



Towcester Church of England Primary School

We will send the children out, as Noah did the dove (Genesis 8:8-12), having nurtured and prepared them for life. Knowing that they are valued, they can fly and take the values of the school out into the world.

'If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit.' (Galatians 5:25)

Newsletter Term 6 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final term of an incredible year in school!

This term is full of activity and celebration with day trips, sporting events, community events and celebrations of our wonderful children. We hope that you will be able to join us for these!

Last term, Towcester CE Primary children were active in the community showing our school values of compassion and fellowship. A group of year 4 children visited Churchill Retirement Home after the company were so impressed with the children's Coronation emblem designs. The children were presented with a book of all their designs. Also, some of the children in our school choir sang beautifully at the new Towcester Mayor's Inauguration in May. We are proud to see our children being involved in community events.

We have detailed many of the events for this term in the table below, these will be added to throughout the term so please do check for updates. Information will also be shared on our Social Media Feeds, please see the details of these below:

Twitter at: @TowcesterPrim

Facebook at @TowcesterCEPrimary

Dates for the Term Ahead

<i>Summer Term 2 2023</i>		
Week 1	Monday 5 th June	Term starts
		Year 4 Multiplication Check begins for a 2 week period
	Thursday 8 th June	Year 3: First Access Project 7
Week 2	Monday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
	Tuesday 13 th June	Parent workshop – supporting all learners 2-3:15pm at school
	Wednesday 14 th June	Year 3 Trip to Hindu Mandir and Irchester Country Park
	Thursday 15 th June	Year 3: First Access Project 8
Week 3	Monday 19 th June	Year 6 Activity Week (all week)
		Year 6 > Silverstone Circuit
	Tuesday 20 th June	Year 6> Adventure 4 You
	Wednesday 21 st June	Year 6> Whipsnade Zoo
	Thursday 22 nd June	Year 6 > Twin Lakes Theme Park
		Year 3: First Access Project 9
Week 4	Tuesday 27 th June	Parent workshop – understanding your child’s SEN learning plan/EHCP 2-3:15pm at school
	Thursday 29 th June	Year 3: First Access Project 10
	Friday 30 th June	Year 5 CPR lesson with Mrs Slack
	Saturday 1 st July	FOTOPS Festival – Under the Stars
	Sunday 2 nd July	Year 6 Service at St Lawrence Church
		St Lawrence Church Summer Fair
Week 5	Monday 3 rd July	Healthy Living Week (all week)
		RHSE week all week
		Year 2 Activity Day to Mosque and Special Ops MK
	Tuesday 4 th July	Year 4 Activity Day at Northampton Active - all day
		Parent Workshop - Dyslexia 1:30-3:15pm at School
	Thursday 6 th July	Year 3: First Access Project
Friday 7 th July	Sports Day (am - circuit of activities, pm – races)	
Week 6	Monday 10 th July	Reports out to parents this week
		Reserve Sports Day
	Tuesday 11 th July	Year 6: It's Your Move, Year 6
		Year 3 Activity Day - Adventures for you
	Wednesday 12 th July	A Celebration of Music!
	Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 Sponne Transition Day (Whole school transition day)
Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Sponne Transition Day	
*Week 7	Monday 17 th July	PDET Going for Gold Day
	Tuesday 18 th July	Parent workshop – SEND Information Report 2-3:15pm at school
	Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service, St Lawrence Church
	Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service for Parents in school
		Year 6 Promfest Celebration (after school)
	Friday 21 st July	Term Ends

Launching our New Website!

Have you seen our new school website? It has taken a long time, but we have finally launched it! I'm sure you will agree it is much more 'friendly' and easier to navigate around as well as showcasing the school's strengths and positives about us. If you haven't yet taken the opportunity please do look, as any feedback will greatly be received - [Towcester CE Primary School - Home \(towcesterprimary.northants.sch.uk\)](http://towcesterprimary.northants.sch.uk)

Welcome to our new EYFS intake

Our new intake of Reception children will be joining us each week on a Friday ahead of starting school in September. Their first session is on Friday 9th June; we hope they enjoy meeting their teachers, each other and start to get a feel for school life. Please look out for them this Friday and join us all in making them very welcome to our school.

