



Tiverton Academy

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Principal's Message

As you are all aware, Mrs. Norbury decided to take on the Headship, this term, at another school within our Academy Trust. This is a great opportunity for Mrs. Norbury to develop her career and use her leadership skills to further enhance the lives of many more children and their school community. Mrs. Norbury has been a valued member of our leadership team, as both Vice Principal and Principal, for many years and we will miss her immensely. Mrs. Norbury was passionate about making Tiverton the best it could be for our children and everything she did was with a high level of professionalism and a warm helpful smile on her face. She has supported staff, parents, and children alike as Principal of the school. I personally feel extremely privileged to have worked with her and appreciate her level of dedication and commitment to the whole school.

I am sure you will all join us in wishing her well in her new school. As it is not far from Tiverton, Mrs. Norbury and myself are keen to develop a close relationship between both schools and where possible work collaboratively on events / projects etc. so I am sure you will see her around in the future.

With Mrs. Norbury moving on I was fortunate enough to be able to make the decision to take on the Headship at Tiverton. This is a role I am extremely proud to hold. I have worked at Tiverton for a number of years, initially as a teacher, and then, after working as Assistant Principal at two other schools, I returned as Deputy Head Teacher five years ago and I can honestly say that Tiverton is a very special place to be. This is down to the legacy that Mrs. Norbury leaves and the wonderful children, parents/carers, dedicated and committed staff and the wider school community. I am very excited to continue this journey for our children and families and take the school from strength to strength by continuing to embed the vision and values that make Tiverton the happy, vibrant and successful school that it is.

As we are coming to the end of this academic year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and for giving us the pleasure of spending our working days with your amazing children! I wish you all an enjoyable summer – if it ever stops raining! And we look forward to seeing you all return on Tuesday 5th September for the start of our new academic year.

Stay safe and take care,

Mrs. T. Dunn

Staffing Update

- I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Tennant has been appointed as the new Vice Principal, she will also continue her role as SENDCo.
- We are extremely pleased that Mrs. Matthews is returning to Tiverton and will be teaching in Reception next year.
- After being with us for a while now on long-term supply, I'd like to welcome Mrs. Zafar to the Tiverton Team, she will be teaching in Year 2 next year.

We also welcome the following new members of staff to the team:

- Miss. Bull – Teaching Assistant with SEND specialism
- Miss. Choudhary – Teaching Assistant with Pastoral specialism
- Mrs. Wheeler – Teaching Assistant in Year 4 next academic year

We wish them all well in their new appointments and look forward to working with them.

Medication

If your child has medication in school e.g., inhalers, Piriton etc. you will receive an additional letter for collection arrangements. All medication will be sent home for you to check and get up-to-date replacements where necessary for returning in September.



Communication with School

From September, rather than using text messages to keep you up to date with events in school we will be notifying you by **email**. Please ensure school has your current email addresses on file and you check your emails (including junk) regularly as you may miss important messages. We suggest you turn on email notifications on your phone.

Data checking forms will be sent out in September, your **contact details must be kept up to date** as soon as there is any change. Please check current details on the data sheet and update as necessary. As you can imagine, this is essential in the event of us needing to get in touch with you regarding your child's welfare in school.

Uniform Reminder

Please remember that uniform is compulsory, and our school uniform is:

Black or dark grey skirt/trousers/pinafore dress. Summer dresses can be worn in the Summer (blue and white)

White shirt or polo shirt. School jumper or cardigan **(with school logo)**.

Good fitting and functional black school shoes. **(No trainers)**

Hair accessories should be school colours (blue and white) and small in size.

(You will only need to buy the school logo jumpers and cardigans from Brigade - it's more economical to use supermarkets/shops for the rest of the school uniform)

No jewellery. Stud earrings are allowed, but no hoops or dangling earrings.

