



**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Dear TSM Families,

Happy new year to all! I hope everyone feels well rested after their Christmas break. We are incredibly proud of how our pupils have returned. There are new learning topics school wide to peak pupils' interest and excite them for the term ahead!



#### **Warm welcome to Miss Cardinal!**

Teachers, governors, pupils and families have wished a warm welcome to Miss Nancy Cardinal, our new Senior Teacher, who will be covering for Mrs Keating during her upcoming maternity leave. Miss Cardinal has spent time this week familiarising herself with TSM and meeting our wonderful Year 2 pupils in their learning time.

Please do look out for her on the school gate or the end of the day!

#### **New Term – New Caterers! – New Menu!**

The start of term has seen the start of ABM, our new catering company. We wish to thank the pupils for their patience whilst we have all familiarised ourselves with new menus, choices and set up for our lunchtime service.

To see the menu, look on our website: <https://twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk/parents/school-lunches/>

The food has been brilliantly received with pupils sharing:

*"I have got roast chicken – it's yummy!", "I love the roast potatoes", "the puddings are really healthy", the salad is really fresh", "there is lots more vegetarian options and they are really tasty", "the flavoured water is amazing, it makes you want to drink it, I will stay really hydrated", "there is so much food. We used to have the same as the Year R's".*



## Absences

If your child is unwell and not able to come to school, please can you ensure you contact the school office **by 9am** to confirm their absence with a reason for their absence, either by telephone 01962 713358 or email [adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk) Thank you!

## Year R drop off

We are so proud of how quickly the Year R's have adapted to life at TSM. Just a reminder that from now on, all Year R children are to be dropped off at the gate, allowing them to walk independently into class.



## February Half Term Holiday Club – Book now!

To book a place, email the school office:  
[adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk)

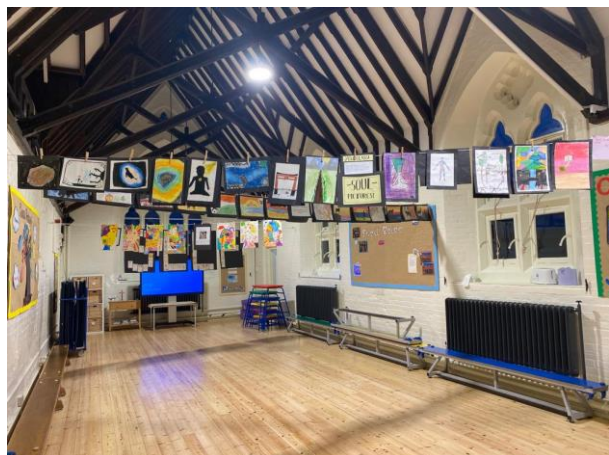
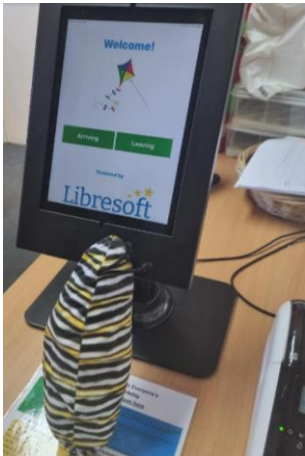


## Spirituality Week

Spirituality Week is always a special time in school and this week was no different. As we welcomed children back for the New Year, we spent our collective worships discovering what spirituality means to each of us. On Thursday Reverend Damon came to visit, answered our questions and helped us to understand even more deeply about Spirituality.

Cedric the caterpillar visited us for the whole week! Cedric's week showed us that sometimes spirituality means reflecting and being transformed by our encounters. He met lots of new people, had some new experiences, and, after some reflection time in his chrysalis, found himself beautifully transformed.

In our worships and lessons, we explored the four parts of spirituality: the self, others, beauty and beyond. We used these as inspiration for our fantastic spirituality gallery on Friday morning. It was wonderful that so many parents were able to come and share the children's reflections.





