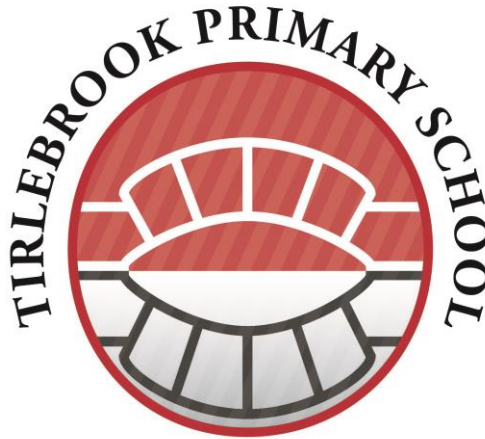


# Tirlebrook Newsletter 6 (23-24)

Friday 20th October 2023



*In assemblies this week we have been focusing on our third and final school attitude: **Be Responsible**. We have considered our moral (people, animals and the earth), legal (laws of the land), family (parents, siblings and other relatives), community (our school and our town, Tewkesbury) and personal (me!) responsibilities and how these influence how we contribute to society and the wider world. We have also learnt the important lesson that to take responsibility is to take ownership of the words that we say, the attitudes that we have and the actions and behaviours we display. And importantly, we also talked about taking more responsibility at those times when we don't act or speak when we know that we should.*

*As Martin Luther King once said,*

*'In the end, we will remember not the word of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say.'*

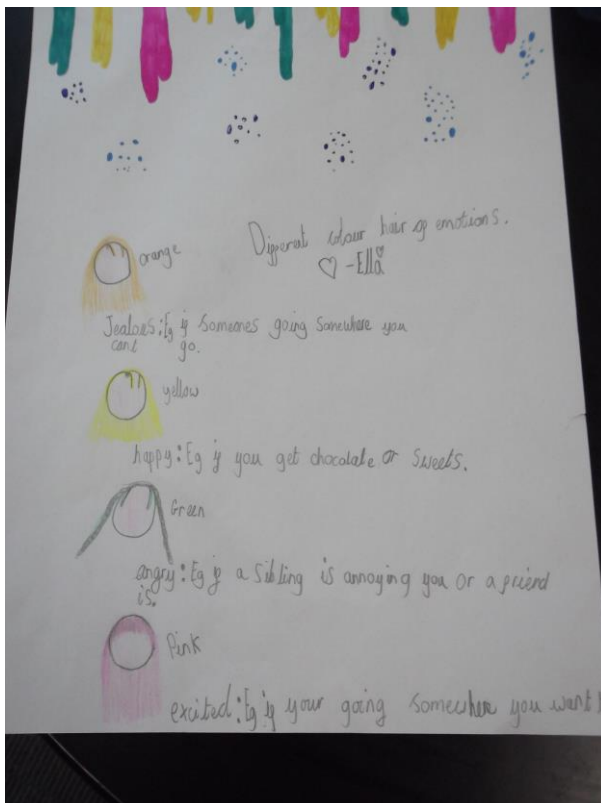
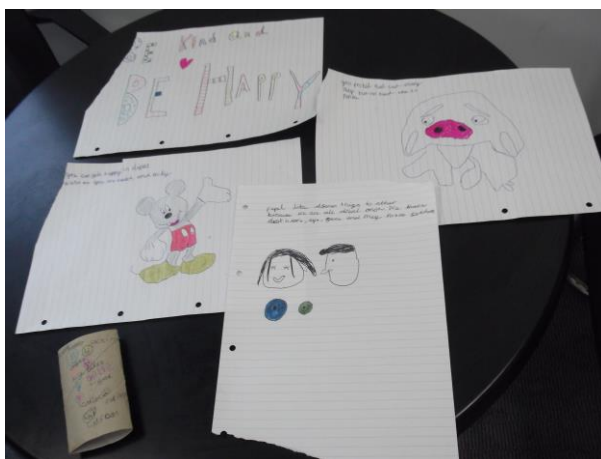
*Being responsible is a big responsibility!!*