Academic Success

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the year 6 on their attitude during their SATs week. They stayed calm and positive whilst working hard for every test. We believe they all tried their best and we are proud of them. It is also important to thank the staff, especially the year 6 team who held booster sessions as well as organising and running the SATs breakfast each morning – a great start to the day which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Our Year 2 children have shown the school values of ‘courage, wisdom and hope’ as they have worked hard on the Year 2 SATs assessments. These have been conducted in small groups by the class teachers over a few weeks and the teachers have remarked on how proud they are of each child. Well done year 2!

Year 1 have their phonics screening checks this term which Mr Thomas will be carrying out with each child individually during the week beginning 12th June. Whilst year 4 have their multiplication tables check over two weeks beginning 5th June. We wish all the children the very best. We would like parents to support their children with these by ensuring they are in school for these weeks. Thank you.

Trips this term

We have many trips this term planned with every year group going out to experience something special – year 2 are visiting ‘Special Ops MK’ for survival skills and bush craft whilst year 4 are off to ‘Northampton Active’ and year 3 are experiencing water sports at ‘Adventures for you’. Our year 6 pupils are having a week of amazing activity days out including Whipsnade Zoo and Twin Lakes Theme Park. We wish all the children a great day out and hope they make wonderful memories from the new experiences.

First Access Concert

Our Year 3 pupils have been enjoying the NMPAT First Access Project this term, learning to play the ukulele whilst year 6 have been learning to play a range of woodwind and brass instruments. Our year 3 and year 6 parents are in for a treat as they have been refining their performances ahead of their ‘concert’ on **Wednesday 12th July at 2pm**. We can’t wait to see them in action and hope that you can join us!

Healthy Living Week

Following on from the success of last year, we are excited with the plans for this year's Healthy Living Week which will be 3rd – 7th July. We have a host of volunteers already secured to offer a range of talks, workshops and activities for the children around Healthy Living, including exercise, diet, mindfulness and first aid. If you or anyone you know is willing to share their skills and/or knowledge with a group of children, please contact the office on 01327 350332 or email office@towcester.pdet.org.uk. Thank you!

Relationship, Health and Sex Education lessons

During our Healthy Living Week, we will be delivering the sex education aspect of our RHSE curriculum. We would like to offer you the opportunity to view the resources that we will be used and to talk to our teachers about the topics that they will cover. On the **playground after school on Thursday 29th June**, teachers will be available to share the resources and lesson plans that will be used to deliver the programme. Please do take the time to look at the resources, talk to the teachers and ask any questions that you may have.

Sports Day

Our Healthy Living week culminates with **Sports Day on Friday 7th July**. If the weather is poor, our reserve sports day is planned for Monday 10th July. We will notify you if we need to move to the reserve date on the morning of the 7th.

The sports day is planned to take place in two parts. The morning will be spent with children rotating around a range of athletics activities gaining points for their teams whilst the afternoon will bring the more competitive races.

We would like to invite you to join us to watch the afternoon session and the races. Please come into school using the rec gate from 1:20pm, races will start from 1:30pm with our youngest children going first! Children will participate in a sprint race followed by fun races.

We ask that you stay in the designated parent area to watch the races; children will sit the other side of the track in their class groups. They will return to classes at the end of the event and will be ready for collection in the usual way at the end of the school day.

School Reports

Annual reports will be sent by email, please ensure that the school office has your current email address. Reports will be sent out in the week commencing Monday 10th July.

If you would like to discuss your child's report with your child's class teacher, please contact them to make an appointment in the week commencing Monday 19th July.

Transition Days

Our school transition day will take place on Thursday 13th July. Pupils will meet their new teachers and spend the day getting to know them. We will inform you of who your child's class teacher will be on Monday 10th July.

Our Year 6 pupils will spend Thursday 13th and Friday 14th July at Sponne for their transition days. We hope they enjoy their time at Sponne and look forward to hearing about their experiences on Monday 17th July as they begin their last week at Towcester CE Primary School.

