



Thomas Telford Primary Free School

17th October 2025

Music Lessons

Did you know that if you would like your child to play a musical instrument, we can facilitate this during the school day. Please apply by visiting:-

[Instrumental and Vocal Lessons Form – Telford & Wrekin Music](#)

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, you are entitled to a certain number of lessons for free!

School Social:

If you are joining us on Monday for the School Social, and you would like to enjoy a drink and a biscuit/cake, there is an option to make a purchase on ParentPay. The cost is £1.00 per adult and/or £1.00 per child. We really hope to see as many parents as possible and that you enjoy your time visiting the school, and seeing what we have created in a short amount of time.

School Photographer

Our photographer will be visiting us on Monday 20th October to take photos of the children who are in sporting teams and also in pupil voice groups. An email regarding this has been sent to the parents of children involved in these photos.

The photographer will also visit us on Wednesday 5th November to take individual and sibling photographs. Please make sure your child arrives to school on this day dressed in their full school uniform. For Year 1 and 2 children that have PE on this day, please can the children arrive to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit to school in a named bag. Photos will be available for parents to buy.

Youth Awareness Day

It was fantastic to see so many children dress in blue on Thursday in support of youth awareness.

We have raised a staggering £224.50. So thank you very much!

All money raised will be transferred to the Youth Awareness Day fund, which supports local charities selected by young people themselves.

Well done everyone!

PE Uniform:

Please can we remind you about the correct PE uniform. Children are required to wear a Thomas Telford Primary PE t-shirt. Shorts, joggers and quarter zip tops can also be purchased from Baker and Son in Wellington.

Or, your child can wear unbranded grey shorts (for indoor PE), plain, grey, warm jogging trousers (for outdoor PE) and a plain grey zip hoodie. **No sports logos are to appear on any items of clothing.**

SCHOOL SOCIAL

- ✓ Experience the school with your child as your tour guide
- ✓ Informally meet the staff
- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Meet representatives of our PTA

Monday
20 October 2025

15:45-16:30 We look forward to seeing you there!

Meet some of the PTA

News from the classrooms

Year 1:

This week, Year 1 have been busy exploring numbers up to 100, impressing us all with their fantastic counting skills and growing confidence in place value. It's been another active week, with children working on different balances in PE and discovering creative ways to travel across the apparatus. We also had a special tennis session with Telford Tennis Centre, where some brilliant skills were on display. Well done!

Year 2:

In science, we conducted a fair test to investigate the strength of different types of paper. The children made an observation that ropes are strong because they are made of twisted threads. So they applied this idea by twisting strips of paper together to see if it made them stronger. In maths, we've started our new topic on addition and subtraction. They have been working hard to understand related number facts, discovering patterns such as how if $4 + 3 = 7$, then $40 + 30 = 70$. Their enthusiasm and curiosity have really shone through.

Year 3:

We have been focusing on our target of knowing our number bonds to 100. We have been playing games and using our knowledge of bonds to 10 to help us. We're also coming towards the end of our Stone Age block so applying lots of our learning into our writing! Mrs Davies is so proud of all the children for how much progress they are making, a wonderful week! Well done!

Year 4/5:

In maths we have been working on mixed addition and subtraction problems using the column method. The children have shown great perseverance and are becoming more confident in applying their skills to solve multi-step problems. In literacy we've launched our new unit on explanation texts linked into the importance of the River Nile. We've been exploring what makes these texts effective and how they help us understand how things work.



Reception:

This week our class really enjoyed the tennis workshop. Lots of children were keen to play again and they all brought home a leaflet about the local tennis club. We have also been busy immersing ourselves in our new text 'The Hundred Decker Bus' and the children have particularly enjoyed our role play bus where they have become bus drivers and passengers.



Sporting News

A big well done to all of the students that took part in our athletics events this week. The children took part in every activity, including running races, jumping and throwing events. They even learnt some new events as well. An overall excellent performance from all of them. Also a big congratulations to our KS1 children, who set some records in their events.

Upcoming Events

Monday 20th October:

Join us after school at 3.45pm 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.

Tuesday 21st October:

For our Year 4 parents, we are holding an Isle of Wight parent meeting in school at 5pm. Please join us, if you would like to know more about this exciting residential.

Wednesday 22nd October:

Halloween Disco for Reception and Year 1 children: 3pm to 4.15pm

Halloween Disco for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 children: 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Thursday 23rd October:

TAARC 'Choose Respect' workshops for all year groups in school, see letter previously sent out. Payment to be made by ParentPay.

Tuesday 11th November:

SEND Parent Consultation - communication has been sent regarding this.

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th November:

Year 1-5 Parent Consultations will take place on these dates. Please look out for the letter being sent next week with regards to booking appointments.

Online Safety

Online safety guides for users of Minecraft Minecraft Child Safety Settings

Minecraft itself doesn't have a big built-in "parental control" menu but depending on how your child plays (Java Edition, Bedrock/Windows, or console), you can manage what they can do through a mix of Microsoft account family settings, platform parental controls, and server/world settings.

Bedrock Edition (Windows, iOS, Android, Xbox, PlayStation, Switch) Microsoft Family Safety

Log into your child's Microsoft account via family.microsoft.com You can set: Screen time limits, spending limits (requires adult approval for purchases), restrictions on joining multiplayer/realms, restrictions on adding friends

Xbox/Console Parental Controls

Each console (Xbox, PlayStation, Switch) has its own parental settings that allow you to: Restrict online play, control voice/text chat, block joining servers or realms, limit age-rated content.

Java Edition (PC/Mac)

Java doesn't have built-in parental settings, so you'll need to manage through:

Server settings: If your child plays on your own hosted server, you can whitelist who's allowed to join, disable chat, or use plugins/mods to filter messages.

Launcher account: Java Edition is tied to a Microsoft account now, so you can still apply Microsoft Family Safety rules (e.g. screen time, purchase approval).

Chat reporting: Mojang added reporting and chat filters—strong language and personal info can be filtered automatically if enabled in account settings.

General Safety Options

Mute Chat / Toggle Chat (both editions): You can turn chat off in settings to stop interaction with strangers. Realms vs Servers: Realms are invite-only (safer). Public servers often have less control over content and players.

Resource Packs / Add-ons: Keep an eye on downloads; use only trusted sources (Marketplace or well-known modding sites).

Play Together Locally: On consoles or LAN, kids can play with just friends/family without internet strangers.