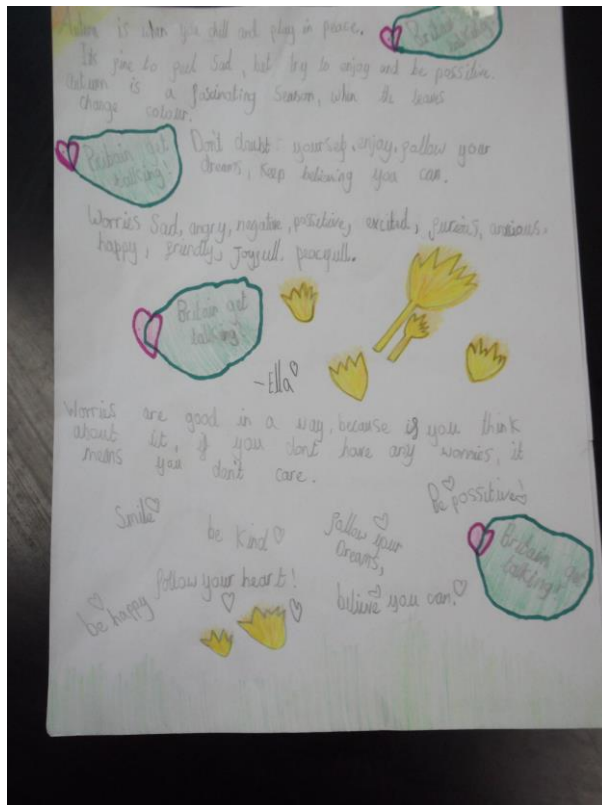


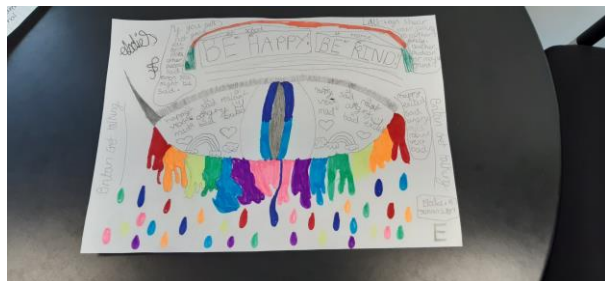
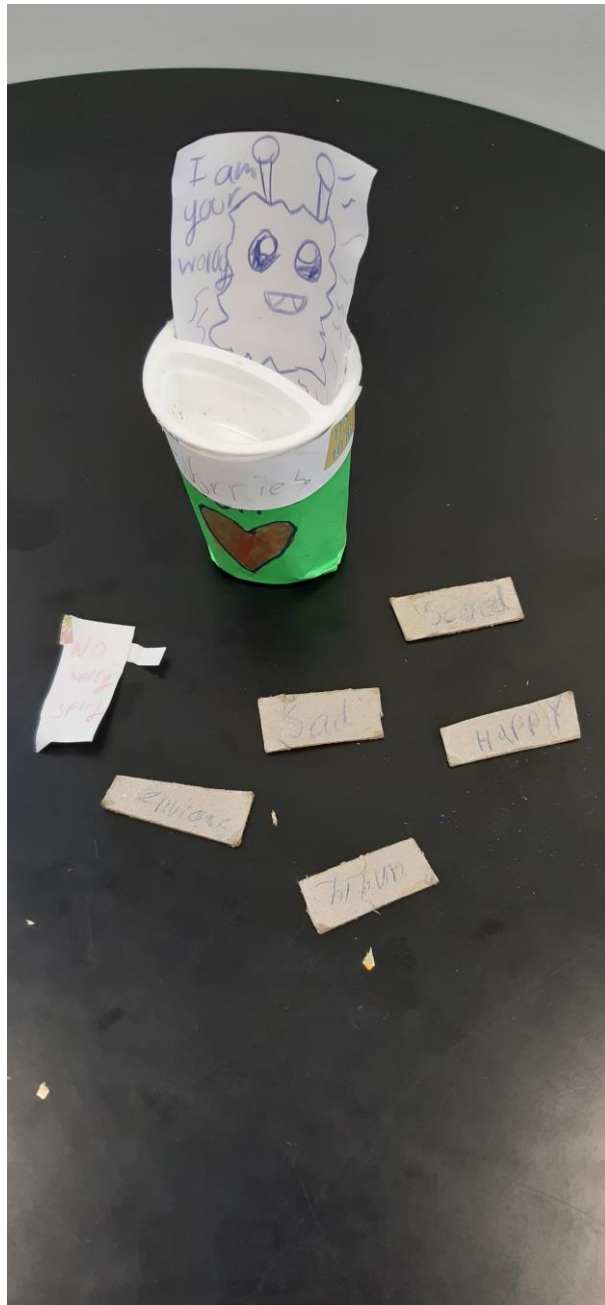
## More Mental Health Awareness Home Learning

