



Twyford St Mary's School Bell



Dear TSM families,

10th January 2025

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and managed to enjoy some rest. The children have all transitioned back into school really well and are very enthusiastic about their new topics

On Thursday, both Sycamore and Willow class had their school trip to the 878AD museum in Winchester. The children got to immerse themselves in History as they stood with Alfred the Great and his Anglo-Saxon army against the invading Vikings. The children came back very enthused by their experience and had a wonderful time. It was also lovely to hear the positive comments from members of the public and the staff at the venues about the wonderful behaviour of our children. Thank you to all the parent volunteers that came along on the trip.

In the autumn term we applied for a community grant from the Hazeley Group, who are building the new Hazeley Enterprise business park. We have recently been told that we have been awarded the grant, which has purchased much needed new thesaurus's that will be used throughout the school as well as topping up our reading books. Thank you to the Hazeley Group for choosing our application.

Next week, Year 6 have their Bikeability sessions on Thursday and Friday and the after school clubs run by staff will begin.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Neil Tunnicliffe
Headteacher

★ Star of the Week! ★

Ash	Teddy	For showing great focus and always remembering Miss Sotinwa's expectations during phonics!
Beech	Lucy M	For brilliant number sentence work in maths when finding number bonds to 20.
Sycamore	Sycamore class	Being totally awesome on our trip to Winchester. You were fantastic ambassadors for TSM
Willow	Willow class	Being absolute superstars this week on our school trip, even having members of the public commenting on what a lovely class they were!
Yew	William	For displaying superb learning behaviours in Maths, completing the whole task and helping a peer.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Lucas	For being 'Incy independent' in challenge time and creating lots of imaginative art!
Beech	Benny P	Great class contributions during discussion in science this week!
Sycamore	Viggo	For showing perseverance in PE when doing a forward roll. He was initially very nervous but kept trying and then accomplished it!
Willow	Cerys	For her fantastic and insightful contributions to our new class book. 'How to Train your Dragon'.
Yew	Emma	Persevering to understand decimal division and then achieving well in the problem solving challenge.

This week in worship.....

We discussed New Year's Resolutions and how long people tend to keep them, some of the children then shared their resolutions. We then introduced our theme for the next set of worships, which is care. We discussed what care means and how we can show care to others. We watched a short clip, showing a boy throwing starfish that had become stranded on a beach back into the sea. When a man questioned why he was doing this as there were thousands along the beach and he wouldn't be able to save them all, the boy said it was making a difference to the ones he was saving. We then discussed how showing care can have a big impact on others. On Thursday Rev. Damon was in school to continue to explore this theme.

On Thursday, Sycamore and Willow class embarked on an exciting trip to the Winchester 878AD Museum to immerse themselves in the fascinating world of the Anglo-Saxon/Viking period! The children were able to really get into character by dressing like an Anglo-Saxon and were assigned a specific role, which made

the experience even more engaging as they tackled lots of challenges. Bartering at the marketplace, solving intriguing riddles posed by the riddler, and a fun ruin hunt truly brought history to life! We also visited the City Museum, where we explored lots of artefacts and enjoyed learning and playing traditional games from the Anglo-Saxon era. It was fantastic seeing the children's enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the day. A huge thank you to everyone who made this trip possible—our budding historians had a truly unforgettable experience!



Census Day menu - We need your help!

Every term on a 'Census Day' we have to provide the Department of Education with data to enable them to work out what funding our school will receive.

The number of children that order a meal on Census day is used to calculate our funding going forward. This is where we need your help!

Please can we encourage **all children who receive Free School Meals or Universal Free School meals to order a School meal on 16th January 2025. Pupils to order as normal on the day.**

Thursday 16th January 2025

Chicken Burger in Bun
Or
Vegetable Burger in a Bun

Served with sides of
Crispy Fries

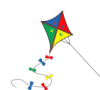
Sweetcorn or
Mixed Salad

Followed by
Ice Cream



Diary Dates

- 16th January - Census Day, special menu for lunchtime - see The School Bell for more info!
- 16th and 17th January - Year 6 Bikeability Training Programme (Letter sent to parents on 21/11/24)
- 28th January - Years 1 and 2 trip to Milestones Museum (Letter sent to parents on 21/11/24)
- 31st January - PTA Event, Cinema night, details to follow
- 3rd February - Young Voices Trip
- 11th February - Safer Internet Day
- 13th February - Yew Class parent sharing event 2:45 - 3:20
- 14th February - Last day of Spring 1
- 17th - 21st February - Half Term
- 24th February - First day of Spring 2
- 6th March - World Book Day, details to follow
- 17th March - Parents Evening, details to follow - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!
- 19th March - Parents Evening, details to follow - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!
- 19th March - Yew Class visit to Beaulieu (WW2 Covert Operations)
- 26th - 28th March - Stubbington Residential (Year 4s)
- 3rd April - Easter Service at the Church, details to follow
- 4th April - Last day of Spring 2
- 7th April - 21st April - Easter holidays
- 22nd April - Inset Day 4
- 23rd April - First day of Summer 1





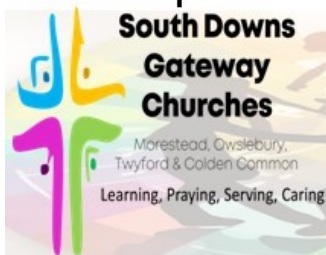
The Next Gateway 360 Children's Service

Sunday 12th January 2025
St Mary's Church, Twyford
Doors open at 4pm



Topic: Lots of Sheep!

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



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