School Shoes

✓ SUITABLE	X UNSUITABLE
Examples of the type of school shoes that are appropriate:	Examples of the type of school shoes that are not appropriate:
	 Canvas shoes
	 Sports Trainers
	 Non-sensible shoes
	 Branded shoes
	
	
	
	

Tiverton Academy Uniform

All uniform can be bought online

www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com

If you do not have access to the internet some items of the school uniform can be purchased in school. Just ask at the school office.

Boys

- School jumper with school logo
- White polo shirt or white shirt
- Grey trousers
- Black school shoes



Girls

- School jumper or cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt or white shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Black school shoes
- Navy blue head scarf (if worn)

A school bag can also be purchased

PE Kit

- Black shorts
- Black or grey tracksuit bottoms with no logos (for Autumn and Winter time)
- Plain white T-shirt
- Black pumps
- PE Kit bag



EVERY item of uniform / clothing must be labelled with your child's name - including bags, PE kit, shoes, coats, hats, scarves etc. Children do misplace items of clothing and it is very difficult to find it if it is not named.

Forest School

Next year, Reception and Year 1 will continue to take part in Forest School sessions **every Monday**. Please note that the children are outdoors in all weather conditions, so it is important that children are dressed appropriately – they need to come to school in old clothes and shoes that are appropriate for the weather. We suggest that for the Autumn term they wear long sleeved tops and old trousers, raincoats and wellies! Be prepared for clothes to get dirty and muddy!



School Meals 2023



If you pay for your child's school meals, please note that meal prices will increase to £2.50 for pupils from September 2023. This is due to rising supplier and running costs.

If you feel you may be entitled to free school meals, please do check as it has many benefits to both you and the school.

Toast will still be available at a cost of 12p per day.

Milk will be available at a cost of 25p per day. Children under 5 receive milk free of charge.

Wrap-Around

Our Wrap-Around provision will continue in September, offering a Breakfast and After-school Club. More details about provision, along with a new contract for parents to sign, will follow shortly.

- Breakfast Club (7.30-8.45am) will cost £3.50
- After School (3.15-5.30pm) will cost £8.50.
- Payments are made via Parentpay accounts and must be booked by completing a contract or calling the School Office if for a 'one off emergency only' place



Attendance for the Year	Total number of days missed this academic year	Total number of days missed this academic year for Leave in Term Time
Y6 – 89%	Y6 - 393	Y6 - 84
Y5 – 92%	Y5 - 451	Y5 - 51
Y4 – 95%	Y4 - 257	Y4 - 33
Y3 – 92%	Y3 - 406	Y3 - 50
Y2 – 92%	Y2 - 440	Y2 - 75
Y1 – 90%	Y1 - 383	Y1 - 29
R – 93%	R - 352	R - 84

Target Attendance is: 96%

Well done to Year 4 ...



... our attendance champions!

With 95% attendance you were very close this year to our target!

Tiverton believes that children cannot achieve their full potential if they do not regularly attend school. We want every child to achieve their full potential and we know that parents/carers share this goal. There is a clear link between good attendance and educational achievement. If your child is not in school on time, as often as possible, they will be missing out on many important parts of their education.