I was able to share in last week's newsletter Lola W's fantastic Mental Health Awareness Day optional home learning task. This has inspired others, particularly those in her class, to also share their amazing and thoughtful responses. A big well done to Maisie B, Elodie J, Ella R and Jonah W for also going to so much effort, displayed in the photos below. Mrs. Stead has been thrilled by the engagement in this brilliant opportunity to encourage children and adults alike to share their feelings, worries, concerns and anxieties. She writes,

*'The enthusiasm on display has been infectious. Every response has been so creative and individual, yet also so insightful. Jonah's work, for example, involved him making a worry monster: the little cards are the emotions which get fed into the pot and then sprayed with the 'no worry spray' to make them go away! Brilliant isn't it?! Well done to everyone who got involved, whether it was with a creative response or by taking the opportunity to talk with their families. We've definitely raised awareness of the importance of attaining good mental health for all.'*







## Information for Families

### School Photos for Individual and Families

The children looked *absolutely fabulous* on Wednesday for their individual and sibling school photographs. There were some beautiful smiles and we hope that these are reflected in the photographs that were taken. Each child should have come home with an individual form on Wednesday which gives instructions about how to access proofs of your child's photo online. They will be available to view in approximately 10-12 days' time, following which orders will be able to be placed and purchases made. Please check online for further instructions for purchasing, including the deadline to meet for orders to be placed. Thank you.



### REMINDER: Books for Bugs Virtual Book Fair

As per previous newsletters and several Class Dojo posts, this week is our **Book for Bugs Virtual Book Fair**. This means that a huge selection of books can be purchased for as little as £2.99 and delivered to school for free. There is still time to browse and order at [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk); the fair closes on Sunday 22nd October. Don't forget to fill in your details when ordering, including the school's postcode, which is GL20 8EW, to guarantee free delivery and the opportunity for school to select some new free books for our library. It's a great opportunity to get some early Christmas presents for some great prices, so don't miss out! Thank you for your support.

### Autumn Term Family Consultations

Autumn Term Family Consultations, traditionally known as Parents' Meetings, take place after school on **Tuesday 24th** and **Thursday 26th October 2023**. Consultations will also include the opportunity for you to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee whilst looking at your children's books. Our teachers are looking forward to getting together with you to review your child's attitude, progress and achievements during this first half term of the new academic year. We look forward to seeing you there!



### REMINDER: Extra-Curricular Clubs w/c 23rd October

Please be reminded that there are no extra-curricular clubs taking place during week commencing 23rd October 2023 due to Family Consultations taking place during that week. **Running Club** will, however, continue as normal on the Friday morning and the **Young Voices Choir** will meet as usual after school on Friday.

