



Tiverton Academy

One School Many Talents

7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another super week in school and it has been buzzing with enthusiasm and fantastic learning opportunities for all our children. On Wednesday Year 6 caught the bus to the Back to Backs museum and stepped back in time to the 1840's through to the 1970's discovering how people lived and worked. Watch this space to find out more... As mentioned last week, when dropping off and collecting your child please ensure you are parking safely and driving at a safe speed. We kindly ask that you do not park on the yellow zig zag lines directly outside school and in between any traffic cones. Our priority is the safety of all our children so thank you for your cooperation with this.

****A reminder that individual photographs will take place in school on Wednesday 26th February 2025. We kindly ask that all children come into school in full school uniform, looking their best and ready to smile for the camera****

Wishing you a lovely week.

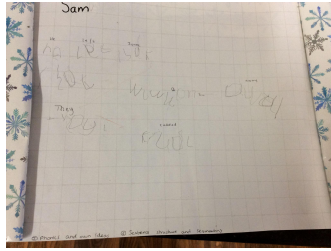
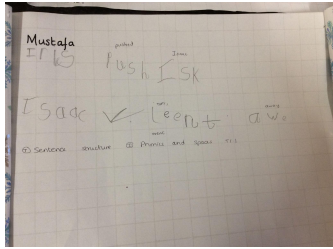
Warmest regards,

Mrs. T. Dunn

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
12.02.2025	Y2 Maths INSPIRE workshop - 9.15am (hall)
14.02.2025	Y5 class assembly 2.30pm/ End of Spring 1 term
24.02.2025	Pupils return to school 8.40am - start of Spring 2 term
28.02.2025	Y5 trip to KEHS: Dragons Den - details to follow
03.03.2025	Parent consultation week - further information to follow
10.03.2025	Superchoir invited to Commonwealth dinner at 6.30pm (letter sent out)

Class news for this week

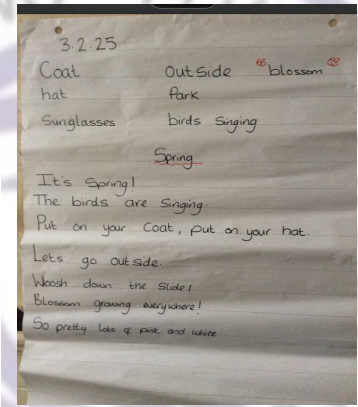
Reception have been working really hard practising their phonics and letter writing. We have been writing sentences about our story Iris and Isaac. Isn't our writing amazing?



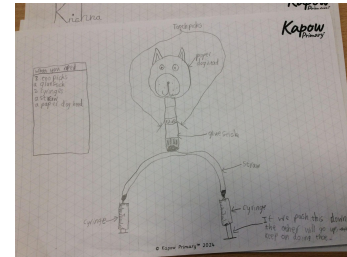
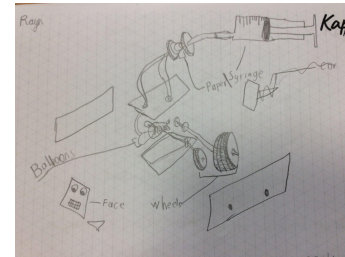
Year 2 have been conducting experiments in science and RSHE. In science they have been testing the stretchiness of different materials. In RSHE we used different types of drinks to cover egg shells (as substitute for teeth) to see what effects they would have on our body. The children loved seeing the results!



Year 1 have been busy reading poems about spring. We were inspired by Shirley Hughes "Out and About". We first revisited our seasons from our Science lessons in Autumn. Then looked at key things that we would need, see or use during Spring. We are very pleased with our group work.



In DT **Year 3** children have been contemplating a design for a pneumatic toy. They have investigated and shared lots of ideas about how pneumatics work and these are some of the designs that they came up with last week.

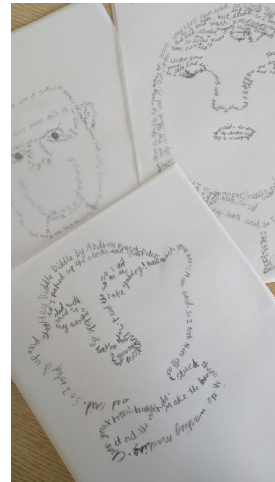


Class news for this week

This week the children in **Year 4** completed their soap sculptures! After a lot of planning and practising with the tools, the final results have arrived. In Art we have been learning about 3D compositions and the time and effort involved in creating such a piece. Well done year 4.



This week in Art, **Year 5** have finished working on their poem portraits. First, the children designed their own portraits with a challenge attached; do not lift your pencil off the paper! Then, they chose from two poems all about growing up and traced the words carefully around their portrait to create the final piece.



