



Learn Explore Aspire Flourish

TIBBERTON
CP School & Early Years



Monthly Newsletter Issue 5 —January 2026

A note from the Headteacher:

It hardly seems possible that we are already so far into the term, but since Christmas there has been a great deal happening across both the school and nursery.

I would like to welcome Marika Chrimes, who has joined our nursery team to cover Jade Dallow's maternity leave. We are delighted to have Marika with us and look forward to the contribution she will make. I would also like to congratulate Hannah Dunn on successfully completing her Forest School training, and Keiana Eden-Cox on achieving her Level 5 Leadership qualification in Early Years. Both achievements reflect their commitment to professional development and the high-quality provision we strive to offer.

We are currently in the process of recruiting a member of staff to cover Mrs Adcock's maternity leave. I will keep you informed once an appointment has been made.

Our Year 5 children were kindly invited by King's School to attend their Science Show, which proved to be an exciting and memorable experience. The children thoroughly enjoyed the demonstrations, even if there were a few small explosions along the way! We would like to thank King's School for hosting us.

The children have also enjoyed representing the school in a variety of sporting events, including football and cross-country. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship, and we are extremely proud of their efforts.

I would like to thank all our parent helpers who have supported staff and pupils during the KS2 swimming lessons at GL1. Your time and support are very much appreciated. Due to fewer staff members working at school, we are finding it increasingly difficult to manage these wider curriculum activities.

Finally, thank you to our Reading Ambassadors for keeping class reading areas tidy, well organised and inviting. They have also organised a competition for the most creative reading area in each class, which they will judge on the last day of this term. The School Council have also been very busy, organising a successful Popcorn Friday today making £34.50 and planning a talent show for the final week of term.

Sarah Wilson
Headteacher

HOUSE POINTS

Oak	1344
Rowan	1231
Beech	1411
Hazel	1323

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Important Upcoming dates for your diary:

*2nd—6th February—National
Storytelling Week*

*Tuesday 3rd February—Cricket
Engagement Day*

*Wednesday 4th February—Eagles to
see Newent Community School's
performance of Charlie and the
Chocolate Factory*

*Friday 6th February—NSPCC Number
Day*

*9th—13th February—Mental Health
Week*

*Tuesday 10th February—Wear your
SCARF to school day*

*Wednesday 11th February—School
Council talent show*

16th—20th February—HALF TERM

*Monday 23rd February—Back to
School*

*Tuesday 24th February—GPJ
Stingers Netball Years 4/5/6*

*Tuesday 24th February—Water
workshop (Barn Owls) and whole
school assembly*

LINKS

- [Term dates 2025-2026](#)
- [Dates for your Diary](#)
- [Uniform provider Gooch Sports](#)
- [Applying for Free School Meals](#)
- [Government Funding](#)



Highlights of the Month

Young Voices 2026

How can we sum up the experience of taking part in Young Voices? Some of the children who went on Tuesday have summed it up in their own words:



Young Voices was loud and amazing—Sienna I absolutely loved it! - Imogen S

Young Voices is amazing! - Amelia

No music is better than Young Voices music—Clara

Young Voices was an amazing experience—Beatrice

It was a magical experience for my last time—Georgia

Even though it was my last Young Voices, it was still wonderful and I'll miss going next year—Ariana

Puffins class Gloucester Mosque Trip

As part of their RE curriculum this term Puffins class are continuing their study into Islam. They visited Masjid-e-Noor Mosque on 13th January where the Imam explained the different areas of the mosque and what they are used for and showed them how Muslims pray. We really value the importance of taking the children to experience these places of worship and supporting our curriculum with trips such as this.



Year 4 Batik Transport Art

On 20th January, Year 4 did their last session of Batik transport art with Mrs Herring from Newent Community School. They used inks to add to their fabric after having done their waxing before Christmas. The children have done an incredible job of their work, and have really enjoyed this amazing experience. We can't wait

to get their final pieces of art back and display them for you all to see.



PQ Football Festival

Well done to the nine Barn Owls children who represented Tibberton at the Primary Quest Football Festival after school yesterday. They came 3rd overall, winning 4 matches out of 6 played. Well done team!



In December some of our Year 6 children organised a cake sale and raised **£60.30** for The Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary. They sent us the following message of thanks: *Thank you very much — this is such a kind and generous donation. Donations like this make a meaningful difference, helping us to care for over 100 donkeys, as well as ponies, a mule, and a*

horse. We'll very much look forward to welcoming you back for another visit and showing the children the difference their kindness makes.



What's coming up?

Wear your SCARF to school day—Tuesday 10th February

Wear Your SCARF Day takes place during Children's Mental Health Week. On this special day, we celebrate our SCARF values that promote children's health and wellbeing. Wear Your SCARF Day invites everyone to wear a scarf as a symbol of support for children's wellbeing.



School Council Talent Show—Wednesday 11th February

Our School Council are organising a talent show during the last week of this term. All children are invited to take part, if they wish, to show off their talent to the rest of the school so get practising those skills.

Cricket Engagement Day—Tuesday 3rd February

All children should come to school next Tuesday in their PE kit ready for our Cricket Engagement Day with Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Newent Community School—Wednesday 4th February

Our Year 5 and 6 children have been invited to go and see Newent Community School's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Wednesday 4th February.

Year 5 and 6 children will need to bring a packed lunch on this day.

Please ensure you have provided consent via ParentPay by Monday.