### The Poppy Appeal 2023

We are supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal once more this year by selling poppies and other associated poppy 'merchandise'. We are 'selling' items via SCOPAY and asking families to make the minimum donation (listed below) to 'purchase' an item(s). You are very welcome to donate more than the minimum donation. We will begin selling items during the first week back after half term and purchases can be made via SCOPAY **from Friday 3rd November 2023**. Please be aware that there are a limited number of items and that they will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Our system will be checked daily so that items are distributed fairly. Some items come in specific colours, but we will not be able to guarantee a child's first choice of coloured item. Once items are sold out we will be unable to source any more.

#### Items available (minimum donation in brackets):

Poppy (20p); Poppy Zip Pull (£1); Poppy Reflector (£1); Poppy Wristband (£1); Poppy Snapband (£1.50)

Poppies are also available to the wider school community for a donation at the school gate. Thank you for your support.



### Bag2School - Can You Help?

Bag2School is back and we need your help! We will soon be taking delivery of Bag2School collection bags which will be sent home for you to generously fill with some of your good quality no longer wanted items. We would be very grateful if these could then be returned to school and, following collection by Bag2School, valuable additional funds for Tirlbrook will be generated. And to boot (pardon the pun!), your donations also go on to be used to support good causes. By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes over half term and donate unwanted textiles – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys (refer to [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com) for details). If you fill the donation bag and still have more, you can use any other bag to donate your items. And don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! Please send in your bags during **week commencing 20th November 2023** ahead of our collection. Many thanks for helping us with this fundraising opportunity.





### Pyjamadrama Party @ Holy Trinity Church - Tuesday 31st October 2023

Holy Trinity Church are hosting an 'alternative to Halloween' party on Tuesday 31st October between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Their **Pyjamadrama Party** is for children in Years R to 6 and is full of games, crafts, stories and fun! Children are asked to come along wearing their pyjamas or onesies at this free event which also includes an evening meal. Scan the QR code in the image below or complete their online form: <https://forms.gle/dqS3ymxadqT24969A> to sign up.



### Tirlebrookers After-School Club Closures - Fridays 1st and 8th December 2023

We would like to give advance notice that Tirlebrookers After-School Club will be **closed** on **Friday 1st December** and **Friday 8th December**. Please think ahead if you ordinarily use this service on Fridays and make alternative arrangements. Thanks again for your understanding.

## Coming Up

### Children's Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme - Thursday 26th October 2023

Public Health England have once again asked schools to facilitate the delivery of the Children's Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme to all primary aged children. The programme, designed to provide both individual protection to children who receive the vaccine and to prevent the spread of flu to their family and community, will take place at Tirlebrook this coming **Thursday, the 26th October**.



# Public Health England

## Dress Down to Donate for the Christmas Street Fair - Thursday 26th October 2023

We are beginning to make preparations for our Christmas Street Fair which takes place on Friday, 1st December from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. As usual, we would very much appreciate your support with this as we seek to use this opportunity to raise valuable funds for the school. In order to do so, we require your donations for stalls and activities such as the tombola and raffle. Therefore, over the coming few weeks, there will be a couple of 'Dress Down to Donate' days, opportunities for the children to come to school wearing their own choice of clothing instead of their school uniform, in exchange for a donated item. On **Thursday 26th October**, we are holding a 'Dress Down to Donate Day' in exchange for bottles. So here we are looking for all things that come in bottles - alcohol (wine, spirits, etc.), soft drinks, sauces, gels and creams, etc. We would especially value donations of alcohol as these are well sought after prizes at the fair! If you can support us we would be very grateful - thank you in advance for your generosity. And we look forward to a non-school uniform day next Thursday.



## Open Morning - Tuesday 7th November 2023

Our next Open Morning is on **Tuesday 7th November** (the first week back at school after the half term break) so please spread the word to anyone and everyone who has a Reception-starting child in September 2024 - we would love to welcome them to Tirlbrook to check out what we can offer.

