62%**

\*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 Competition:

This week's attendance winners are Team Neptune who achieved the top attendance figure with 96% out of Teams Venus, Saturn and Neptune. Team Neptune won the golden ticket!

This half term's competition is to win a class party on the last day of this half term. You've got to be in it to win it team!



# How can I keep my child safe online?

## An update from our Computing Lead Mr Foster.



### Supporting children by having content chats every week

If your child prefers not to share their social media feeds, try having a family chat instead.

Pick a regular time each week to talk about what everyone has seen online. Make it a friendly, two-way conversation where you share posts you enjoyed as well as anything that felt worrying or confusing.

You could talk about posts made you:

- feel good
- uncomfortable
- think
- question something

Then decide together what to do next:

- ask for help if something feels bad
- unfollow or block negative accounts
- change feed settings
- set parental controls, if needed
- take breaks from being online
- use screen time tools

Many of our children access content online, this content may not always be appropriate and even with the filters applied some inappropriate content can still get through. It is important to discuss what your child would do if they came across content they did not like. In school, we would always encourage them to put down their device (iPad, phone, laptop) and seek a trusted adult that can then help them.



## TPAC Update

Come along to TPAC's next MEETING

Join us for **friendly** discussions and planning of events!

**WHEN:** Wednesday 29th April, 5:30 PM  
**WHERE:** At School

We can't wait to welcome you to Team TPAC

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## RUN JUMP THROW

CALLING ALL BUDDING ATHLETES & PARA ATHLETES AGED 7 - 11

SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026 - 1 PM

**£12**

**Events**  
Long Jump  
Sprint  
Howler Throw  
Endurance Run

**Location**  
York University Track  
Heslington  
York  
YO10 5NA

FOR MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT [VALEOFYORK.ORG/FMC](http://VALEOFYORK.ORG/FMC)

**Our Summer Term 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) with Mr Foster**

This term we are learning about 'Growing' and 'Life Cycles'. We will be exploring the life cycles of tadpoles, caterpillars and duck eggs. Ri's dad has kindly brought in some tadpoles for us to look after and we will be closely watching them change over the coming days and weeks. Year 1 will be learning about Castles and their main features in History. In Science we will be looking at plants and what plants need to grow and thrive. In computing we will be learning about how we use technology and where we can find it in our environment, the children will also be practising logging onto the chrome books and using some simple ICT software. In Geography, Year 1 will be exploring whether they would prefer to live in a hot place or a cold place - looking



at the world map and its 7 continents. This term we are really lucky that all of team Venus will be working with Hannah from the School Yoga Project and Drew from Dance Space. The children absolutely love these sessions and it is a great opportunity to be involved in physical activity that they sometimes wouldn't choose to do. During this Summer term there will also be lots of discussion around transition particularly for our Year 1 team moving to Saturn and our Nursery team starting full time in Reception. This will be a great opportunity to explore their feelings around these changes.



### **Team Saturn (Years Two, Three and Four) with Mr Parkinson**

In Team Saturn we have lots of interesting things to learn and do in the Summer Term. We will be taking part in the Brownlee Triathlon. This will help us show off our improved swimming skills from last term along with running and cycling. In History we will be learning about 'The Victorians' where we will look at the Industrial Revolution and the British Empire. In Geography we will look at Volcanoes where we will create our own volcanoes (including eruptions!). In RE we will look at Right and Wrong. This will include looking at different religious concepts of right and wrong and our human rights. In Science we will be studying Rocks. This will include making our own fossil replicas. In PE we will be learning new skills in Athletics (ready for Sports Day) and Football (as we move towards the World Cup). Mrs Oldfield, Miss Ambler and Miss Bell will be teaching more new knowledge and techniques in Music, Art and PSHE. In Computing we will continue our Microbits project in conjunction with the School Council's work with the garden.



### **Team Neptune (Years Four, Five and Six) with Mr Sands**

In English we are writing a humorous script based on the TV show Room 101 & a Balanced Argument based on the question Should a new fast food outlet be allowed to open a new restaurant in Tadcaster Town Centre? We are also writing a spooky story based on a short animated film. In Geography our topic is, Why does the population change? We will learn about the populations in the nations of the UK, which continents are more densely populated & what birth and death rates are. In RE, we will learn what matters most to Humanists and Christians. Miss Bell is teaching PSHE & in the second half term Miss Ambler is teaching Art. In History we are investigating why Sir John Vanbrugh was the rock star of Baroque, learning about the features of Baroque architecture and the history of Castle Howard which we will also be visiting. We are sketching the house and making a 3D model so start saving your cardboard cereal boxes & kitchen rolls! In a STEM DT task we are making a healthy fruit salad. In music we are learning the ukelele & Kisne banaaya, an Indian song sung in 4 parts in a round. In PE we will be practising Athletics & Gymnastics. In Science we are covering Materials and their Properties & Solids, liquids and gases. We are learning German & in SATs Y6 will be doing us proud with all their hard work.



## Important Reminder : 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



### Welcome to Mr Goodyear, our new Caretaker

We are really pleased to share more about our new Caretaker who has joined our school team. Mr Goodyear has worked in several roles prior to working with us at TPA. These include manufacturing roles as a Manager and most recently a Maintenance Team Leader at Fenwick in York. In one of his other lives he rather excitingly spent eleven years as a caddy at St Andrews and on the European tour. For the golfers in our community you may have heard of Luke Donald who he caddied for and also those who follow celebrities will certainly know of Barack Obama, Hugh Grant and Jamie Redknapp.

Mr Goodyear has significant experience working in many roles and is already loving working in Team TPA for the variety of jobs and of course the people in our team!

### Mr Goodyear with the previous



### President of the USA, Barack Obama

*Happy weekend Team TPA. Enjoy the sunshine! xx*