## Hall Transformation!

As part of our spending plans for the school, the PTA committed to completely rejuvenate the hall, which is the central space at our school.

**Before**



**After!**



- We started by removing all the unused wires, equipment and oddities from around the hall.
- The PTA have paid for all new electrics and lighting.
- Our painters cleaned, sanded and repainted the walls, woodwork and restored our traditional radiators.
- Over the Christmas holidays the PTA paid for a company to sand and lacquer the floor, using a high quality durable product that will last for years to come.
- We have purchased new storage equipment
- Staff have produced all new boards and displays.

As you will see from the photos, this has been a very positive transformation. It's a completely different room, the feel is fresh, warm and welcoming. We hope the children enjoy it!

This work has taken a great deal of planning and work. We'd like to thank school for all their efforts in preparing the room (multiple times) and Kate Chase for her help in choosing the colour scheme.

We used Winchester wood Flooring LTD to work their magic on the floor- which hasn't been fully done since the 60s! They gave us a very favourable rate, so if you need any wooden floor work completed, please do check them out <https://winchesterwoodfloors.co.uk/contact-us/>

Best Wishes

Sophie Davies  
Headteacher



## Star of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Jasper	For always approaching a challenge with a can do attitude and joy.
Beech	<u>Lowen</u>	For sharing insightful comments during History lessons this week.
Sycamore	Imogen	For her joyful and enthusiastic approach to all learning and being a wonderful role model for the TSM values.
Willow	Vincent	For superb focus, confidence and independence across lessons this week – especially in reading and writing!
Yew	Evie	For an insightful artistic interpretation of what a soul is during our Spirituality week work and for writing an excellent character description of Draco Malfoy in English.



## Roll of honour

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Barnaby	For outstanding recollection of space knowledge and being a curious cat when finding out more about the moon landing.
	Freya	For being a fabulous 'Michael Collins' and performing with such confidence when re-enacting the moon landing.
Beech	Rory	For being a fantastic role model when learning in a group.
	Violet	For her wonderful self-portrait and reflections during spirituality week.
Sycamore	Marcus	For his creative and inspired approach to his portrait for Spirituality week.
	Elodie	For her insightful explanations during our Spirituality week discussions and wonderful artistic representation of Others.
Willow	Ayla	For showing such wonderful care towards others both in class and on the playground.
	Archie	For working hard to apply taught spellings to his writing – I've been so impressed this week!
Yew	Griffin	For his thoughtfulness and care when approaching all of his work this week.
	Adie	For attention to detail when drawing shapes to given dimensions in Maths.



Church Corner



**South Downs  
Gateway  
Churches**

Morestead, Owslebury,  
Twyford & Colden Common  
Learning, Praying, Serving, Caring



# The Next Gateway 360 Children's Service

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
**St Mary's Church, Twyford 4pm**

**GATEWAY**  
**360**



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

**Doors open at 4pm :**  
**Food 4:15 to 4:45 :**  
**Worship time 4:45 to 5:30 :**  
**Cake and Desert 5:30 to 6:00**



**THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND**

Benefice Office: Holy Trinity Church Centre,  
154 Main Road, Colden Common SO21 1TJ  
01962 715172 [www.sdgateway.org.uk](http://www.sdgateway.org.uk)  
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<b>Dates for your diary: Spring Term</b>	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Stubbington Parent information session 5pm (Year 4 only)
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Young Voices Choir at the O2
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Ash and Beech Trip to Winchester Science Museum
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Willow Trip to Testwood Lakes
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	PTA Cinema Night – details to follow
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Sycamore Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Parents Evening – 4 to 6pm
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Parents Evening – 5 to 7pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 6 Bikeability – details to follow
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Young Shakespeare performance – KS2 – details to follow
<b>26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Stubbington Residential Trip – Year 4
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Yew Class Trip to Hawk Conservancy Trust – details to follow
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Willow Class Trip to Winchester Cathedral – details to follow
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter service, 9:30 St Mary's Church- all welcome