Places will be available for this event at two time slots: 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. respectively. Bookings can be made by contacting Mrs. Claire Thomas, our School Administrator, by email at [admin@tirlbrook.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tirlbrook.gloucs.sch.uk) or by calling the School Office on 01684 293549. You may also book a visit by scanning the QR code and completing the online form. A further date has been planned for an Open Afternoon: Tuesday 21st November. Further details of this event will be available shortly. Please share this information with family, friends and beyond – we look forward to welcoming familiar faces and new ones alike to our wonderful school.



\*We also have spaces in our current Reception class - if this is of interest to somebody you know, please make them aware as they too will be welcome to join us for a tour around the school.



**Tirlebrook Primary School**

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**EXPLORE, ENJOY and EXCEL**  
in their learning?

Call, e-mail or scan the QR code to book a tour and find out why  
Tirlebrook is the right school for your child!

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Tuesday 7th November  
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The poster features a red background with a sunburst pattern. At the top, the school's name is written in a white, rounded font. Below the name are three photographs: a child in a blue helmet and gear, a group of four children in school uniforms, and a child in a blue jacket and red life vest. In the center is the school's circular logo. Below the logo, the text 'Are you looking for a school where your child can EXPLORE, ENJOY and EXCEL in their learning?' is written in white. Underneath this text are four more photographs showing children engaged in various activities: two children on a log, two children sitting on the ground, two children sitting on the ground, and two children sitting on the ground. At the bottom, there is a white box containing the text 'Call, e-mail or scan the QR code to book a tour and find out why Tirlebrook is the right school for your child!'. Below this box is a white box containing the dates 'Thursday 12th October', 'Tuesday 7th November', and 'Tuesday 21st November'. At the very bottom, there is a white box containing the school's address, phone number, email, and website. To the right of this box is a QR code.

## Looking Back

### Cookery Club with Mrs. Stratford

Y1 & Y2 Cookery Club has started brilliantly. Mrs. Stratford and the children have been working together to learn basic cookery skills while producing some delicious treats. Week 1 was pizza, week 2 apple crumble (using some giant cooking apples from Mrs. Stratford's garden) and week 3 was puff pastry pin wheels. And there always seems to be a special portion prepared for Mr. Lockley (yum!) The children are developing their individual skills as well as working brilliantly as a team. Well done to everyone involved!











Y3 Visit to Lower Smite Farm - Tuesday 17th October 2023  
Mrs. Schofield writes,

*'Year 3 enjoyed a super scientific day on Tuesday full of experiments and exploration! We visited Lower Smite Farm in Worcestershire to learn more about Rocks and Soils and to delve deeper into our Stone Age Topic.*

*One of the educational consultants from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust greeted us, and she led the children through various investigations throughout the day. 'Lithic Liz' asked the children to help her find specific rocks and to investigate the soil within the grounds of the farm. The children were split into teams to follow the clues on a rock hunt and then to test and classify the rocks. In groups, they tested each rock to find out whether it was hard or soft, whether it absorbed water and whether it reacted to an acid (lemon juice). The results of their investigations helped the children to name the rocks and then to discuss whether they thought they were igneous, metamorphic or sedimentary.*

*Afterwards, the children had the opportunity to further their understanding of the rock formation process by using one of their favourite things in the world...sweets! Sadly, we weren't allowed to eat any! The children acted as the 'weathering process' by transforming the rocks (sweets) from igneous to sedimentary (by cutting them up with scissors and building layers with the pieces) from sedimentary to metamorphic (adding heat and pressure by squashing them together) and then metamorphic to igneous (by melting them in the microwave to create molten lava and allowing it to cool).*

*It was then time to get messy with dirt! The children collected samples of soil and studied the different parts that mix together to make the soil. They learnt about the vital part that worms play in creating healthy and fertile soil. The children learnt about the layers of soil and explored the texture of the loam soil (clay, silt and sand) that they have on the farm.*

