



Tiverton Academy

22/12/2023



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to staff, children and parents for your support during my first full term as Principal. It has been a privilege and I look forward to continuing our journey together. What a busy and exciting half term this has been! The Christmas performance was amazing last week and all the staff enjoyed watching the children shine. Their hard work and dedication certainly paid off. The children also enjoyed raising money for St Mary's Hospice by donning their antlers and completing the Rudolph Run, thank you for your support. The Christmas Fair was a huge success, the hall was buzzing and it was so lovely to see so many of you supporting the school. We are extremely grateful to the parent helpers who made this event possible and for all of your donations.

I think you'll agree this has been a particularly long and tiring term so on behalf of myself and the staff at Tiverton we would like to wish you all a peaceful and restful Christmas holiday and best wishes for the New Year.

Mrs. T. Dunn



Junior PCSO programme

During the Autumn 2 term a selection of Year 4 and Year 5 pupils took part in the Junior PCSO programme in school, along with West Midlands Police Force. It was a 5 week programme where pupils learnt about the work of the local Policing team, and what it means to act as a good citizen in the community. During this time, the children learnt about the following:

- Litter picking
- The Phonetic Alphabet
- Anti-bullying projects
- Road Safety
- First Aid
- Citizenship and Community Issues



The pupils involved wore a high-visibility tabard with a branded peaked cap and were supported by the police. At the end of the programme the pupils attended a graduation ceremony where they were recognised for their involvement and read out their pledges they had learnt over the duration of the programme.

Well done to these children and we look forward to you building on your skills to become positive role models to our school community.

Spring Term

Tiverton Academy - Whole School Art Exhibition

You are warmly invited to the 'Tiverton Academy Art Exhibition', which will take place in the school hall.

The exhibition will showcase artwork from across the school and celebrate all the wonderful things that our classes have created since September.

The exhibition will be open from 9:00am to 10:00am as follows:

- Tuesday 16th January - Reception and Yr 1
- Wednesday 17th January - Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4
- Thursday 18th January - Year 5 and Year 6

If you have children in different year groups, please let the teacher in the hall know when you arrive so that we can arrange to have your other children sent to the hall and you can visit the exhibition as a family.

Please note that the exhibition will feature a range of work from each class, but there will not be room for all children's work to be displayed. Your child will be able to talk to you about what their class has been learning in art this year.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We look forward to seeing you there.

Maths Inspire Workshops

Next term each class will be carrying out an Inspire workshop focusing on Maths.

Parents and carers are strongly encouraged to attend as it is an opportunity for us to pass on valuable information about how we teach Maths.

The workshops will provide fun opportunities for you to work alongside your children as they learn Maths skills and concepts.

Useful Websites to support your child's learning:

Phonics - Little Wandle

Phonics Play

TT Rockstars - Times Tables

BBC Bitesize

Oxford Owl

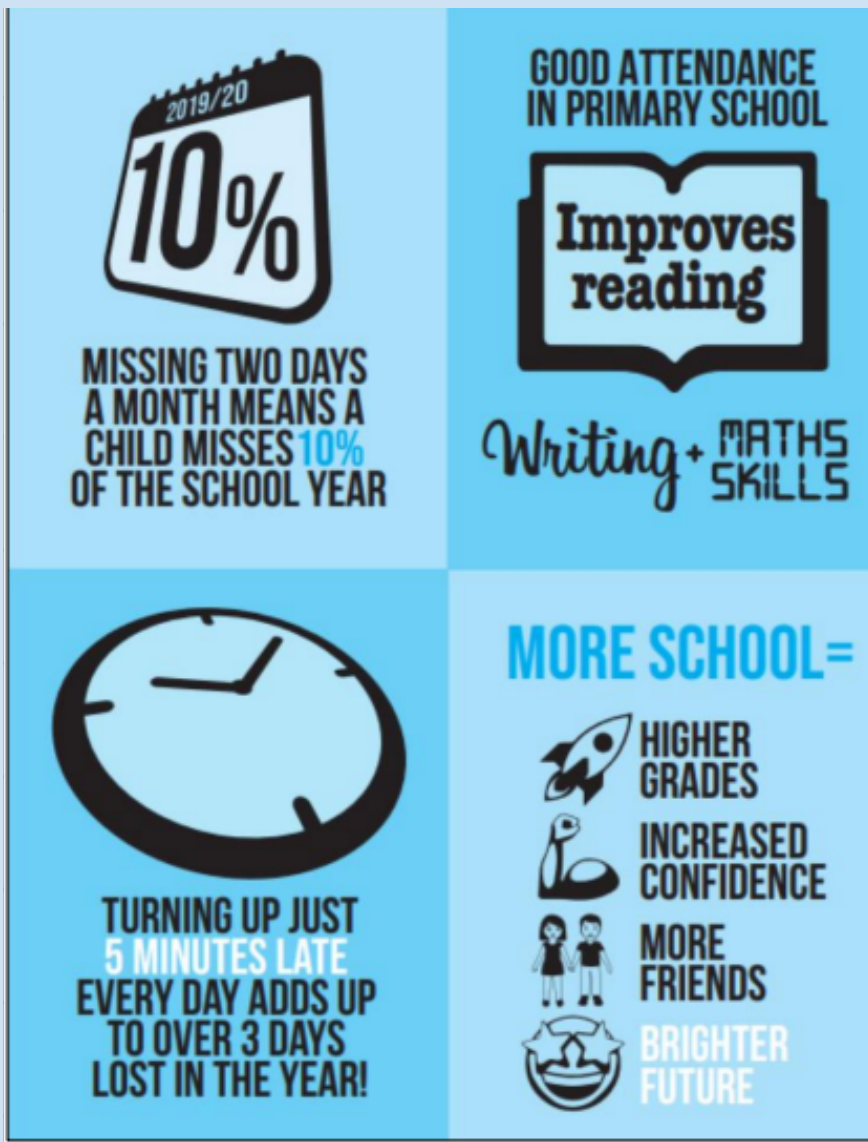
Aimed at children aged three to 11 years old and is free to use. It helps children learn reading and maths and there are also top tips for parents to help your child with their learning. The site also features hundreds of free e-books.

National Geographical for kids

It has stunning images and interactive games. It's a lovely site for children to learn more about animals, wildlife and the world around them.



Attendance and Punctuality




Holidays during term time

We have had a number of requests for term time holidays. I must remind you that these absences are not authorised and significantly impact on your child's attendance. Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their children attend school everyday. Any unauthorised absence will be recorded on your child's attendance records and this may result in legal proceedings against you.

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We will be monitoring attendance rigorously next term and contacting parents directly. Any unauthorised absence or persistent absence will be recorded on your child's attendance records and this may result in legal proceedings against you.

<p>Attendance for this term</p>	<p><u>Target Attendance is: 96%</u></p> <p><u>Whole School Attendance is: 94%</u></p> <p>Let's see if we can reach our 96% target next half term.</p>
<p>Y6 – 92% Y5 – 94% Y4 – 94% Y3 – 95% Y2 – 94% Y1 – 95% R – 93%</p>	<p>Well done to Year 1 and Year 3...who have the highest attendance!</p>  <p>I wonder which class will reach 96% or above next half term?</p> <p>20% of our children achieved 100% this term, well done!</p>
<p>Reminder: School starts at 9am We still have a high number of children arriving late each morning. We will be monitoring this closely next term and taking actions to improve this. It is a parent's duty to make sure their child arrives at school on time. Children can arrive at school between <u>8.45am and 9am</u>. Children arriving after 9am are marked as late on the register.</p> <p>School finishes at <u>3.15pm</u>, please ensure you are here to collect your child <u>no later than 3.15pm</u>. 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.</p>	

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.

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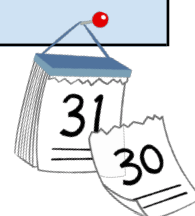
Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- 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

08.01.2024	Return to school for the Spring 1 term
Spring term	Year 1 Forest School AM Reception Forest School PM
15.01.2024	Year 2 Maths INSPIRE workshop (time TBC)
15.01.2024	Year 3 Rackets Cubed sessions resume 2.30 - 4.00pm - Birmingham Uni
16.01.2024	Art Exhibition in the Hall - Reception and Year 1 Parents invited (9.00 - 10.00am)
17.01.2024	Art Exhibition in the Hall - Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Parents invited (9.00 - 10.00am)
18.01.2024	Art Exhibition in the Hall - Year 5 and Year 6 Parents invited (9.00 - 10.00am)
26.01.2024	Reception Maths INSPIRE workshop (time TBC)
31.01.2024	Year 1 Maths INSPIRE workshop (time TBC)
05.02.2024	Year 5 and 6 Maths INSPIRE workshop (time TBC)
09.02.2024	Year 3 and 4 Maths INSPIRE workshop (time TBC)
09.02.2024	Break up for half term



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**
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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**

