

TG's Autumn 1 Newsletter



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Message from Mrs Yorke

As we come to the end of our first half term of the school year, it's a wonderful time to pause and reflect on all that we've achieved together so far. Autumn 1 has been full of energy, enthusiasm and learning across TG — from sporting tournaments and creative clubs to thoughtful moments in collective worship.

Collective Worship;

Our Christian value this half term has been Perseverance, and it's been inspiring to see how the children have shown real determination in all they do — whether that's mastering new learning, supporting one another, or giving their best on the sports field. Through stories like David and Goliath and the example of Gertrude Ederle, we've explored what it means to keep going even when things feel tough, and how perseverance helps us to grow in strength and faith. We were also delighted to welcome Open the Book back to school, sharing the story of Jesus calling his disciples to be "fishers of men" — a wonderful reminder that each of us has a purpose and can make a difference.

It's been a busy few weeks in school life too — from our Hello Yellow day in support of World Mental Health Day, to Bikeability, football tournaments, and cross-country successes. We've also enjoyed welcoming new families at our open evenings and seeing so many of you in school for Parents' Evenings this week. My sincere thanks go to our brilliant staff team for their continued care and commitment, and to our families for your ongoing support and encouragement.

As we head into the half-term break, I hope you all find time to rest, play, and recharge. Thank you, as always, for helping to make TG such a warm, caring community where everyone can truly shine.

Wishing you a safe and happy half term,

Best wishes,

Tara

Staffing Updates

Mrs Harvey our wonderful Office Manager, will be leaving TG on Friday 14th November. Mrs Harvey has been part of our team for over two years and, during that time, has made an outstanding contribution to the life of our school. Her warmth, professionalism, and attention to detail have been invaluable in keeping everything running smoothly day to day. Whether greeting families, supporting staff behind the scenes, or going the extra mile to help with events, visits and endless last-minute requests, Mrs Harvey has done it all with patience, kindness and good humour. Beyond her role, Mrs Harvey has become an important and much-loved member of the TG family. Her caring nature, sense of fun and genuine love for our school community have made a lasting impression on staff, pupils and parents alike. We will miss her greatly in the office, but we are delighted that she will continue to be part of our school as a parent and friend. We will be recruiting for a new Office Manager shortly, and will keep you informed once that process is complete. In the meantime, please do join us in expressing our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Harvey for everything she has given to TG. Her dedication and hard work have made a real difference, and she leaves with our very best wishes for the future.

Whole School Attendance Year to Date - 96.9%, our target for all pupils is 97% Keep up the great work!

Sporting Updates from Mrs Campbell.



Boys Football Friendly

On Tuesday 30th September the year 5/6 football team played Studley St Mary's Academy in a friendly fixture. Providing an opportunity for the team to develop their football skills in a competitive game. We started strongly and Hudson opened the scoring to give us a 1-0 lead. The boys worked hard throughout the match and showed resilience when Studley took the lead in the second half. The game provided end to end goals. Congratulations to Max for making his team debut and to Tom F for being voted player of the match. The game eventually finished 6-3 to Studley. Squad: Tom F, Max, Zach, Ethan, Abel, Tom E, Nate, Charlie, Hudson.



Boys Football Tournament

On Tuesday 14th October the year 5/6 boys team played in a mini tournament at Claverdon Primary School against 3 other schools. Each team played each other in a round robin with a final and play off final. The boys played well and grew with confidence in each match. Nate and Zach played brilliantly in goal both making excellent saves. Tom E and Tom F showed their strength and amazing football skills and displayed their leadership on the football pitch. Ethan and Alfred were solid in defence and made some super tackles, Oliver and James made some great runs in the middle and upfront. Even though the results didn't go our way in the round robin stage the boys played extremely well and the matches were very close. We finished the group stage in 4th which meant the boys played Wolverton in the 3rd place playoff final. The boys were determined to win and show what Team TG could do. The boys did just that with Tom E opening the scoring and Nate scoring 2 goals to win the match 3-1. They all gave 100 percent to finish 3rd overall. Mrs Campbell was very proud of you all. Thank you to Claverdon for hosting and to our wonderful parents for transporting the boys to and from the fixture. Team: Tom F, Zach, Ethan, Tom E, Nate, Alfred, Oliver C, James.

Results: 1st Holy Trinity, 2nd Claverdon, 3rd Temple Grafton, 4th Wolverton

Tag Rugby Club

Tag Rugby Club: A great turn out at the year 5/6 tag rugby club. Lots of fun has taken place whilst learning the skills of playing tag rugby. Well done to everyone who has taken part.

Girls Football Club

Girls Football Club has got off to a flying start with 12 girls from year 5/6 joining the club. The club is open to all girls from year 4-6 and will run until Wednesday 26th November. Fixtures will take place in the spring term.



Cross Country

On Saturday 11th October 10 pupils from year 3-6 took part in the first South Warwickshire Schools Cross Country Event at Stratford Academy. 300 pupils took part during the morning from 23 schools. The year 3 and 4 runners completed 1 big lap of two fields (approximately 1.4km) and the year 5 and 6 runners ran 2 full laps of the two fields (1.9km). All the children did amazing, finishing with smiles on their faces. A special mention to Oakleigh for finishing 3rd and Harry C for finishing 8th. To finish in the top 10 is a fantastic achievement.