Year 6 Leavers Service

As is tradition now, our Year 6 will lead our final Church Service at St Lawrence Church on Wednesday 19th July at 9:30am. Our year 6 parents are invited as well as all our parents to celebrate the success of the year and look forward to new experiences and opportunities the following academic year. Our year 6 will have their own leavers service in School for parents on Thursday 20th July at 9am. Their final celebration will be after school on the Thursday with a 'PromFest' – featuring music, BBQ and dancing!

Midsummer Music Festival

The 21st annual Towcester Midsummer Music Festival will be taking place from 15-18th June 2023 and will include performances from students from Towcester's primary and secondary schools, as well as youngsters from Towcester NMPAT, Aspire Arts Academy and Rock Schools. Please save the date and take time to enjoy the music and see our children perform at the Town Hall on Friday 16th.

This year, rather than the sale of programmes, tickets are available to purchase online from £2 per person. Tickets are limited to the capacity of the Town Hall and therefore, if you intend to support your young person at the performances, early booking is recommended. Any spare tickets will be available at the door on a first-come, first-served basis only. To view the full programme of events and purchase your tickets at www.towcestermidsummermusic.co.uk

St Lawrence Church Summer Fair

Our children will also be performing at St Lawrence Church Summer Fair on Sunday 2nd July. Please do pop along to support the event and see our children perform.

Pre-loved School Uniform

Have you visited our pre-loved school uniform stand in our reception area? You are welcome to come in and have a browse. Items are being sold for FOTOPs funds with a minimum donation of £1 per item.

We currently have a couple of summer dresses, t-shirts, shorts and trousers and a few small sized jumpers/cardigans. If anyone has any good quality pre-loved uniform they would like to donate, especially in larger sizes, please drop these in at reception, thank you.

Special Education Needs Parent Workshops

Over this term there will be a series of workshops open to all parents on aspects of Special Education Needs. The first is on Tuesday 13th June from 2-3:15pm looking broadly at how the school supports all learners during lessons and with specific interventions. The second is on Tuesday 27th June 2-3:15pm on specifically understanding your child's individual learning plan or EHCP. On Tuesday 4th July 1:30-3:15pm Annie Burnett ([Nurture Dyslexia - About Nurture Dyslexia](#)) will lead a session on dyslexia: what it is and how parents can support their child with dyslexia. Finally, the last workshop will look at the school's SEND Information Report and parents can contribute towards the writing of the report on Tuesday 19th July. These sessions are open to all our parents and are designed to be a friendly, informal, and informative sessions. You will be very welcome to come along to one, some or all.

If you have any questions or queries about any of the items in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

With kind regards

Sally Beaton

Headteacher

PARENT WORKSHOPS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. COME TO ONE, SOME OR ALL! 2-3:15PM WITH REFRESHMENTS

Tuesday 13th June

How does Towcester CE Primary school support all learners? Find out more about adapted quality first teaching as well as interventions.



Tuesday 4th July

What is dyslexia? How can the school support my child who has dyslexia? How can I help my child with dyslexia?



Learning Plans & Provision Maps



Tuesday 27th June

Develop your understanding of **your child's individual learning plan/EHCP**. Find out more about [EduKey](#).

Tuesday 18th July

Come along and find out about the **SEND Information Report**. Contribute and have your say in next year's school SEND Information Report

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Please see below the term dates for this academic year 2022/23.

Term 6	School re-opens	Monday 5 th June 2023
	School closes	Friday 21 st July 2023

Academic year 2023/24

Term 1	Training day	Monday 4 th September 2023
	Training day	Tuesday 5 th September 2023
	School opens to pupils	Wednesday 6 th September 2023
	School closes	Friday 20 th October 2023
Term 2	School re-opens	Monday 30 th October 2023
	School closes	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Term 3	Training day	Thursday 4 th January 2024
	Training day	Friday 5 th January 2024
	School re-opens	Monday 8 th January 2024
	School closes	Friday 16 th February 2024
Term 4	Training day	Monday 26 th February 2024
	School re-opens	Tuesday 27 th February 2024
	School closes	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Term 5	School re-opens	Monday 15 th April 2024
	School closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
	School closes	Friday 24 th May 2024
Term 6	School re-opens	Monday 3 rd June 2024
	School closes	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024