*After lunch, we had the opportunity to explore the grounds of the farm and took the soil augers (drill bits) up to the top field to investigate the layers. The children worked in teams to drill down into the soil and after about four attempts, many of the children hit the bedrock! We found pieces of brick, charcoal and even a few fossils!*

*It was an amazing, awe-inspiring day and the children came away from the farm buzzing about the experience. Well done Maple Class, you represented the school wonderfully and truly immersed yourself (some literally came back covered in soil) in the scientific learning of the day!'*

*Congratulations Y3 on a fantastic visit that has enhanced this term's science learning in particular. A huge thank you to Miss. Stoker for coordinating the visit and to all of the Y3 team and additional staff (Mrs. Schofield, Miss. Taylor, Mrs. Westlake and Mrs. Ramsay) who went along to make this such a fantastic experience. Who doesn't love a bit of mud?*













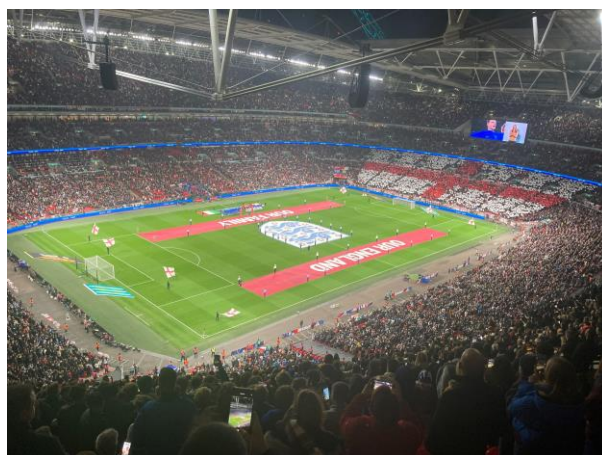




## Men's UEFA Euros Qualifier - England v Italy @ Wembley - Tuesday 17th October 2023 - Oh What A Night!

Mr. Lockley writes,

*'Fifteen Y6s along with Mr. Lockley and Miss. Thatcher headed to Wembley on Tuesday to see England's men's football team play in their home UEFA Euros qualifier against current European Champions Italy. And what a night it was! After a slow and steady journey to London, the children had a little time to explore the stalls and food outlets around the stadium before settling in their seats for the match. It was a really entertaining game, with some outstanding performances, particularly from Jude Bellingham and two-goal captain Harry Kane. Despite going behind early in the game, England dominated and Marcus Rashford scored a beauty to split the two goals scored by his captain to give England a 3-1 victory that guaranteed qualification for next summer's Euro Finals in Germany and the now obligatory 'Sweet Caroline' celebrations with fans at the end. For some children, it was their first ever time at a football match - and what a place to take it all in alongside over 83,000 others! After a few minor mishaps at the end of the game (losing and then thankfully finding two purses and picking up a vuvuzela!), we eventually left the stadium in great spirits. A sleepy minibus of children arrived back at school at just before 1 a.m. after experiencing the night of their lives. Well done to all the children on the trip for being ready, respectful and responsible when out and about on what was a very very busy night at Wembley Stadium.'*











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## Get Involved

### OPAL Update

It has been great to see the children getting back to OPAL! While some areas have yet to be fully opened, the zones across the school are being well used, including the large construction area, the sand play, the music area, the small world toys and the Woodland Workshop (when available). The ever-popular tyre park, climbing frame and outdoor gym are also getting lots of use. It is great to see so many children exploring, enjoying and excelling at play times and lunchtimes. The photos below are of some of our Y1 children getting physical and highly creative as they role-play aeroplanes and fighter jets!









**Thank You**

Little Oaks Outdoor Resources

Mrs. Knowles writes,



*'Our new sand and water play and mud kitchen are in place at Little Oaks. Thanks to an extremely generous donator who wishes to remain anonymous, the children have some fantastic new resources to play with to enhance their learning. Thank you so much!'*

It goes without saying that we are incredibly grateful for such a wonderful gift to our nursery. Thank you, thank you, thank you!







