

Thomas Telford Primary Free School

3rd October 2025

General Updates

Year 1 will need to wear their PE kit on Tuesday instead of Wednesday just for next week.

Year 4/5 will need to wear their PE kit on Wednesday instead of Tuesday next week just for next week.

Drop-off Arrangements

As we move into colder and wetter weather, we're working to make drop-off and pick-up as smooth and efficient as possible.

We are very impressed with how our Year 3, 4 and 5 children have demonstrated great independence this week by confidently saying goodbye to their parents at the green gate and entering the school grounds on their own. We would like to further encourage this as we move into next week. Our pupils are showing wonderful confidence by building this into their daily routine, and we're proud of the growing sense of responsibility they are developing.

From Monday, we would like to encourage Year 2 children to also say goodbye to their parents at the green gate where Mrs Whiting or Miss Turner stand. Pupils will then enter the grounds and join the Year 2 class line independently.

Mrs Whiting and Miss Turner will continue to be at the gates each morning should you need to pass on a quick message. Alternatively, parents are welcome to enter the grounds shortly after drop-off and after the children have all entered school to speak with the office team.

Thank you for your continued support!

Meet our School Councillors



Meet Edna, Zahra, Rosa, Sean, Sienna, Teddy, Alfie, Darcy, Zach and Amber who are our school councillors for the year ahead.

Thank you to all those of you who have been in touch about helping us to establish our PTA.



We have the first meeting for TTPFS PTA on Monday 13th October at 14:30, please do come and join in to find out more. We are keen to have any parents and carers join who are passionate about supporting the children at our school over the year ahead. We welcome your support in whatever way, however big or small.

Important letters for you to look out for

Alongside this newsletter, please take the time to read the other documents you will have been sent this week. These include:

- Shropshire Star special edition for Reception published on 13th October
- Reception Theatre Severn trip payment information
- National curriculum assessment information for parents in YR, Y1 & Y4.
- Halloween Disco – 22nd October
- Y3 recorders

Harvest: Friday 10th October

Our Harvest Assembly will take place next Friday. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we're supporting Telford Crisis this year. Please send in any donations on Thursday 9th October so we can prepare our harvest display. A representative from the charity will join us during the assembly to receive our contributions. Thank you for your support!

We're proud to be part of Youth Awareness Day 2025 and delighted to welcome Jane Trowbridge, High Sheriff of Shropshire, to our school assembly on Monday 13th October. During her visit, she will meet some of our pupils and share more about this important initiative that empowers young people to make a difference in their communities.

To show support, pupils and staff are invited to wear blue on Thursday 16th October. Donations will be collected via ParentPay, and all funds raised will be transferred to the Youth Awareness Day fund, which supports local charities selected by young people themselves. Please see attached letter which Jane Trowbridge has asked us to share with you all.

House Point Prize Winners

Huge congratulations to the first two house point prize winners – what an impressive achievement to complete their house point cards so quickly, especially within the first month of opening.

All children have been allocated to one of our houses: Attenborough, Simmonds, Johnson or Telford. Why don't you ask them a little about the house they are in and why that person is inspirational.



Upcoming Events & Dates to be aware of

Monday 6th October

- Year 4/5 Trip to Think Tank Birmingham

Thursday 16th October

- Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Youth Awareness Day Children to wear blue to school on this day as detailed above.

Monday 20th October

- **School Social** - Join us after school to have a little look in the classrooms, informally chat with the staff and meet other parents. Refreshments (drinks and biscuits/cake) will be available to purchase too.

Wednesday 22nd October

- **Halloween Disco** - Disco after school, watch out for further details coming soon.

Thursday 23rd October

- **TAARC 'Choose Respect' workshops** for all year groups in school, see letter previously sent out

News from the classrooms

Year 4/5:

In PE, our Rock 'n' Roll dance unit has been a real hit. The children showed brilliant enthusiasm and rhythm as they explored movement and style. In maths, our group impressed with their confident use of mental strategies, tackling reasoning challenges and problem solving. In English, we've been delving into the world of villains, exploring the language used to describe their key characteristics. Some wonderfully wicked ideas are taking shape! Ukulele lessons are off to a great start too, with the children now moving on to their fourth chord. A brilliant week all round!



Year 1:

It's been another busy week in Year 1, in computing, the children enjoyed using laptops to design flowers, while in art they created mood boards using cut outs from magazines. Our geography lesson focused on exploring the school and local area, sparking lots of lively conversations about the future building and what it might look like. We examined the school plans and created maps complete with keys. The children also learned compass directions and came up with a brilliantly funny way to remember them: Never Eat Silly Worms!



Reception:

Reception have been learning all about floating and sinking in Science and have even had a go at making their own boat out of plasticine. They have been busy exploring the outside area and working hard in the classroom on phonics, maths and being creative.

Year 3:

This week Y3 have been making observations after setting up an investigation to see how plants grow well. We have also continued to explore what life was like during the Stone Age, through our guided reading, literacy and history lessons.

Year 2:

See details about our trip below! In class, children have been making excellent progress in Mastering Number, confidently using rekenreks to develop their understanding of core number facts. We've also seen some wonderful writing, the progress made since September is fantastic!



Sports News

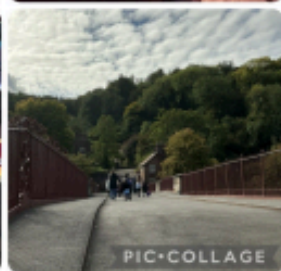
Mr Hodgetts has been very busy doing lots of organising this week: he is in the process of arranging athletics fixtures for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, girls football and a cross country event.

Keep your eyes open for any letters about these sporting events coming soon!

Year 2 - Ironbridge Trip

On Tuesday 30th September, Year 2 visited Ironbridge. They enjoyed a walk along the river as well as spending some time using their skills to complete an observational drawing of the bridge.

We used our senses to observe our surroundings and support us in our recount writing in Literacy. After lunch we visited a local bookshop and learnt about the importance of coracles! Mrs Mills' Great Great Grandfather used to build them and rescue people on the River Severn in them.



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