



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy and fulfilling start to the academic year. Our newest children have settled in well and the other children have been working hard in their classes. The quality of their outcomes is looking fantastic! A number of classes have already been on educational visits to The Think Tank, Ten Pin Bowling, Selly Oak Park and a visit to see Old Joe (the clock at Bham University), a football tournament, a concert and author visit at King Edward's School, and we have also had a number of workshops in school. This wouldn't be possible without the hard work of the staff in school who do so much to help the children to learn and keep our curriculum exciting and the school running well. Lots of children have been visibly demonstrating this term's school value of 'cooperation' and we are so proud of them all. Next term the school value will be 'politeness'.

When we return after the half term break, we will be focusing even more on our school attendance. Our whole school attendance percentage to date is 95% which is below the 96% target we set as a school and for individual pupils. I do need to remind you that holiday requests in term time will not be authorised.

I hope you all have a restful half term break.

Mrs. T. Dunn

Harvest Festival



It was great to see so many parents and carers at the Harvest Festival Celebration on Thursday. The children's hard work, practising the songs, paid off and the singing was amazing. I'd like to thank the staff, particularly Miss Wyatt and Mrs Vaughan for working so hard with the children on the performance and Mrs Weblin and Miss Mason for organising the food collection. I'd also like to thank Encounter Church for allowing us to use the church and their support during the performance. Thank you for your donations towards the Harvest collection. B30 & South Birmingham Food Bank (Cotteridge) was extremely grateful for your generosity.

National Black History Month Poetry Competition

National Black History Month Poetry Competition celebrating black women is an important addition to the Black History Month 2023 celebrations, providing an opportunity to learn about the contributions and achievements of black women while inspiring and empowering future generations. The children have been encouraged to enter the competition. The closing date is 15th November 23. Further details on how to enter can be found here: [BHM Poetry Competition](#)



Correct PE Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform. Each child needs a plain white t-shirt, black shorts, black or grey tracksuit bottoms (with no logos), black pumps and a PE kit bag.

All items need to be labelled with your child's name



Class Blogs

Take a look at our Class Blogs on the Tiverton Academy website. Here you will find class information about the curriculum, texts being studied and many photos of the children's achievements. These will be published at the start of every new term with links and videos to support your child's learning at home. To access the class blogs on our school website please follow the link below and choose your child's class from the drop down menu. [Blog Zone](#)

Measles (MMR) Vaccine Reminder for Parents/Carers

As half term approaches, this is an ideal time to get up to date with the measles (MMR) vaccination. There has been a recent rise in measles cases across the country, and Birmingham and Solihull have low MMR vaccination rates so there is a risk of a measles outbreak this winter.

You have been emailed a letter from Public Health which encourages the uptake of the MMR vaccine.

Reasons to Sing Family Concert

You are invited to the Reasons to Sing family concert at Birmingham University.

Location:

Elgar Concert Hall, Bramall Music Building

Date

Wednesday 8 November 2023 (16:30-17:10)

Contact


Free admission, pre-booking required
Follow this link for further information:
[Reasons to Sing](#)



Communication with School

- If you have a **quick message** for your child's teacher about collection, concerns, home learning... Talk to your child's teacher on the playground **after the class has been dismissed**; teachers/TA's are outside every afternoon. More **urgent messages** may be left at the school office if you do not get a chance to speak to the teacher and the teacher will contact you.
- If you would like to talk about your **child's learning progress**... Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher via the school office.
- If you are concerned about **social behaviours**... Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher via the school office.
- If you would like to discuss something **related to your child's teacher**... Make an appointment to meet with the Vice Principal via the school office.
- If you would like to discuss your **child's special educational needs**... Make an appointment to meet with the SENCO via the school office or via the school email **enquiry@tivertonacademy.org**.
- If, following your discussion you would like more information, make an appointment to meet with the relevant school leader.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance for this term	<p><u>Target Attendance is: 96%</u></p> <p><u>Whole School Attendance is: 95%</u></p>
<p>Y6 – 94%</p> <p>Y5 – 95%</p> <p>Y4 – 93%</p> <p>Y3 – 95%</p> <p>Y2 – 94%</p> <p>Y1 – 96%</p> <p>R – 95%</p>	<p>Well done to Year 1...our attendance champions!</p>  <p>You have reached the school target of 96%</p>

Yearly Attendance	Yearly Days Missed	Yearly Learning Hours Missed	Learning Hours Missed Over 5 Years
100%	0	0	0
97%	6	30	150
95%	10	50	250
90%	20	100	500
80%	40	200	1000
50%	100	500	2500

Reminder: School starts at 9am

Children can arrive at school between 8.45am and 9am.

Children arriving after 9am are marked as late on the register.

School finishes at 3.15pm, please ensure you are here to collect your child no later than 3.15pm. Persistent late collection will result in your children being looked after by Wrap-Around staff and the Wrap-Around fee of £8.50 will be charged.

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



Important Dates

27.10.2023	Break up for half term
31.10.2023	Deadline for Y6 secondary school applications
06.11.2023	Return to school
Week Beginning 6.11.2023	Parent Consultations
16.11.2023	Parent Consultation Mop Up Session
17.11.2023	Children In Need
6.12.2023	Rudolph Run - supporting St. Mary's Hospice
8.12.2023	KS2 Theatre Trip EYFS/KS1 Pantomime <u>in school</u>
14.12.2023	Christmas Production at Encounter Church - parents/carers welcome
15.12.2023	Christmas Dinner
20.12.2023	Christmas Fair
22.12.2023	Break up for the Christmas holidays
08.01.2024	Spring term starts



Online Safety

Many children are using social apps but do you know the age ratings?

Sometimes problems caused in online chats etc. spill over into the school day and prevent children from learning. Please remember to check what your children are accessing online.

Follow this link for more information

[Internet Matters Apps Guide](#)

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Term Dates 2023 /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**

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**

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**

