



Twyford St Mary's School Bell



Dear TSM families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 academic year! Thank you so much to all of you who have come up and introduced yourselves and wished me well as I start the headship of Twyford; it is much appreciated and I am working hard to try and remember lots of new names!

It has been fantastic to meet all of the children over the past week and it has been lovely to see how quickly they have settled back into school life.

There have been lots of people very busy over the summer making our school even more wonderful and a huge thank you to those that have given their time to help with the various projects around the school. The new Year R outdoor area looks fantastic and the children have already enjoyed using it this week, along with all the new equipment in the area.

Next week we have our meet the teacher events, further details can be found at the end of this letter and I look forward to meeting more of you on these days.

Here is to a successful and fun-filled year, with lots of learning and laughing together.

Neil Tunncliffe
Headteacher

★ Star of the Week! ★

Ash	Marissa	For settling in really well and showing a lovely example of the golden rules.
Beech	Joseph	For settling into year 1 so well - showing a brilliant attitude to learning!
Sycamore	Morgan	Showing incredible focus in his maths learning and independently creating all his tasks
Willow	Jem	Being a good role model and a reliable member of Willow class!
Yew	Daisy	For settling in brilliantly and for her enthusiasm to complete place value tasks in Maths.

Roll of Honour

Ash	Marley	Great focus and having a go during phonics.
Beech	George	For brilliant contributions and listening skills during geography learning this week.
Sycamore	George	For having a fantastic first week at TSM and for sharing his expert historical knowledge with the class
Willow	Rupert	Showing independence by co-operating with others excellently and listening carefully
Yew	Winnie	For persevering really well in all her learning and for great focus in lessons

This week in worship.....

We have been focussing on community. On Tuesday we welcomed some of the new members of our school community and Mr Tunnicliffe talked about how important everyone in a community is to making it successful. We looked at how a Jenga tower with all its blocks is a pretty solid structure but as soon as you start removing blocks it becomes very wobbly and eventually falls. We also thought about how we can contribute to our community, linking this to the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 and the small boy who played a big part by sharing his food with everyone. On Thursday, Rev Damon followed this up by sharing that the church and school are just buildings and it is the people in them that make the community.

Meet the Teachers

Please come and meet your child's teacher on the following dates:

Ash (Year 1 only) and Beech Classes: 11th September, 3.45pm—4.30pm

Sycamore, Willow and Yew Classes: 12th September, 3.45pm—4.30pm

The above sessions will start in the school hall at 3.45pm.

Our new reception parents will have the opportunity to meet Miss Sotinwa at the Phonics presentation on Monday 30th September at 3.45pm. Details of this have been sent to you this week.



October Half Term Holiday Club—Book your space now!

Mr Hawkes and Ms Newell will be running our holiday club on Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October. £40 per child per day (10% discount for siblings). From 8.30am—4.30pm each day.

Email the school office to book spaces!



Diary Dates

11th September - Meet the Teacher KS1—3.45pm—4.30pm

12th September - Meet the Teacher KS2—3.45pm—4.30pm

23rd September - PTA AGM, 9.30am at Little Bean & Bar

25th September - Young Shakespeare Company production of Macbeth to KS2

30th September - New Reception Parents - Phonics presentation

9th October - Individual Photographs

21st—25th October - Year 6 Residential Trip to Calshot

25th October - Last day of Autumn 1

4th November - First day of Autumn 2



It has been a busy summer!

The **PTA** has been busy over the summer holidays renovating the early years area. During this time, we have replaced the old roof on the covered area and renewed any bad wood. We also had it painted in lovely bold colours. We have included a new work bench and purchased new wood work tools. A new large sand pit has been installed with lots of new sand based resources. 2 new bikes have been purchased along with a new storage cupboard and a reading bench.

We still have the fence to paint and will be organising a working party - look out for details.

We'd like to thank Kate for her help in choosing the colours. Brian and Joe for putting together the furniture. They also replaced the perspex in the mural at the gate - it looks like new! Thank you.

We very much rely on the help of our parents, both in running the events and running the projects, so if you have any time regularly or ad-hoc we'd love to hear from you **twyfordstmaryspta@gmail.com**

Wanted: Beech & Willow Class Reps

Beech and Willow are still looking for class reps for the year. This entails passing on messages and reminders, organising helpers and cake rotas etc. It is not a massive role but it does make a huge difference to the School PTA! Please contact the school office if you think you can help.

PTA AGM: Monday 23rd September at 9.30am

The PTA AGM is being held on Monday 23rd September at 9.30am at the Little Bean & Bar. We would absolutely love some more help for our fundraising team, so please do come along if you can, or email **twyfordstmaryspta@gmail.com** if you would like to get involved!



Next Children's Service

Sunday 8th September
St Mary's Church, Twyford 4pm

GATEWAY
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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

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



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