



# Tiverton Academy

One School Many Talents

## Newsletter

### Welcome to Our Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to introduce our new bi-weekly newsletter, created to keep you informed with the latest updates, key reminders, and important news from across the school. Every two weeks, you'll receive a clear and concise round-up designed to help you stay connected and engaged with everything happening in our school community.

Thank you for your continued support - we look forward to sharing our news with you throughout the year.



### Key Highlights



#### A Thank You to Our Families

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your generous contributions to this year's Harvest collection. Your kindness and willingness to give make a real difference to our wider community.

We are pleased to share that all donated items have been delivered to B30 Foodbank, where they will support local families in need. Your generosity helps ensure that vital supplies reach those who need them most.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

# Tiverton Staff Updates

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Faria Arshad as our Interim Deputy Head. Many of you may remember Mrs Arshad from her previous 10 years at the school, where she was a dedicated teacher and leader before moving overseas. After spending time travelling and working across Southeast Asia, she has returned with fresh experiences, new perspectives, and the same strong commitment to our school community.

Mrs Arshad is excited to reconnect with familiar faces and to get to know our new families, staff, and pupils. She looks forward to supporting teaching and learning across the school and contributing to an exciting year ahead.

Please join us in giving her a warm welcome back!



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## Thank You & Goodbye

We would like to say thank you and goodbye to our Business Manager, Anita Teasdale, who has recently moved on to a new role within The Elliot Foundation, where she will be supporting other schools in their finance journey. We are sincerely grateful for Anita's commitment, professionalism, and contribution to Tiverton over the past six years. She will be greatly missed, and we extend our very best wishes to her as she begins this next stage in her career.

## Welcoming Our New Site Manager!

We are absolutely thrilled to introduce the newest member of our school team, Yosef Alshaaer, who has joined us as the new Site Manager. Although he has only been with us for a short time, Yosef has already had a huge, positive impact on our school environment. His hard work, infectious enthusiasm, and clear dedication to making Tiverton the very best it can be are evident every day. Yosef is committed to ensuring our school is safe, welcoming, and in excellent condition for all our pupils. Please do say a friendly hello to him if you see him working hard around the school grounds!

We are also delighted to announce that a new member of staff will be joining our office team from 8th December. Please join us in welcoming Ms Johnson to the school - we look forward to her joining us and contributing to our school community.

# Teaching Staff

## ***Class Teachers***

Reception: Mrs Matthews

Year 1: Mrs Zafar

Year 2: Miss Honan

Year 3: Miss Ali & Mr Altariva

Year 4: Mrs Weblin, Miss Brewster & Mrs Khan

Year 5: Mrs Hyde & Ms Abbot-Walker

Year 6: Ms Ismael

## ***Learning Support Assistants***

Reception: Mrs Perks & Ms McCulloch

Year 1: Ms Ward

Year 2: Miss Mcwan

Year 3: Ms Tranter

Mrs McGovern - Y6 & Y5/6 interventions

Mrs Wheeler - Y5 & KS2 Interventions

## **Dates for the Diary**

- 02.12.2025: Y2 and KS2 'Movie Night' (3.30 - 5.00pm)
- 03.12.2025: KS2 theatre production
- 03.12.2025: EYFS/ KS1 'Flip and Dippy' disco
- 03.12.2025: Reception and Y1 'Movie Night' (3.30 - 4.30pm)
- 05.12.2025: Christmas dinner and festive clothes
- 08.12.25: Y6 trip to Courtauld Gallery London & Y5 trip to Thinktank
- 10.12.26: Christmas Fair
- 11.12.25: Festival of Light (Elim Church)
- 19.12.25: Class parties - PM (own clothes all day)



# Important: Punctuality and Learning Time

We have recently noticed a concerning high number of children arriving late for the start of the school day. While we understand occasional delays happen, regular lateness significantly impacts your child's learning. Arriving even a few minutes late means missed key instruction and settling-in time, disrupting the entire class.

Furthermore, managing late arrivals places a considerable strain on staff time, at what is already an extremely busy time of the day, as children must be signed in at the office and then escorted to their classrooms. We urge all parents to ensure their children arrive on time every morning. School starts at 8.50 am.

The school will be inviting parents of children who are persistently late in for a meeting to discuss specific support. Your support in reinforcing the importance of punctuality is vital for ensuring all pupils maximise their learning opportunities. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Urgent: Dangerous Parking

*We must urgently address the dangerous parking observed near the school gates in the mornings and at home time. Vehicles parking illegally or inconsiderately create blind spots and prevent safe pedestrian access, putting our children at serious risk of accident or injury. This situation must improve immediately. We are monitoring the situation and may be forced to involve the local authorities if unsafe parking continues, potentially resulting in fines for offenders. Please park safely and legally. We frequently witness double parking and concerning instances of children being allowed to exit cars unaccompanied to cross the road, leading to numerous near misses.*

*Many parents who park safely or choose to walk have also expressed serious concern about this behaviour, which puts all our children at risk of serious injury. Please remember it is illegal to park on the yellow zig-zag lines. While we place out our 'little people' signs to remind drivers, these are often ignored as parents park directly between them. This situation must improve immediately. Please park safely and legally to protect our pupils.*