



Friday 4th November 2022

Dear TSM Families,

It has been an engaging and busy start to the Autumn 2 term. Thank you to all of the families who have attended parents' evening this week; it was wonderful to share messages with you of how pupils have settled into their new year of learning at TSM.



We are the village school making a world of difference.

The children have returned to a wonderful welcome from the teaching team and the introduction of an exciting new project linked to the schools theme of being **'the village school making the world of difference'**...

The Book Fair



Wednesday 16th November,

Thursday 17th November,

Friday 18th November

3:30-4:15pm in the Library at TSM

We are so pleased to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is returning to Twyford St Mary's, with shelves packed full of best-sellers and excellent page turners suitable for all ages in the school (and just in time for Christmas)!

This year there will be shelves suited to 3 different age ranges as well as all the wonderful stationary for the children to enjoy. The children will get an opportunity to browse the books available in their classes prior to the first day of the fair.

The book fair really supports us to re-stock our library and classroom reading resources with the best possible texts for our pupils so we hope you can join us!

We really look forward to seeing you there!

Calshot Joy!

Here is just a sneak peek at some of the images from our incredible Year 6 residential! We hope the children had an incredible time and a well-deserved rest following all their adventurous activities!

A big thank you from Mrs Aitken, Miss Garrett, Mrs Greig and Mrs Davies for the children's enthusiasm, can-do attitudes and positivity throughout the week!

Don't forget all Year 6 families are invited to our celebration evening on Tuesday 29th November at 5.30pm to share all the wonderful stories and pictures from the week!



From Abaroba, Ethiopia to Twyford, England!

This week we shared the exciting news about our new link with Abaroba School in Ethiopia. This has been facilitated with the help of Catherine, a local doctor who has been supporting the village to build solar panels for their health centre. We are 'The village school making a world of difference' and so we are always keen to learn about other parts of the world.

The children were shown photographs and were told about life in the small, rural Ethiopian village. The extra treat was that we have been sent books full of beautiful artworks drawn by the children of Abaroba to introduce themselves! We celebrated our new link in a special art gallery to share their pictures on Monday lunchtime, which was led by our Spiritual Ambassadors. We loved looking at their pictures!



Their pictures showed us that they like animals, football and where they live. We noticed lots of differences and also many similarities.

We are now planning on creating our own artworks to send back to our new friends in Abaroba which show them what life is like in our school and village. We hope this will be the first in a long future of friendship and shared experiences between Twyford and Abaroba.

PTA News

Fireworks!

A **massive thank you** to all the volunteers who helped with the Fireworks this past Sunday! It was really wonderful to have so many helpers. It really makes a huge difference to the PTA and the TSM community. By all accounts the Fireworks display was stunning, and helped raised an amazing **£2750!!**

Elf Emporium



The Elf Emporium

The PTA are launching a new exciting fundraiser called the "Elf Emporium" to be held on the last day of term, Friday 16th December. It is essentially a secret Santa shopping experience for the children!



Please see the email sent out yesterday, for more details on what the event involves and how to order.

Please return completed order forms and exact payment to the PTA on Fridays at the cake sale.

Christmas Raffle

The PTA are starting the search for some Christmas raffle prizes!

Our fundraising this year is focused on further improvements and extension to our Key Stage 1 playground and a HUGE overhaul of the school hall!

We have also got some exciting new PE equipment planned as part of this project, which will benefit all of our pupils.

I know it's early, but we are keen to start organising our Christmas events so please, if you or a business you know can support our fundraising, we would be very grateful!



This specific plea is for businesses or individuals to make the bigger prize donations, promises or vouchers.

Smaller hamper donations will be requested in exchange for non-uniform day (more info to go home in November about that).

Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

Pre-loved uniform sale

The pre-loved uniform sale is on **Thursday 24th November**. This sale will be a nativity costume and Christmas jumper sale. So if you have nativity costumes or pre-loved Christmas jumpers stashed away at home, you can give them a new life by donating them to TSM. Please can your donations be brought in to school over the coming weeks.

Poppy Appeal

In the build up to Remembrance Day, we will be selling Poppy Appeal items for the Royal British Legion charity on the playground every morning break-time from Monday to Friday next week. Pupils are invited to bring in money in a named envelope to buy items of their choice to wear for the week (prices range from 50p to £2.00). Items include wrist bands, rubbers, sharpeners, pencils, rulers, key rings, plus ordinary poppies!



Open Days – Yr R Admission 2023/24

If you have a child at the school that has a younger sibling due to start Yr R next academic year, you are welcome to attend an open day (see website for dates and times). If you are interested, please get in touch with the school admin team.

Warm wishes,

Sophie Davies
Headteacher



Star of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Alice G	For excellent reading in class- Well done!
Beech	Elodie	For being a kind and thoughtful Team Bee and for showing the value of care to all the members of Beech Class.
Sycamore	Wilf	For his engagement and effort with all of his learning and great improvement in handwriting.
Willow	Tess	For fantastic engagement, questioning and predictions during Guided Reading this week.
Yew	Tamsin	For creativity and independence when personifying different parts of a setting.



Roll of Honour

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Toby	For being a team bee and always helping in the classroom!
	Vinnie	For good listening on the carpet and for always being a "Persevering pig".
Beech	Lola	For working hard to make big improvements in her handwriting!
	Eden	For her excellent concentration and spelling during our weekly dictation!
Sycamore	Josh	For wonderful perseverance in Maths this week when working out tricky fraction challenges.
	Daisy	For being an amazing learning partner and supporting her peers in lessons this week.
Willow	Joe	For always supporting his team members during French lessons.
	Ollie	For excellent focus and effort with his presentation during independent learning.
Yew	Casper	For persevering really hard to settle immediately to his early morning task and fully engaging with his work.
	Tilly	For super perseverance when working on tricky long division calculations in Maths.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term	
7 th November	Sycamore Ancient Egyptian Day
10 th November	Remembrance Service (in school event)
25 th November	PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale, 3.30pm on the Top Playground
28 th November	Sycamore Ancient Egyptian Museum 3pm
1 st December	Willow Class Agent Greek Olympics – Parent Event 2-3pm
2 nd December	PTA Movie Night
5 th December	Enterprise Week commences
9 th December	PTA Christmas Fair
13 th December	KS2 Carol Service - 9.30am at St. Mary's Church
14 th December	KS1 Nativity Performance - 14th 2pm at St. Mary's Church
15 th December	KS1 Nativity Performance - 9.30am at St. Mary's Church
15 th December	Christmas Jumper/Lunch Day
16 th December	Last day of Autumn Term



Church Corner

Don't forget the upcoming events with St Mary's Church!

Upcoming Events at St Mary's Church

Every 2nd Sunday
of month

Gateway 360 4.00 – 6.00pm (see Flyer below)


South Downs Gateway Churches
 @ St Mary's Twyford


GATEWAY 360

Every 2nd Sunday of the month
 Bring and Share Tea starts at 4pm
 Aim to finish by 6pm

Next 6 months of services
 9th October 2022
 13th November 2022
 11th December 2022
 8th January 2023
 12th February 2023
 12th March 2023

"It is like a School Assembly but for all the Family"

An all inclusive service, focused around the children.

A monthly family time of worship, aimed towards our younger members. Starting and finishing with a bring and share tea, we then meet for 45 minutes of hand-led singing of worship songs, prayers and fun interactive talks, that the whole family will enjoy.

Please feel free to join us. Rev'd Damon

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