National Storytelling Week—2nd-6th February

This celebration of oral storytelling, reading and writing for pleasure is next week. The theme for National Storytelling Week 2026 is 'Soundtrack Your Story'. Everyone has their own musical story - whether it's in the songs we love and the music we dance to, through British Sign Language and the rhythms we feel, the soundscapes of everyday life, or the soundtracks we hear in films and games. Music connects us to words. It helps us express who we are and how we see the world. We will be incorporating lots of storytelling in our lessons throughout the week.

Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential

A polite reminder that the deposit for September's Isle of Wight residential is due by 11th February 2026.



PTFA JANUARY NEWSLETTER



AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent AGM. We were delighted with the good turnout and the many brilliant ideas shared for future events.

We would like to thank Jade for staying on as Vice Chair, Amelia for continuing in her role as Treasurer, and Chris for stepping into the role of Secretary. A warm welcome to Abbi, who has joined the committee as Chairperson, with Chris supporting her in the role.

A huge **thank you** to Alex and Sophia for all their hard work and commitment to the committee over the last few years - it has been truly appreciated.

If you're interested in joining the PTFA committee, we are currently looking for one person to take on a general committee role. Please contact us via email at ptfa@tibberton.gloucs.sch.uk for more information.

WHAT WE ARE UP TO

We are almost ready to install the canvas screen outside Puffins classroom, which will complete the upgrade of KS1 and nursery outdoor areas.

We are also very happy to announce that we have given the school the go ahead to purchase the required laptops they need.

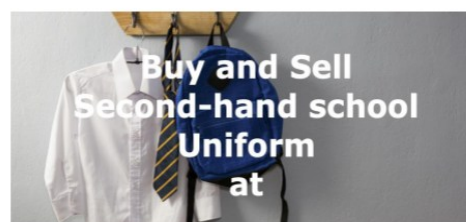
Thank you, as always, for your continued support – it really does make a difference.

We have a few events in the pipeline and will keep you posted with further details. Our next event is a Quiz Night on Friday 20th February. Teams of 6, with chilli and vegetarian options available, brownies for dessert, and a well-stocked bar to help you enjoy your evening. Tickets are £15 per person.

If you are in need of a uniform top-up, our uniformly account is up and running, with all items currently priced at 50p.

Thank you again for supporting the PTFA.

Your PTFA Committee



www.uniformly.co.uk

The online second-hand school uniform marketplace



uniformly

Wear it out. Don't throw it out.

Tibberton PTFA are now LIVE on Uniformly!!

How it works:

> Visit <https://uniformly.co.uk/>

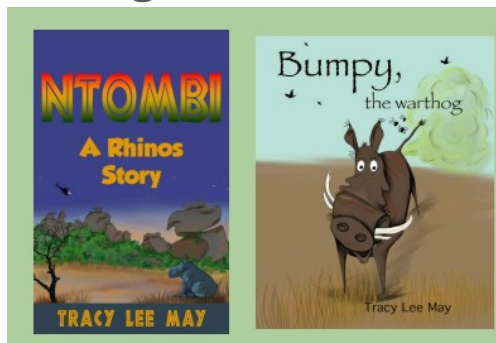
> Sign up as a parent - it's FREE!

> Browse the uniform available and follow the links to contact Tibberton PTFA to check the items availability!

> Got your own uniform to sell? Create your own listings on Uniformly!

> Don't want the hassle of selling preloved uniform? Drop it into school to donate it to Tibberton PTFA. All funds we raise go towards providing additional resources and experiences for the students that school budgets cannot cover.

Things to do and see and useful information



BOOK SIGNING **MEET THE AUTHOR**

TRACY LEE MAY

14TH FEB 12-2PM

TOADSTOOLS BOOKSHOP
THE SHAMBLES RETAIL VILLAGE
NEWENT, GL8 1PA

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



NOW BASED IN HEREFORDSHIRE, TRACY LEE MAY GREW UP IN THE SECOND LARGEST TOWN IN ZIMBABWE. SHE HAS WORKED AS A SAFARI GUIDE ACROSS DIFFERENT PARTS OF AFRICA. AND ALTHOUGH NOW LIVING IN THE UK FULL TIME IS STILL VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT NATURE CONSERVATION.

ABOUT THE BOOKS



NTOMBI A Rhinos Story
TRACY LEE MAY

NTOMBI IS A CHAPTER BOOK AIMED AT READERS 9 AND UP. INSPIRED BY HER OWN EXPERIENCE WITH RHINOS AS A SAFARI GUIDE, AS WELL AS THE STORY OF 'HOPE', THE WHITE RHINO WHO WAS THE VICTIM OF POACHING. THIS STORY FOCUSES ON CONSERVATION AND RAISING AWARENESS.

BUMPY, THE WARTHOG
TRACY LEE MAY

BUMPY, THE WARTHOG IS A PLAYFUL CHILDREN'S BOOK FOR YOUNG READERS AND TO BE READ TO BY AN ADULT. IT ALSO TOUCHES ON CONSERVATION AND POACHING AS WELL AS AN INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN WILDLIFE

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SEN YEAR 5 OPEN MORNING

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 2026

9am-11am School Tours/Meet the SEN Team

To book a tour and for more information, please call us 01594 542370 Option 6

BOOK NOW

CCP
Caring for Communities and People

Join us for a

FREE CRAFT EVENT FOR FAMILIES

Friday 20th February 2026

10AM-2PM

Holts Health Centre,
Watery Lane
Newent
Gloucestershire
GL18 1BA



Squash and biscuits provided

JET AGE MUSEUM

SPECIAL HALF TERM OPENING

WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026

10.00AM TO 4.00PM



Meteor Business Park,
Cheltenham Road East,
Gloucester GL2 9QL
Tel 01452 260078
www.jetagemuseum.org

ADMISSION FREE

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