



Tiverton Academy

One School Many Talents

24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting week at Tiverton, with so much energy and enthusiasm from everyone. Our pupils continue to impress us with their commitment to learning, and it's been wonderful to see them engage in both academic and extracurricular activities. This week we are particularly proud of our KS2 girls football team who won their first football match of the year 1-0 against George Betts, another TEFAT school. They showed great teamwork and resilience. Well done!

As always we encourage our pupils to embrace every opportunity, whether it's through academics, sports or the arts. Speaking of arts, we have our art exhibition on Tuesday and Wednesday this week in hall. Do pop in after you've collected your child to take a look at the amazing artwork across the school.

Wishing you all a lovely week ahead.

Warm regards,
Mrs. T. Dunn

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
24.01.2025	Reception and Y1 trip to TouchBase Pears
28.01.2025/29.01.2024	Art exhibition open to parents - hall 3.30 - 4.00pm
05.02.2025	Y6 trip to Back to Back/ Y2 Maths INSPIRE - details to follow
06.02.2025	Y3/4 KES concert - PM (during the school day)
14.02.2025	End of Spring 1 term
24.02.2025	Start of the Spring 2 term - school open to pupils

What have we been up to this week?

This week in our Maths lessons, Reception have been learning about mass. We have been using the balance scales to see whether something is heavy or light. We know that the heavier object is lower on the balance scale. The lighter object is higher on the balance scale. We loved this heavy and light song [Is It Heavy or Light? | Jack Hartmann Measurement Song](#)

In Year 2 this week we have reached the end of our English text **No Dinner by Jessica Souhami**. We have been sequencing sentences from the text that describe a moment in the story. To support this we have been drawing pictures and writing sentences to tell the scene. We are building our confidence in reading out our work to our peers.

Year 1 have been working extremely hard developing our Reading and Comprehension skills. We recap our GPC's before each session. We have been practising our prosody skills. You too can share our reading success with us by logging in at home and hearing us read the books that we read weekly with our class teacher on: <https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>



What have we been up to this week?

This week during history lesson year 3 we were learning about the Maya civilization. They looked at who the Maya people were and when and where in the world they lived. For science they were fossil hunters and were learning about what palaeontology is and how they are people who help discover fossils.

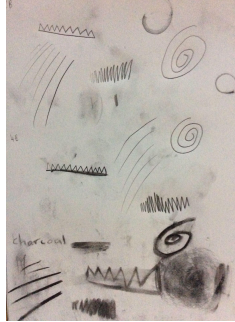
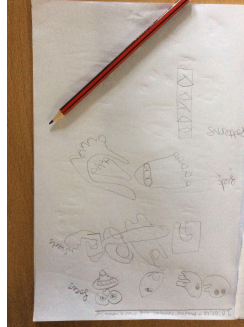
This week, Year 5 have come to the end of a writing process with the purpose being to write a diary entry. 'The Day War Came' by Nicola Davies has been an inspiring read; it follows the story of a young girl who becomes a refugee after her hometown experiences war. A different type of text to ones we have enjoyed before, the children played around with using noun phrases to describe the girl's treacherous journey as she runs away from war.

This week, year 4 had a wonderful opportunity whereby they took part in a scheme which taught our pupils 'fencing' skills. Children played games with foam swords where they learnt correct conduct and movement. The class was thoroughly engaged and we found a few undiscovered experts in our midst.



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Year 6 have started a new art project this week: Making My Voice Heard. During this project, they will be developing their skills in using different art styles, exploring effects with tools, understanding and applying chiaroscuro, and creating symbolic and expressive drawings. Today, we began by looking at the art of the ancient Mayans and explored different drawing materials to make marks.



On Tuesday, it was our girls football team that participated in their first football match of the year. Even with little practice the girls played with confidence, team spirit and put in a great performance to win the match 1-0. Well done - we are so proud!

Tiverton Academy Target Attendance is: 96%

Attendance
for this term

Whole School Attendance for the week of 20th Jan 2025 - 24th Jan 2025: 91%

We are aiming to reach our 96% target!

Y6 - 91%
Y5 - 96%
Y4 - 90%
Y3 - 94%
Y2 - 86%
Y1 - 90%
R - 87%

Well done to Year 5 who have the highest attendance



I wonder which class will reach 96% or above next week?

154 children have achieved 100% this week. Well done!



Reminder: School starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.20pm

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 8.40am and 8.50am. Children arriving after 8.50am are marked as late on the register.

School finishes at 3.20pm, please ensure you are here to collect your child no later than 3.20pm. 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.

Please note Wrap-Around must be booked in advance - please do not assume that if you are late there will be a place in Wrap-Around for your child. You must aim to collect your child on time at 3.20pm and no later.

Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their children attend school everyday. With new government measures in place from August 2024 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.

Further information of the new changes can be found on this link:

[Why Attendance is Important and Info about Fines](#)

Be an Attendance Hero...



Here Every day Ready On time

Good attendance means our children will...

- Achieve well and be successful
- Know the value of hard work and efforts
- Be kind
- Dream Big!

Work hard. Be kind. Dream big

WHAT WE'LL DO TO SUPPORT YOU



Monitor attendance and timekeeping fortnightly

- Alert you to progress or concerns via letter, text or phone call



Work with our partners to provide the appropriate support

- Listen to your concerns and make a plan together to improve attendance/timekeeping



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government
Head to the NHS website to find out more.

NHS

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

If you require support with attendance please do ask the Pastoral Team for support. They will be more than happy to help.

School uniform

It is very important that your child attends school wearing the correct school uniform. The school uniform for the children reflects the ethos and sets a common standard across the school.

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.

✓ SUITABLE	✗ 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
	
	



PE Kit

From September 2024, children have been coming to school in their PE kits on the days their class has a PE lesson. This has proved very successful and we have received positive feedback from parents/carers. Please ensure your child is wearing correct PE kit on those days as some children have been coming in non-uniform items.

PE days for each class:

Monday: Year 3/ Year 4

Tuesday: Year 2/ Year 3

Wednesday: Reception/ Year 1/ Year 5

Thursday: Year 4/ Year 6

Friday: Year 1/ Year 2/ Year 5/ Year 6

****Monday: Forest school - Reception**

For PE children must wear:

- Black or blue jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts.
- Plain white t-shirt
- School jumper/cardigan
- Black pumps or plain black trainers



For Forest School, Reception children need to wear:

Clothes and shoes that can get muddy!

- Warm, waterproof clothing
- A long sleeved top
- Jogging bottoms or leggings
- Old trainers
- Please also ensure your child has wellingtons on their Forest School days.



School Year 2024 to 2025

Spring Term 2025

Training Day: Monday 6th January 2025 - school closed

Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Training Day: Wed 22nd January 2025 - school closed

Half-term: Mon 17th February 2025 to Fri 21st February 2025

Term ends: Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28th April 2025

Half-term: Mon 26th May 2025 to Fri 30th May 2025

Term ends: Friday 18th July 2025

Training Day: Monday 21st July 2025 - school closed