



Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear TSM Families,

Firstly, please can I share my personal thanks for all the kind words and wishes from families this week. It was certainly an emotional message to deliver to staff, parents and pupils but, as always, the Twyford Community showed its wonderful care and love in its response.



Today is the last day of Mrs Keating before she heads off to welcome her lovely baby into the world. We send all our joy and thanks to both Mrs K and Mrs Wilkinson. We will all miss you whilst you are off! We will of course send news when there are new arrivals...



World thinking Day with Vicky Feldwick

A special 'thank you' to Vicky for coming to talk with us on 'World Thinking Day' and to understand the origins of squirrels, cubs, scouts, rainbows, brownies and guides!

Volunteers from our local rainbows, brownies and guides helped deliver the special story alongside Vicky and all pupils loved singing the fun campfire songs together!

New Parent Governor Announcement

We are delighted to announce that we have a new Parent Governor:

Sami Stagnell.

Thank you for all your votes and special thank you to Mrs Suzanne Dew for her application and time dedicated to the process.



Year 6 Bikeability

“On Monday and Tuesday this week, all of Year 6 got the opportunity to be taught the rules of safety on a bike!”

It started off at 10am where we were shown the basics of checking our bikes before we ride; A- air; B- brakes, C- chain, D- direction; before showing us the proper way to put on a helmet! Our second session of the day was 2 groups setting off to the road to start learning start and stop then finishing off with U turns!



The next day we checked our bikes and headed off for the lesson and completed our last skill [junctions] before combining them all in one last drill where we rode around Twyford in a snake having A LOT of fun before taking a quick break for the discussion of road signs” By Maisie and Evie

Jazz Band Visit

At TSM we love to inspire young people with aspirational talent and this week Music was our special treat! On Wednesday afternoon, the whole school enjoyed an amazing concert by the Winchester College Jazz Band! During the performance, we talked through the instruments, sections of the band and musical styles the college boys were performing. It was very loud but we all had great fun listening to their fantastic playing with toes tapping and hands clapping! “You guys are just brilliant!” cheered Max from Year 2.



Reminder: Pathway to Paris Leap Day Run! – 29th February

An email was sent to all families earlier this week with full details on this exciting event happening next Thursday! Thank you in advance to the PTA event team! A few things to remember:

- You should have already let us know of any changes to your external party media consent
- There is a **ticketed** Leap day run with a **Team GB athlete in attendance**: Starting at 8:40am pupils will be invited to begin the day with a special run and meet and greet with our team GB athlete. Tickets available to buy from the following link:
www.pta-events.co.uk/tsmpta
- There will be a Special French themed breakfast treats in every classroom to start the day in an exciting way with a good morning visit from our team GB athlete!
- **PE Non-Uniform Day**: All pupils are encouraged to wear their team colour t-shirts and weather-appropriate legwear for the day.



Event cancelled – Bedtime Stories, 7th March

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances we have to cancel this evening event for this year. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Best Wishes

Sophie Davies
Headteacher



Star of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Lucy	For being a thoughtful and kind friend always showing our value of care to all.
Beech	Alice G	For her participation and engagement in her maths learning.
Sycamore	Eden	For her incredible enthusiasm and independence in her Maths learning on fractions. Well done, Eden!
Willow	Lucy	For using a range of sentences to create interest for the reader
Yew	George	For showing fantastic independence in his cycle skills, progressing at a phenomenal rate over the two days of the Bikeability programme. Well done, George!



Roll of Honour

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Jasper	For showing such joy during the Jazz Concert.
	Leanna	For being a persevering pig when calculating number bonds.
Beech	Louis	For great concentration and focus in creating a Lego structure.
	Moses	For amazing focus and perseverance in lessons this week.
Sycamore	Miller	For super independent learning during Guided reading answering retrieval and vocabulary questions confidently.
	Wilf	For being a kind and thoughtful friend and an enthusiastic learner too!
Willow	Annabel P	For superb focus and learning behaviours.
	Isaac	For being helpful to others and keeping the class environment tidy.
Yew	Tess	For the joy and enthusiasm she showed when doing class drama activities prior to Young Shakespeare's visit to the school.
	Myanna	For super focus and achievement in class this week and during a reading comprehension focus group session.

Dates for your diary: Spring Term	
26th to 28th Feb	Stubbington Residential Trip – Year 4
29th Feb	PTA Event - Leap Day 'Leap to Paris!' - details to follow
5th March	Yew Class – Science Roadshow at Twyford Prep School. Email sent on 22 nd February.
5th March – 11th June	Year 5 Swimming (with a break on the 19 th March, 16 th April and during Easter holidays) – Email sent on 7 th February with full details.
7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY! – Email sent on 9 th February with full details.
7th March	Bedtime Stories Evening Event – Details are part of the World Book day email sent on 9th February. Cancelled , apologies for any inconvenience.
13th March	Yew Class Trip to Hawk Conservancy Trust – details to follow
19th March	Willow Class Trip to Winchester Cathedral – Email sent on 9 th February with full details.
27th March	Easter service, 9:30 St Mary's Church - all welcome
28th March – 14th April	PTA Event - Twyford Teddy Bear Trail – details to follow
28th March	Last day of Spring Term
15th April	Inset day 4 – school closed to pupils
16th April	First day of Summer term