During this year, Mrs Govern has worked really hard on the library and has put in place an excellent team of **Year 6** Reading Role Models to spread their love of reading around the school. They have been working as ambassadors for reading since before Christmas, so we thought it was about time we introduced them. Their duties include bringing younger classes to use the library, supporting during reading workshop and generally sharing their love of reading and books!



Half term activities

Are you looking for something to do during the half term holiday? Below is the link to the **Barber Institute**, the Museum offers other activities, including free workshops for families. Please have a look under "What's on".

<https://barber.org.uk/>

Also, there is another Museum on the University Campus that is worth visiting, the Lapworth Museum of Geology. It is free to visit, and it is a great place for kids:

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/cultural-attractions/lapworth-museum-of-geology>



Half term Art Explorer at the **Ikon Gallery**, Brindley Place:
<https://www.ikon-gallery.org/event/half-term-art-explorer>

Join artist-educator Sarah Hamilton-Baker as she leads families on a creative trail through Ikon's exhibition *Friends in Love and War - L'Éloge des meilleurs ennemis*.

This interactive experience encourages families and younger visitors to explore art and ideas together. Use your detective skills to discover new artworks and investigate details throughout the exhibition, while enjoying drawing, collage and mini-modelling activities.

Embark on a fun-filled adventure with **MAC** this February half term - join us for a fantastic range of hands-on creative courses, captivating screenings and spectacular performances for all the family.

<https://macbirmingham.co.uk/february-half-term>



Parking at drop-off and pick-up times

Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside school. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents/carers.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined. It's important that motorists follow the [Highway Code](#).



Safety tips for parking outside school

When picking up or dropping off children at school, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Do not allow children to exit the car and run across to school while parked in the middle of the road.
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and do not double-park opposite them.
- If necessary, park further away and walk the short distance to school.

**Please
remember**

to park SAFELY!

Put child safety before your convenience

Lateness and the impact on learning

Lateness to school can significantly disrupt a child's learning experience. Arriving late often means missing crucial instructional time, which can affect their ability to grasp foundational concepts. This interruption can also create anxiety or embarrassment, leading to lack of confidence and disengagement. Over time, frequent lateness may contribute to a poor understanding of key lessons, ultimately hindering academic progress and making it harder for children to catch up with their peers.

Listed below is the work your child will be missing if they are late into school (up to 9.30am):

Reception: name recognition, letter formation or tricky word writing, social time with friends (free choice play once morning task has been finished), whole class carpet time - communication and language - going through the date and our visual timetable for the day. Reading or phonics.

Year 1: Morning Maths (3 times a week), practical problem solving sessions (twice a week), handwriting practice and phonics

Year 2: Morning maths, gap task time, spelling and dictation

Year 3: Morning maths and first part of the maths lesson

Year 4: Morning maths and maths interventions

Year 5: Morning maths, going through the daily timetable and the beginning of the maths lesson.

Year 6: Morning maths, and then the first half of the maths lesson (all of the input) and on Wednesdays the start of the science lesson

Tiverton Academy Target Attendance is: 96%

Attendance
for this term

Whole School Attendance for the week of 3rd Feb 2025 - 10th Feb 2025: 95%

We are aiming to reach our 96% target!

Y6 - 97%
Y5 - 99%
Y4 - 96%
Y3 - 93%
Y2 - 90%
Y1 - 93%
R - 94%

Well done to Year 5 who have the highest attendance



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

170 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.

Attendance

There are 190 days in a school year



100%» Perfection

% equates to

4 Missed school days « 98% » Impressive

8 Missed school days « 96% » Good

9 Missed school days « 95% » Nearly there

11 Missed school days « 94% » Needs to improve

19 Missed school days « 90% » Concerns

29 Missed school days « 85% » Serious concern

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 from Bham LA can be found on this link:

[School Attendance - Advice for Parents](#)

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

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

Attending school every day and being on time gives the **BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS**

IN ONE YEAR



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS



When possible, book them outside of school hours.

ILLNESS



Unless it's serious, bring your child to school and we will keep an eye on them throughout the day.

FAMILY HOLIDAYS



There are 175 days a year when students aren't in school.

95% ATTENDANCE

- 10 days absence
- 50 lessons lost (when 5 lessons a day).

90% ATTENDANCE

OR LESS has a serious impact on education and reduces life chances.

BEING LATE 5

MINUTES EACH DAY over a year, adds up to 3 days lost.



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 that children continue to wear the correct PE kit on PE days. Maintaining our high standards of appearance is important, even during sports activities. Thank you for your support in keeping our children looking smart and ready to learn.

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



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 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

