

Friday 1st May 2026 - Newsletter no.29

## A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up another wonderful week at school, I find myself reflecting on just how much the children have achieved in a few short days. Our school has been buzzing with a mix of hard work and that unmistakable Friday feeling which definitely kicks in before a lovely long weekend.

I've been incredibly impressed by the level of focus in our classrooms this week. From fantastic maths learning to some truly wonderful creative writing, the children are pushing their boundaries and showing real resilience. Whether it is on the field at breaktime or during lessons in class, the sense of kindness remains the heartbeat of our school. Sometimes the best parts of the week are the smallest ones, like when the children finally master a tricky concept or a shared laugh over a lunch tray. Those are the moments that make our school community so special.

While the weather usually likes to keep us guessing, I hope you all find the time to switch off, step away from the routines, and enjoy some quality time together this Bank Holiday weekend. Whether you are planning a grand adventure or a quiet day at home with a very large teapot, I hope it is exactly what you need.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Have a wonderful, restful long weekend Team TPA!

Best wishes,

Caroline Towler,  
Headteacher



## We need your children 😊

Please support our Wrap Around Care provision - we need your children to ensure our Wrap Around Care Offer is able to continue running.

Please book your places here:

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

**TASTEFUL TALES! DISCOVER THE TADCASTER WRAP AROUND CARE OFFER**

### FUN & FUN

**FUN, CARE & FRIENDS - BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL**

**BREAKFAST CLUB - RISE & SHINE!**  
Every morning, Mon - Fri, 8:00am - 8:45am. For Reception to Year 6.

- start your day right
- hang out with your pals!
- play games
- delicious & nutritious breakfast

PLUS: DELICIOUS SNACK!

**HUB CLUB - AFTER-SCHOOL FUN!**  
Every evening, Mon - Thu, 3:30pm - 5:30pm. For Reception to Year 6.

- baking
- craft
- den making
- listening to music

PLUS: DELICIOUS SNACK!

**NEW! AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS - GET ACTIVE!**  
Y1 - Y6 Enrichment Sessions. All clubs include a healthy snack!

- Mon: Basketball
- Wed: Multi-skills
- Thu: Dodgeball

Five Star Sports

**SPACES FILL UP FAST! BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!**

**CLICK HERE TO BOOK: [tadcaster.cbfs.uk](https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/)**

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

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 4th May	<b>Bank Holiday Monday</b>
Tuesday 5th May	<b>Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	<b>Hub Club</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Wednesday 6th May	<b>Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	<b>Year Six Mindfulness Session with Hannah Butterill</b>
	<b>Team Neptune Swimming Session</b> - don't forget to send children with towels, swimwear and remove children's earrings. Thank you.
	<b>Hub Club and Multi-skills Club with Five Star Sports</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Thursday 7th May	<b>Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	<b>Hub Club and Dodgeball Club with Five Star Sports</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Friday 8th May	<b>Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Monday 11th May	<b>Key Stage Two SATs Breakfast at 8.30am followed by Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test</b>
	<b>Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	<b>Hub Club and Basketball with City of Leeds Basketball Club</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Tuesday 12th May	<b>Key Stage Two SATs Breakfast at 8.30am followed by Reading test</b>
	<b>Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	<b>Hub Club</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Wednesday 13th May	<b>Key Stage Two SATs Breakfast at 8.30am followed by Maths Papers 1&amp;2</b>
	<b>Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
	<b>Team Neptune Swimming Session</b> - don't forget to send children with towels, swimwear and remove children's earrings. Thank you.
	<b>Hub Club and Multi-skills Club with Five Star Sports</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>
Thursday 14th May	<b>Key Stage Two SATs Breakfast at 8.30am followed by Maths Paper 3</b>
	<b>Hub Club and Dodgeball Club with Five Star Sports</b> Book your place here: <a href="https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/">https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/</a>

## Attendance Matters

Our school attendance this week for Y1-Y6 is: **93.77%**

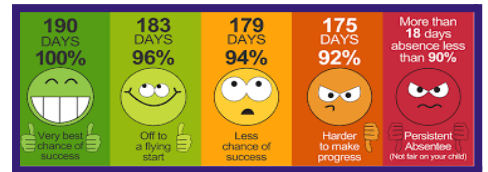
Our school attendance target is 97%.