### Tree House Donations

A huge thank you for the donations we have received this week to re-stock our Tree House to support the work that Mrs. Stead, our Child and Family Support Worker, has been doing. We've received a few bags of donations and we will be putting these to good use. If anyone else would like to donate, it is not too late - please just drop these in at the school office. Here is a reminder of the sorts of things we are looking for:

- Puppets (hand and finger)
- Playdoh and tools
- Lego
- Beanbags and blankets
- Craft items

- Small world toys, e.g. animals and people
- Card games and board games (suitable for children)
- Fairy lights
- Blankets and beanbags

Thank you!

## And finally...

*Good luck to the England men's rugby team as they take on South Africa on Saturday evening in the Rugby World Cup semi-final. And to our South African families, I know you will be rooting for your fantastic team, and I wish the Springboks all the very best too. Whatever the outcome, if the quarter-final matches are anything to go by, it will be a terrific game of rugby.*

*Have a wonderful weekend!*

Mr. Lockley and the Tirlbrook Team

## School Calendar

### October

- Monday 23rd - Oak Tree Class Stay & Play Session 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th - Autumn Term Family Consultations
- Thursday 26th - Dress Down Day for the Christmas Street Fair - Bottle Donations (very gratefully received)
- Thursday 26th - Nasal Flu Immunisations
- Friday 27th - Y4 Greek Day
- Friday 27th - Oak Tree Class Stay & Play Session 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- Friday 27th - Final Y6 Swimming Session
- Friday 27th - End of Autumn Term 1
- Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - HALF TERM

### November

- Monday 6th - Autumn Term 2 Begins
- Tuesday 7th - Open Morning for Prospective Reception Families
- Tuesday 7th - Y5 Robotics Workshop Day
- Tuesday 7th - ESFA Football Tournament
- Wednesday 8th - Y5 Into Film Festival - 'Asteroid Hunters'
- Friday 10th - Y6 Into Film Festival - 'The Railway Children Return'

- Friday 10th - Y5 Swimming Lessons begin
- w/c Monday 13th - Anti-Bullying Week
- Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th - Life Education Visit
- Tuesday 14th - ESFA Girls' Football Tournament
- w/c Monday 20th - Bag2School Collection
- Tuesday 21st - Open Afternoon for Prospective Reception Families

## **December**

- Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th - Y2- Y6 Cookery Workshops with Chef Caldora
- Thursday 21st - End of Autumn Term 2 @ 1:30 p.m.

## **January 2024**

- Friday 5th - INSET training day; Tirlbrook Primary School and Little Oaks Nursery closed to pupils
- Monday 8th - Spring Term 1 Begins
- Wednesday 24th - Young Voices
- w/c Monday 29th - iSingPOP

## **February 2024**

- Tuesday 6th - Thursday 8th - Spring Term Family Consultations
- Friday 9th - End of Spring Term 1
- Monday 19th - Spring Term 2 Begins

## **March 2024**

- Wednesday 6th - Tuesday 12th - 'Books for Bugs' Virtual Book Fair
- Thursday 7th - World Book Day
- Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st - Y2 - Y6 Cookery Workshops with Chef Caldora
- Friday 22nd - End of Spring Term 2 @ 1:30 p.m.

## **April**

- Monday 8th - Summer Term 1 Begins
- Tuesday 9th - Reception and Y6 Heights & Weights
- Monday 29th to Wednesday 1st May - Y4 Residential @ The Pioneer Centre

## **May**

- Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th - Y5 Residential @ Rockley Point
- Monday 13th to Thursday 16th - Y6 SATs Week



- Thursday 23rd - End of Summer Term 1

## June

- Tuesday 4th - Summer Term 2 Begins

## July

- Monday 8th - Friday 12th - Y6 Isle of Wight Residential
- Friday 19th - End of Summer Term 2 @ 1:30 p.m.

## Getting in Touch



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