



Thomas Telford Primary Free School

21st November 2025

Our new school building

Whilst we are busy working in our temporary building, the contractors, builders and team at Reds10 have been working hard too. Mrs Whiting, Miss Turner and Mrs Hurford were invited to visit and were given a tour of the first phase of the building - it is very exciting to know that we will be inside our new school building in under 12 months time!

This will be our hall space:



From the outside, this is the front and these are the footings for where the rest of the building will be going.



The change to end of day routines has been a huge success this week, thank you for your support.

We will continue with this as we move through the darker nights and inclement weather.

Reception children: Continue to be collected as normal from the Reception classroom door at 3.05pm.

Year 1: Collect children from the hall door at 3.05pm.

Year 2: Collect children from the main office door at 3.05pm.

Year 3: Collect children from the main office door at 3.10pm.

Year 4/5: Collect children from the hall door at 3.10pm.

Please do not arrive before 3.10pm if collecting Year 3/4/5 children, to allow Year 1/2 children to depart.

Debaters participate in their first event

Today some of our Y4/5 children visited HLC to take part in a Cross Schools debate. Our motion was 'it's wrong to be rich when others are poor'. The children were incredible! They spoke with confidence and articulated their points well. Unfortunately the audience voted against, however their hard work to prepare for this event should be commended. Well done!



Travel Council receive training

On Thursday Sascha from Living Streets returned to Thomas Telford Primary to carry out a small workshop with the travel council. She spoke to them about how to use the travel trackers and trained them to become a 'travel tracker ambassador'. All the members of the travel council were so enthusiastic, well done!



News from STEM Racing Club

Our STEM Racing Teams Are Off to a Flying Start!
We are excited to announce that our two teams—The Burgundy Blazers and The Icy Maroons—are now up and running. They've begun preparations for their regional competition by securing a fantastic sponsorship from Contact Business Finance and designing their very own team logos for their uniforms.

The excitement is building, and we can't wait to see what they achieve next!

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.

- Spring Afterschool Activities notification. Childcare Voucher families need to confirm choices before 28th November.
- Children signed up to Bikeability have been sent their sessions to attend.
- Some children will also have had letters regarding the Bikeability event taking place on Thursday and Friday next week

We would also like to kindly request that:

- all borrowed uniform is returned to school, washed and dried ready for us to lend out again
- Please can all lunch, breakfast and afterschool club accounts be brought up to date before the end of the month. Ideally these should be kept in credit at all times.

PE Days this Half Term

Reception - Monday and Tuesday
Year 1 - Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2 - Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3 - Tuesday and Friday
Year 4/5 - Tuesday and Wednesday



Lakeside Plant Centre

Lakeside are gearing up for Christmas! They are currently busy planning a Christmas Grotto with a Snow White theme. Keep an eye out for more details as we get closer to the winter season.



Parent Drop Ins - thank you all for joining us for these. See below for the next set of dates.

Y1/2 Parent Drop In: 08:40 -08:50 Friday 28th November

Reception Parent Drop In: 14:50-15:00 Friday 28th November (you will then be able to take your child home with you)

Y3, 4/5 Parent Drop In: 08:40 -08:50 Friday 5th December



Upcoming Events & Dates to be aware of

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November

- KS2 Bikeability Sessions taking place in school - details in letter sent this week

Thursday 4th December

- Friends of TTPFS AGM: 5:30pm School Hall. Everyone welcome to come along, light refreshments will be provided

Thursday 4th - Thursday 11th December

- Scholastic Book Fair visiting school

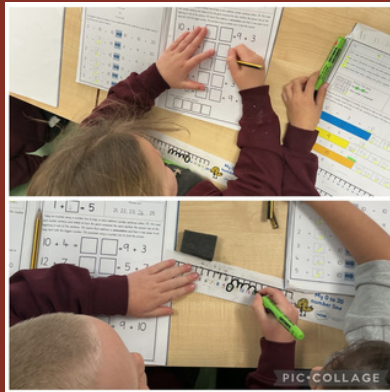
Monday 8th December

- TTPFS Christmas Performance at Thomas Telford School

News from the classrooms

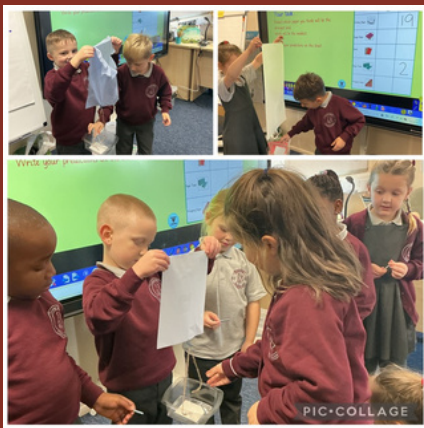
Year 2:

Year 2 have had a fantastic week! The children loved creating their own imaginative creatures to help retell the story *Somebody Swallowed Stanley!* With brilliant adjectives such as poisonous and gigantic making an appearance. In maths, they have been putting their subtraction skills to the test, working on crossing ten and carefully exploring how the tens and ones change. A wonderful week of creativity and problem-solving!



Year 3:

This week in Year 3 has been full of exciting learning and wonderful celebrations. We loved welcoming families into school for Parents' Evening and our very first parent drop-in, where we could share and celebrate the children's fantastic achievements. In Geography, the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the Seven Summits and are especially excited to find out more about Mount Everest in the coming weeks. It has also been lovely to see pupils confidently using new words and phrases from our guided reading sessions in their own writing – such brilliant progress!



Year 4/5:

We've had a fantastic week! The children thoroughly enjoyed the Ancient Egyptian workshop, where they learned about pharaohs and their role in society, explored the different dynasties that ruled Egypt, and discovered how the incredible pyramids were built, along with many other aspects of Egyptian culture, beliefs, and daily life. They were fully engaged and asked brilliant, thoughtful questions throughout. To finish the week, the children loved writing letters to our local MP, Shaun Davies – a great way to connect their learning to real-world issues. It's been a wonderful week all round!

Year 1:

This week, Year 1 carried out a science experiment to discover which type of paper is the strongest. We began by making predictions and then worked together to create a class graph to display our results. In maths, the children have been working hard on addition and subtraction, using number lines to support their learning. We are also feeling very festive as we start practicing and learning the songs for our upcoming Christmas performance.

Reception:

Reception have been full of excitement this week after discovering ice had formed outside due to the cold weather! The children explored how the ice felt, noticed its smooth and slippery texture, and observed the fascinating shapes it made when cracked. We also talked about why the ice had formed and what happens when temperatures drop.



Sports News



We have had a couple of sporting events this week including gymnastics and Kurling. All the children have had an amazing time.

The gymnasts learnt a routine and were superb when performing it to other schools. The children who went to Kurling approached it with great competitive spirit and won some games!

