

Friday 8th May 2026 - Newsletter no.30



A message from Miss Towler... Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of what has been an incredibly busy week, I wanted to take a moment to share just how immensely proud I am of every single one of our Year 6 children. This week, our pupils sat their Key Stage 2 SATs and they did so with a level of maturity that was truly impressive to witness. From the early morning energy at our SATs breakfast to the focused quiet of the tests, their conduct has been exemplary.

Watching the children support one another over toast, waffles and juice each morning was a highlight for the staff that helped in our SATs cafe. That sense of community fuelled the children's resilience throughout the week. They have worked incredibly hard, not just over the last four days, but throughout the entire year. They tackled every paper with determination, never giving up even when faced with the trickiest of questions.

While these tests are a statutory part of primary school, I want to be very clear that SATs do not define our children. A test paper cannot measure the kindness they show to one another, their creativity or sporting talents and team spirit, their curiosity about the world around them nor their wonderful personalities that make our school such a joyful place to be. These assessments are a snapshot of one week in time, but they don't come close to capturing the full spectrum of amazing skills and talents our Year 6 children possess. Now that the test is over the children have had the chance to celebrate with a few well deserved treats including a McFlurry each and I am sure you won't have missed that they are now wearing their grey TPA hoodies too.

A big thank you to the staff team who made this week run so smoothly from Mrs Bishop and Mrs Samuels in the office who helped make sure the SATs papers were registered to Mr Goodyear who covered the displays in the hall, every team member has been busy. Special thanks go to Mr Wall and Mrs Roche who worked on their days off, Miss Ambler who taught Year 4/5 art sessions during the tests, Miss Bell for organising the breakfast items, Mr Foster who helped me cater for the breakfasts this week and of course Mr Sands and Miss Wilson for their hard work this year in preparing the children to be SATs ready! A truly fantastic team who never fail to amaze.

Best wishes, Caroline Towler, Headteacher



Attendance Matters

Our school attendance this week for Y1-Y6 is: 94.12%

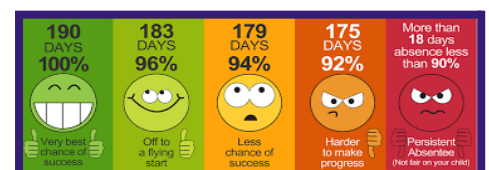
Our school attendance target is 97%.

Team Neptune: 98.89% Top team attendance!

Team Saturn: 93.67% Team Venus Reception/Y1: 88.89%

Team Venus Nursery: 92.78%

***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.**



We need your children 😊

Please support our Wrap Around Care provision

Please book your places here:



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

PLUS: DELICIOUS SNACK!

SPACES FILL UP FAST! BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!

CLICK HERE TO BOOK: tadcaster.cbfs.uk

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



Can You Help?

Tadcaster Primary Academy Summer Fair

We're looking for donations of gifts and items for our Adult and Children's Tombolas! Any contributions would be greatly appreciated to help make our Summer Fair a success.

Date: Friday 19th June
Time: 3:30pm
Venue: Tadcaster Primary Academy

Adult Tombola prizes | Children's Tombola prizes | Gifts | Toys | Treats | Vouchers



Tadcaster Primary Academy Community

Thank you for supporting our school community! ✨

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



Please find our last installment in our 'Keeping safe online'!



Talk about algorithms

Social media doesn't just show posts in order. It uses algorithms to decide what appears based on what your child watches, likes or shares.

This can create a "bubble" where they only see one side of a story.

Help your child take control of their feed:

- follow a mix of accounts, not just ones they agree with
- use settings like "Not interested" or "See less" to reduce unwanted content
- report posts that are upsetting or harmful

It's important for children to know how their feed is shaped. Explain that when they interact with posts, the app shows them more of the same. Social media is designed to keep people engaged, so it often shows content that grabs attention.

Why talk about this?

Having open conversations about algorithms helps children understand how their feed works and how they can shape it. This gives them more choice over what they see and helps them avoid getting stuck in a bubble.

Weekly check-ins make it easier to talk openly about what they see online and help them build healthy habits.

Asking the right questions, helps your child feel confident and be in control online.

What do you trust online?

This short quiz can help you and your child learn how to spot misleading or unreliable information online.

Click this link to complete the short quiz

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/online-safety-quiz/>

Attendance Competition:

This week's attendance winners are Team Neptune, who achieved the top attendance figure with 98.9% out of Teams Venus, Saturn and Neptune. Team Neptune wins 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!



5. Citizens Advice have partnered with Wetherby and District Foodbank at the Advice Hubs



Did you know...?

Anyone can access financial advice and support at local Community Cafes.

Tadcaster: Wednesdays - 10am till noon - The Barn (term time)
(Tadcaster Methodist Hall during school holidays)

Wetherby: Fridays - 10am till noon - St James' Church Room

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY ONE CUPPA AT A TIME

Tadcaster's Community Cafe & Advice Hub

Every Wednesday 10am - 12
The Barn (term time) or Methodist Church (Holidays)

Everyone Welcome
FREE Refreshments
Friendly Space
Free parking
Foodbank
Citizens Advice
Support services
NHS Social Prescriber

Pop in for a cuppa, a chat and support - if needed!

LEGAL HUB | CITIZENS ADVICE | Foodbank | HEALTH | HOUSING

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Wetherby's Community Cafe & Advice Hub

Every Friday 10am - 12 Noon
St James' Church Room, Church St. Wetherby
Wetherby's community cafe and advice hub

Everyone Welcome
FREE Refreshments
Chat to Friends
Free Parking
Toddler area
Citizens Advice
Meet your Councillors

Pop in for a cuppa, a chat and advice - if needed

CITY COUNCILLORS | CITIZENS ADVICE | Foodbank | HEALTH & WELLBEING | FAMILY SUPPORT



Community News

Check out members of Team TPA who are taking part in Sherburn-in-Elmet's 50th Gala Extravaganza. Team Venus have their very own window display in Slater's which is made up of the children's photographs and artwork.

Doesn't it look fantastic?

If you want to see it in person you can have a look this Saturday!



Updated: Dates for your diary for this term.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 18th May	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
	Hub Club and Basketball with City of Leeds Basketball Club Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Tuesday 19th May	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
	Hub Club Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Wednesday 20th May	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
	Team Neptune Swimming Session - don't forget to send children with towels, swimwear and remove children's earrings. Thank you.
	Hub Club and Multi-skills Club with Five Star Sports Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Thursday 21st May	Hub Club and Dodgeball Club with Five Star Sports Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
Friday 22nd May	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
	End of Term - happy holidays!
Monday 1st June	Return to school after half term



DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



Scan QR code to find out more!

98%

OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD LOVES OR ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY BAND LESSONS

94%

OF PARENTS SAY ROCKSTEADY IMPROVES THEIR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-9pm, Fri 8am-9pm, local rate) rocksteadymusicschool.com



Rocksteady Rocks!

The children had a fabulous morning meeting Will from Rocksteady. They watched him play a range of instruments and even had a go themselves. If you would like to find out more about how your child could take part please check out the details here or look at Arbor for the letter shared today.