

Friday 17th July 2026 - Newsletter no.39

A final message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As my time as the Headteacher at Tadcaster Primary Academy draws to a close, I am writing to you with a heart full of gratitude, pride and a little bit of sadness. Leading this incredible school has been an absolute privilege, and as I prepare for my next chapter, I want to take a moment to look back and say thank you. We often talk about the school community, but at Tadcaster Primary Academy, it is so much more than that, it is a family.



To our wonderful children, you are, and always will be, the beating heart of this school. Thank you for your endless energy, curiosity, and creativity that fill our classrooms every single day. Thank you also for your resilience and kindness, especially in how you support and look out for one another. You have made me smile daily, whether you were sharing a piece of work you were proud of, telling me a joke on the playground, or showing off a new skill. You have made every challenging day completely worth it. Please keep shining brightly, working hard, and being exactly who you are.

To our families, a school is only as strong as the partnership between home and the classroom, and I could not have asked for a more supportive community. Thank you for your trust, as entrusting us with your children's education and wellbeing is a responsibility I have never taken lightly. Thank you for your constant partnership, from attending school events and cheering on the sidelines to supporting home learning. Your active involvement has made a world of difference, and your warmth, encouragement, and shared smiles at the school gates have been always much appreciated.

To our incredible staff, behind every thriving school is a team of dedicated professionals who pour their hearts into their work. To the teachers, teaching assistants, office team, caretakers, cleaners and our kitchen team, thank you for your relentless dedication to giving our pupils the very best start in life. Thank you for your professionalism, late nights, and endless adaptability. Most of all, thank you for your unwavering support of my vision for the school and for standing alongside me through every triumph and challenge. You are an exceptional team.

I am reminded of the famous words of A A Milne, 'How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard'. As I step away, I do so knowing that Tadcaster Primary Academy is in a fantastic place, filled with talented staff, supportive families, and children who have the world at their feet. I have no doubt that the school will continue to go from strength to strength.

Thank you all once again for your kindness, your dedication, and for the memories I will cherish forever. I wish you, your children, and the entire school community the very best for the future.

With my warmest wishes and deepest gratitude,

Caroline Towler,

Headteacher

Attendance Matters

Our school attendance this year for Y1-Y6 is:91.85%

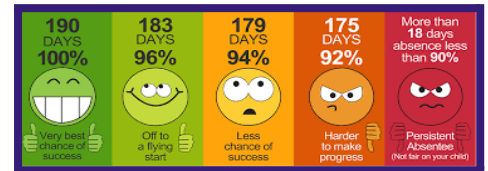
Our school attendance target is 97%.

Team Saturn:91%

Team Neptune: 95%

Team Venus Reception/Y1:88.18% Team Venus Nursery: 92.23% Top team attendance!

*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.



Updated: Dates for your diary for this term.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 7th September	Training Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 8th September	Reception in school morning only
	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 9th September	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
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Thursday 10th September	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/
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Friday 11th September	Breakfast Club - 8.00am - 8.45am Book your place here: https://tadcaster.cbfs.uk/

Support your school WAC! 😊

Please support our Wrap Around Care provision.

Book your places here:

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



Year Six Leavers' Celebration Evening

Last night was a truly magical milestone as we gathered together for our Year 6 leavers celebration evening. It was an occasion filled with pride and reflection as we looked back on the incredible journey this cohort has made during their time at Tadcaster Primary Academy. The atmosphere was incredibly warm and celebratory, reflecting the close bonds that these children have formed with one another and with our staff.



During the evening we were delighted to present special awards, which recognised the outstanding progress, determination, and character shown by so many of our pupils. A particular highlight was presenting the headteachers awards, given to children who have consistently demonstrated our school ethos, *Belong, Believe, Achieve*. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their diverse talents and to applaud the hard work and dedication they have shown throughout their primary school years.

Some of the most touching moments of the night came from the children themselves as they shared their favourite memories of their time at

our school. We laughed together at stories of time in Early Years, funny playground moments, and the shared experiences of visits, whilst also reflecting on the lifelong friendships they have built here. Hearing the pupils speak with such confidence and warmth about their primary school journey was a powerful reminder of how much they have grown and matured. They leave us not just as capable learners, but as thoughtful and caring young people who are ready to take on the exciting challenges of secondary school. I am incredibly proud of their achievements and wish them a wonderful future - they are all such superstars



TPAC 2026

End of Year Review

With your help,
this year we raised:

£3,561.53

How it was raised:

£150.99 Neon Discos
£78.00 IQ Christmas cards
£803.22 Christmas fair, raffle
& Reindeer food
£102.82 Easyfundraising App
£148.68 Pre-loved uniform
£441.32 School Lottery
£206.22 Mother's Day Sale
£500.00 Tesco Community
Bookshelf
£114.46 Sparkle & Shine Discos
£55.00 Tesco staff donation
£25.00 Ebay sales
£196.41 Father's Day sale
£718.51 Summer fair
£20.90 Sports Day drinks sales

Here's what we funded:

Ice pops on several hot days- All years
Sing-up Music membership for the year- All years
SATS revision guides - Years 4 & 6
Fairytale fan club books - Team Saturn
New Rugs for the classroom - Team Venus
A full class set of Glockenspiels - All years
School trips- Teams Saturn & Neptune
Maths/multiplication test books - Year 4
Pobble 365 annual subscription - All years
Children in need prizes - All years
TT Rockstars Subscription - Teams Saturn & Neptune
Prize draw hamper for our survey - Parents
EYFS resources for the outdoor play area and classroom items- Team Venus
Anti-bullying week prizes- All years
Glow sticks for the Christmas plays- Teams Saturn & Neptune
Christmas crackers for Christmas dinner- All years
Visit from Santa - All years
Repairs to the garden fence- School council project
Display boards- Team Venus
Lights for the walkway and grounds- all years, parents & staff
World Book Day prizes- all years
Skip hire- School council garden project
Easter eggs- all years
Duckling hatching- Team Venus
Handwriting resources- all years
Art supplies- Team Venus
Dance workshops- all years
Leaver's evening decorations, snacks and Leaver's books- Year 6