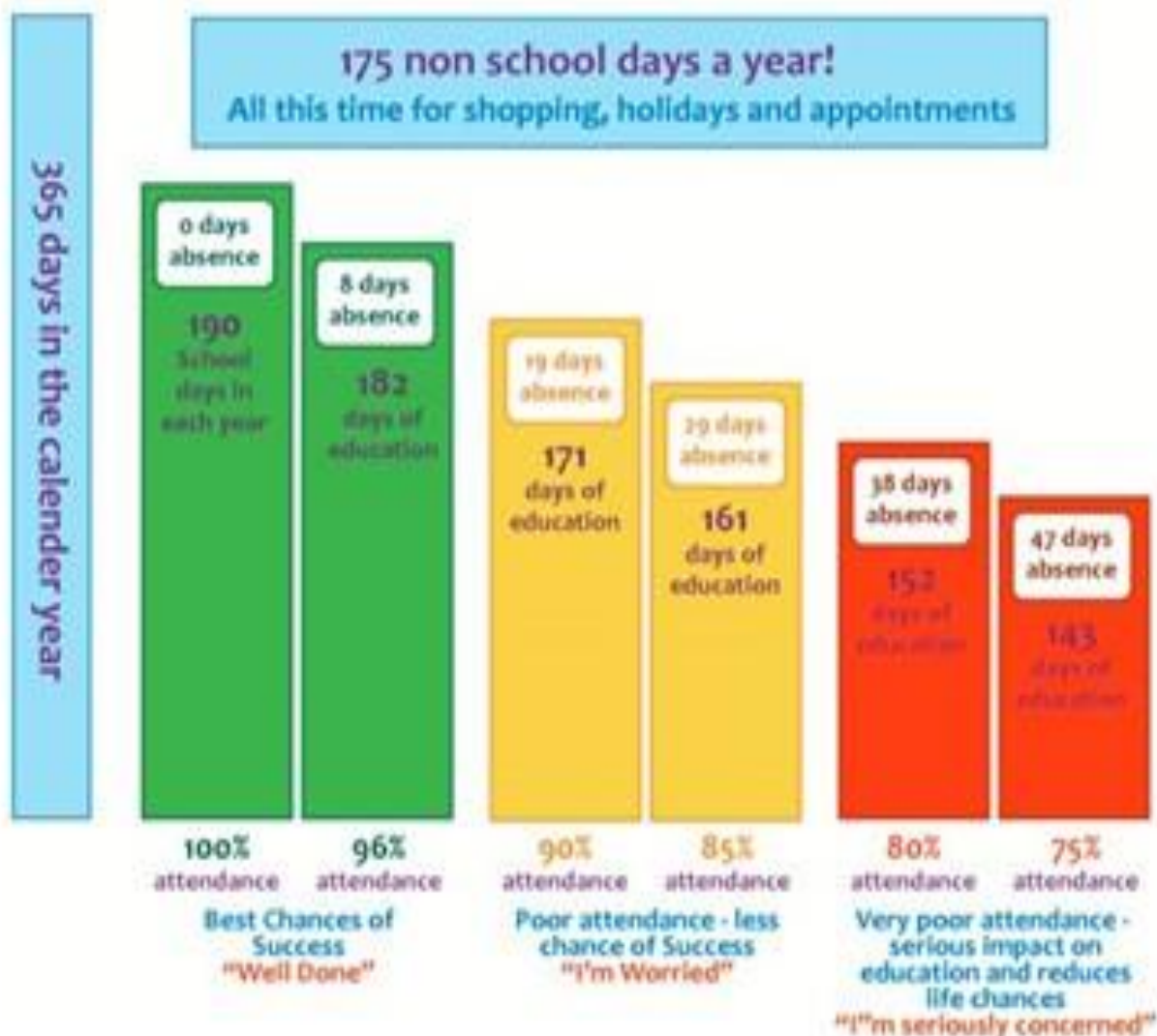
Full and regular attendance at school is crucial for a child's future life chances and establishes a positive work ethic early in life. We will do all we can to encourage parents/carers to ensure their children achieve maximum possible attendance and that any problems that prevent full attendance are identified, monitored, and acted on promptly.

Leave in Term Time

Principals may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Leave in term time cannot be agreed for holidays. Should there be any exceptional circumstances, please make an appointment to discuss them with the Principal **before** making any bookings.

Good Attendance Means...

being in school at least 96% of the time. This means 8 Days Off!



Lateness

As you may be aware, the law treats some persistent lateness in the same way as irregular attendance and parents may be prosecuted by the local authority if late arrival is not resolved.

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons and extra-support groups
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS 	
MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.2% ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day as:

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future

Days off school and lateness add up to lost learning. Please don't let your children miss out on the education they deserve.

