



Friday 7th July 2023

Dear TSM Families,

It's been show week! The end of the year is always full to the brim with exciting events at TSM- especially the Key Stage 2 Performance. This year's again was a west end worthy show stopper! A gallery of photos will be in next week's Bell to share some of the most special moments from Oliver! I look forward to seeing families at the Summer fair after school today - **please remember end of day collections will be on the field.**

The logo for the musical 'Oliver!', featuring the word 'OLIVER!' in a stylized, red, bubbly font.



Open Book Looks

Please come along to our 'Open Book Looks':

- Key Stage 2 (Sycamore, Willow and Yew) will be on Wednesday 12th July
- Key stage 1 (Ash and Beech) Thursday 13th July

The classrooms will be open from 3.45pm - 4.15pm with all the children's workbooks available to view; come and see your child's incredible work!

Fantastic Fundraising

Good luck to one of our parents, Alex Cottrell. This weekend he is swimming the Bantham Swoosh in Devon to raise funds for our school! This open water event involves swimming 6km down the River Avon, with a strong tidal current adding to the challenge. If you would like to sponsor Mr Cottrell, please click on this link:

[**Just Giving - Alex Cottrell**](#)

Any sponsorship received will be matched by Mr Cottrell's employer!

Volunteer 'Thank you' Tea Party



If you have volunteered your time and/or skills at school this year in any capacity: reading, trips, golden time, clubs PTA, the list goes on... **We would like you to invite you to our 'Thank You' Tea Party!**

Time: Wednesday 19th July 2.45pm-3.30pm, Location: School Hall

RSVP via admin office email **by Wednesday 12th July**

Forest School

"This week was a bit damp but it didn't stop us enjoying lots of fun! We started off with a story called Be a Maker. This was about making all sorts of things, not just noise and mess! We were in the purple team or the yellow team and we had to collect worms to tie on our team stick. Luckily they were not real worms, just bits of string. The best thing this week was getting to use the bow saw with Jo. First we learnt how to use it safely, and then we had to work as a team with a partner pushing and pulling the saw to cut wooden biscuits to make medals for our forest school party next week. We also painted rainbow sticks and made things out of clay and built a den" Sycamore Year 3s.

Our last Forest School session will be on Tuesday (11th July). We look forward to seeing our Year 3 parents and carers at our Forest School presentation on Tuesday at 3.45pm.



Willow Water Meadows Fieldwork!



On Tuesday, Willow class got the exciting opportunity to do a riverbank study with Tracy Standish from Wessex River Trust at our very own Twyford Water Meadows! The children took part in exciting practical activities, including a nature walk, river dipping to classify different creatures and raft building to measure flow! Tracy also spoke to us about how we can conserve water and look after our rivers. It was lovely to see the children so immersed and enthusiastic, with excellent teamwork skills shown by all - well done Willow!



Music & Drama Workshop

On Friday 30th June, year 5 went to Twyford Prep School to do drama and music around the theme of Safari Animals. The songs we learned: 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight,' 'Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud,' and 'Never smile at Crocodile'. We also worked in groups to perform poems about different animals like gorillas and giraffes. The parents came to watch us on stage perform! By Brontë

Amazing Alumni!



We just love to hear about how our former pupils are getting on. This week we found out that Poppy has become the Deputy Head Girl at Westgate! Well done to Poppy - we were so proud of you in your years at TSM!

Warm wishes,

Sophie Davies
Headteacher



Star of the Week

Ash	Imogen	For amazing creativity and being incy independent when building models!
Beech	Viggo	For his brilliant 'How to care for your dragon egg' instructions.
Sycamore	Esme	For always being so conscientious in her learning, listening attentively in class and being a wonderful role model to everyone!
Willow	Dexter	For amazing authorial control of a range of tension-building strategies to keep his reader on the edge of their seat!
Yew	All of Year 6!	For your incredible performances as main characters in our production of Oliver! Your joy you showed in performing was infectious to the rest of the cast and school!



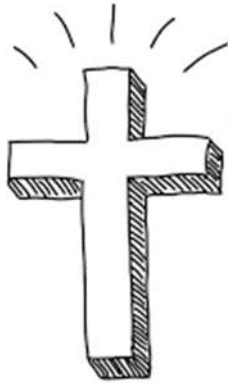
Roll of Honour

Ash	Vinnie	For always being a persevering pig, especially within writing and mental maths tasks.
	Aoife	For showing the TSM value of joy when watching the KS2 performance of Oliver!
Beech	Imogen	For her hard work and enthusiasm when making our human fruit machine!
	Rupert C	For being sure helpful and considerate of others in Beech Class.
Sycamore	Imogen	For her motivation and perseverance when learning to tell the time with a 24 hour clock.
	Archie	For his wonderful use of descriptive language and amazing performance of his Kenning poem.
Willow	Hugo	For pro-actively asking for support during proof-reading; he always wants to make his work the best it can be!
	Ollie	For great enthusiasm and teamwork during our riverbank study at the Water Meadows!
Yew	Isaac	For showing great interest and enthusiasm in our 'Text Adventures' Computing unit.
	Andrii	For his confidence and super acting in the play and for all his helpfulness with organising the props.



PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Don't forget – we have our PTA pre-loved uniform sale on Friday 14th July at 3.30pm. Any donations of uniform in good clean condition will be greatly received! Please bring into school by the Friday morning.



Church News



The Next Gateway 360 Family Service 9th July 4pm @ St Mary's Church Twyford

Please Note: No Service in August. September's Service is on the 10th.

Gateway 360 is a service, inclusive of all, that is aimed at children. It started last September and now see around 30 children (and their family) attending each month. Please feel free to join us.



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 (Please bring some food to share as we have tea together)

Christian Aid

We received the following 'thank you' from the Christian Aid team and members of St Mary's Church:

"On behalf of our church we would like to add our thanks to those from Christian Aid for your fantastic work in raising funds to help the poorest of the poor in our world.

Your efforts from the cake bake, your envelope scheme and the plants that you grew for our plant sale produced enough to be a great help to people who struggle to survive in parts of the world so far from us.

Thank you for caring for our world and those people who live in it without all the things that we enjoy and take for granted here in Twyford. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

We would love to see you at our church service on Sundays especially for special events such as the Green service on 16th July after the Green Fair, and Harvest Festival on 1st October.

With love from The Christian Aid team and members of St Mary's Church"

Dates for your diary: Summer Term	
10th-14th July	Healthy Living Week
11th July	Year 3 Forest School parent sharing event, 3.45pm in the hall
12th July	Open Look Books – Sycamore, Willow and Yew, 3.45 - 4.15pm
13th July	Open Look Books – Ash and Beech, 3.45pm – 4.15pm
14th July	Sports day (morning)
14th July	PTA Event: Pre-loved uniform sale, 3.30pm
17th July	Sports day (reserve date)
18th July	Willow class Maya Archaeology Virtual Workshop
18th July	TSM Music Concert (selected pupils tbc), 2.15pm-3.15pm
19th July	Volunteer 'Thank you' Tea party, 2.45pm-3.30pm
20th July	Year 6 TSM Leavers Service, 2pm - school hall
21st July	Final day of term
Dates for your diary: Autumn Term	
1st Sept	Inset Day 1
4th Sept	Back to school following summer break
24th Nov	Inset Day 2
27th Nov	Inset Day 3