**Team Neptune: 95.33%** -Top team attendance!

**Team Saturn:92.9%** **Team Venus Reception/Y1: 94.55%**

**Team Venus Nursery:95.24%**

\*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 95.33% 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!

## Pond and Beyond Update from Sue from Tadcrafters

Tadcaster Primary Academy is very lucky to have a lovely wildlife garden but it does require a bit of work to keep it looking good and over the last few years Tadcaster's community group Tadcrafters has stepped up to help out. Tadcrafters CIC came into existence at the beginning of 2016 as a response to the collapse of Tadcaster's bridge in December 2015. After successfully forming a thriving crafting group this was complemented by a gardening group which came into existence in 2021. Shortly after its creation the group was contacted by Ruth Griffin from TPA who requested some assistance with the school's wildlife garden. Ruth had created the garden with the help of parents of pupils a number of years before, but as their children left the school the numbers of helpers had diminished and Ruth was finding it hard to keep on top of the garden on her own. Tadcrafters were happy to oblige and have been visiting the school's garden ever since during school holidays and sometimes at weekends during term time. Some of the original plants had started taking over and were crowding out others so the task was, and has remained, a matter of keeping the garden under control by digging out the thugs, cutting back and dividing plants when necessary together with weeding. Also, each autumn the new willow growth has been woven back into the den to make it more substantial. Keeping on top of the garden after the initial flurry of activity is not an onerous task requiring four or so visits a year for a morning or afternoon which is enough to keep it in check and to allow more plants to flourish. It is also a fun and sociable activity and Tadcrafters are always happy to welcome anyone who would like to get involved. No gardening experience is necessary and tools can be provided if required. Please contact Sue at [tadcraftersst@outlook.com](mailto:tadcraftersst@outlook.com) if you are interested in finding



out more.

# How can I keep my child safe online? An update from our Computing Lead Mr Foster.



Please find this week's next installment in our 'Keeping safe online'!



## Watch for emotional triggers

Teach your child to pause before reacting to content they see online. Posts that make you angry, shocked, or excited might be fake.

Emotional content spreads fast, even when it's not true.

You could ask them:

- was this from a trusted site or a random account?
- what do you think this post wants you to feel?
- is it trying to make you react?

Let your child know it's okay if something online feels upsetting or confusing as it might not be true. They can always come to you or another trusted adult for help.



## Think about who posted it and why

It's not always easy to know why something was made and posted online. Encouraging children to ask themselves simple questions about something they have seen, helps them become smart, confident social media users. Encourage your child to pause and ask:

- who posted this?
- are they being fair or could they be biased?
- why might they want you to believe it?
- could this have been made by AI?

These questions help children spot when something might be misleading and remind them that not everything online is true.

## TPAC Update

The garden at the front entrance is taking shape still. We'll be meeting with the school council next week to plan the layout in more detail.

Next steps are to dig out the pond, remove the membranes and refill it. As well as cutting back the overgrown plants and grass. From there we can start putting things in place. We'll soon need to do some re-potting too.

If anyone is interested in helping with any of these stages, please let Miss Towler or a TPAC member know.



## Thank you Mr Waudby 😊

A special thank you to Tim Waudby who has done an absolutely fabulous job clearing the garden area adjacent to the school car park. He has given up so much of his time to do this and this is already having a positive impact. Mr Tobin and Mr Pitts-Banner have also offered to help so

thank you to them too. If any other family members would like to join in the team effort it would be very much appreciated! Just give us a call or catch a staff member at school and let us know!