PE ½ Termly Awards

Reception - Alex

Year 1 - Isla

Year 2 - Charlie

Year 3 - Iris

Year 4 - Elijah

Year 5 - Harriette

Year 6 - Bellatrix



SCHOOL CLUB SCHEDULE - AUTUMN 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.30-4.30pm			<p>KS2 Dodgeball with Fit4Kids Starting 05.11.25 (Online Booking)</p> <p>Girls Football Years 4-6 with Nicki Campbell Until 26.11.25</p>	<p>KS1 Football Club (Years 1-3) with Fit4Kids Starting 06.11.25 (Online Booking)</p> <p>KS2 - Bootcamp with Mrs Campbell until 27.11.25</p>	
3.40 - 4.40pm	<p>B'Arty with Olivia - 6 Weeks Class 3 (starting 03.11.25)</p>				
3.30 - 5pm		<p>S J Academy Drama - In Village Hall (Starting 04.11.25)</p>	<p>S J Cheerleading in Village Hall (Starting 05.11.25)</p>		
5-6pm		<p>S J Dance & Gymnastics In Village Hall</p>			
Lunchtimes		<p>Choir with Simon Kemp - In Class 4</p>		<p>TT Rock Stars Club</p>	<p>Lego Club & Chess Club with Class 2 Junior Maths Homework Club - Class 4</p>

CONTACT DETAILS FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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B'Arty - richards8sn@btinternet.com

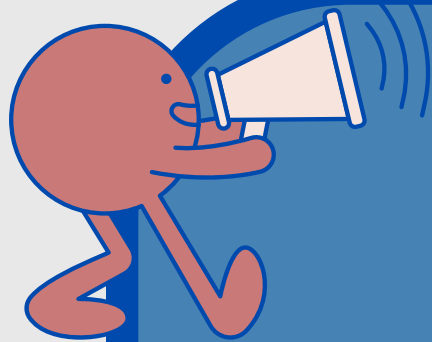
Fit4Kids Online Bookings - www.fitt4kids.org.uk

Music Lessons with Simon -

smjkemp@gmail.com

Dates for the Diary

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PTA NEWS

TG PTA – What a Half Term!

It's been a wonderfully busy and productive half term for the Temple Grafton PTA, with so much to celebrate and be proud of.

Over the past few weeks, we've organised a whole range of events that have brought our school community together – from Treat Fridays and a relaxed Parent Social to our brand-new Friendship Night for the children. The latter was a huge success, raising over £300 to support our school.

We also held a Rags2Riches clothing collection, helping raise funds for the school while promoting sustainability.

Alongside fundraising, we've hosted several coffee mornings – one to welcome new parents, one following the Harvest Festival, and another in support of the Mental Health in Schools Team – giving families a chance to connect, chat, and learn more about what's happening across TG.

Thanks to the fantastic support from families and the wider community, our PTA events this term have funded Accelerated Reader, helping every child at TG continue to develop a love of reading.

We've also been successful in securing two brilliant grants, which have funded:

Art resources – expanding our creative materials and supporting expressive learning.

Road Awareness equipment – helping keep our children safe on journeys to Forest School and church.

In addition, we've been lucky to receive some wonderful donations:

Yoga mats – enough for a whole class to take part together.

Chess sets – from Chess in Schools and Communities.

Biscuits – from Tesco for our Forest School sessions.

These contributions make such a difference to everyday life at TG, enriching the children's experiences both in and out of the classroom.

Looking ahead, we're already planning for a magical TG Christmas! On Wednesday 18th December, the PTA will be in school all day bringing festive fun, activities, and surprises for the children.

To celebrate everything we've achieved – and to plan for what's next – please join us at our next PTA meeting:

Thursday 23rd October, 7.30pm, The Golden Cross

Everyone is welcome to come along – whether you'd like to get involved, share ideas, or simply hear more about what's happening. Please let us know if you can attend so we can make sure we've reserved enough space.

Together, we really do shine.



25/26 Upcoming Events



OCT
23
7.30PM - 10PM
Christmas Planning Meeting

NOV
20
7.30PM - 10PM
Social

DEC
04
Christmas Planning Meeting

DEC
18
07.30AM
Breakfast with Santa

DEC
18
09.30AM
Paper Hat Making

DEC
18
01.30PM
Christingle Making

DEC
18
3.30PM
Hot Drinks and Carols

DEC
*Sleigh walk with Rotaty
Christmas Tree
Competition Bidford
Church*

2026
*Adult Only Social
Rags to Riches
Colour Run
Treat Fridays
Bounce-A-thon
Graftonbury*

Support Outdoor Learning.

Help the PTA to raise funds for
Forest School
and a
NEW Science Garden



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Attendance Reminder

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school. When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

• **Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).**

o **First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.**

o **Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.**

• **Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.**

• **Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.**

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.