Successes, Celebrations and Achievements this Term

Well done to all the children who have completed statutory assessments this term:

- Year 1 Phonic Screen Check
- Year 2 SATs
- Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check
- Year 6 SATs

In June we achieved the School Games Gold Award. The School Games is a programme which aims to keep competitive sport at the heart of schools and provide young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best. The School Games inspires young people to be physically active for life through positive experiences of daily activity and competition. Well done and thank you to Miss. Hale and Miss. Meah for all of your hard work towards achieving this award.



The Great Big Dance Off in Oxford was a huge success, the Dance Squad put on an amazing performance, and we are so proud of them. The Dance Squad then went on to perform at the Commonwealth Games Legacy Event at the Alexandra Stadium – a big thank you to the staff and parents who supported these events and enabled our young people to take part. A special thank you to Miss Meah for making these events possible!



Year 4 recorded a song based upon the opera 'The Magic Flute' and had the opportunity to perform at The Royal Opera House in London as part of our collaboration with 'Create and Sing'. The day was a huge success and an amazing experience for our children.



Sport's Day – thank you to everyone that was able to support us with our Sport's Day, the children clearly had a great time and the rain held off! Thank you to Miss Hale and Miss Meah for organising it so well!

The TEFAT Games took place at Tipton Sports Academy, all West Midlands TEFAT schools took part, and the children had fun showing off their sports skills.

The choir, once again, had the chance to perform at the Symphony Hall. They sang a range of songs from 'The Little Mermaid' and experienced live music performances from a range of orchestras.



Year 6 Production – WOW! A huge well done to Year 6 for their amazing performance at the church. You had learnt your lines and delivered your performance with confidence. It was a pleasure to watch each and every one of you shine in your own unique way - you did an amazing job Year 6 and I would like to thank both you, Miss. Brewster and Mrs. Ward for your hard work. The rest of the school sang along beautifully to compliment the performance, another huge thanks to Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Baker for all of your hard work. Nothing beats the atmosphere of the whole school coming together in one very special celebration. Thank you to everyone that managed to join us at the church, we hope you enjoyed the production as much as we did.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils went to the Residential Trip at the Pioneer Centre in Shropshire over two nights. The staff that went with them - Miss Brewster, Miss Chamberlain and Miss Honan - all said that the children of Tiverton Academy stood out amongst the other schools for their politeness and good manners. You did us proud!



More photos of events can be found on our Website (Blogs), Twitter and Instagram pages.

A special mention to our wonderful Year 6!

It is that time of year once again when we need to say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6. They have been such an amazing class, full of brilliant personalities, and we will be sad to say goodbye to them on Tuesday.

The Summer Term has been a busy one for them and they all worked incredibly hard to prepare and then complete the SATs. We were so proud of the effort that every single child demonstrated, and we also want to thank the hard-working Year 6 team who believed in each and every one of our children.

We still have the final celebrations to look forward to. On Monday Year 6 will be partying with the whole school in the afternoon and then having food and continued festivities with the staff after school until 4.30pm.

On Tuesday, tissues at the ready, Year 6 parents are invited to attend the Leaver's Assembly at 2.20pm in school, where we can say our final goodbyes. As is the end of Year 6 tradition, the class are able to have their polo shirts signed by friends and staff during the last day.

We want to say goodbye and thank you to all the wonderful Year 6 families whose children have gone through Tiverton over the years and now your last child is leaving us. We wish you all well and thank you for your support to the school.



Term Dates 2023 /2024

Please see below for term dates 2023/24. This also includes teacher training days.

School Year 2023 to 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4 September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023

Term Ends: Friday 22 December 2023

Training Days:

- **Monday 4th September 2023**
 - **Friday 8th September 2023**
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Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

Term Ends: Friday 22 March 2024

Training Day:

- **Wednesday 21st February 2024**
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Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Term Ends: Monday 22 July 2024

Training Days:

- **Wednesday 26th June 2024**
- **Monday 22nd July 2024**

All the staff wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 5th September 2023