

### Spring Term 1

#### BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**06.01.26**

Year 3 Swimming

**13.01.26**

Year 3 Swimming

**15.01.26**

Spring 1 home learning

**15.01.26**

Census Day (Special Menu)

#### Upcoming PTA Events

Silent Disco  
Rags to Riches  
Colour Run  
Treat Fridays  
Bounce A Thon  
GraftonBury

#### Trips

Year 5 & 6 Residential  
Monday 15 June- Wednesday 17 2026



## Christmas Message from Mrs Yorke

As we come towards the end of this Autumn term, I am struck by how many moments of growth, joy and resilience we have shared as a school community. Our Christian value of Courage has shaped much of our collective worship, with the children reflecting on stories such as Daniel in the lions' den, Moses bravely leading his people across the Red Sea and Jesus walking on water, and considering how these can guide us through life's challenges. We also explored examples of courageous individuals - and even courageous creatures - who inspire us to persevere, believe in ourselves, and do what is right.

Open the Bible visitors also enriched our worship with engaging retellings of Bible stories that helped bring scripture to life. It has been wonderful to see the children living out these messages in their relationships, learning and daily routines.

Our recent pupil experience survey was another encouraging reflection of our school culture: 84% of pupils told us they are happy at TG, and 96% said they feel safe in school. This speaks to the strength of our nurturing environment and the shared commitment of staff and families to ensuring every child feels secure, valued, and able to shine.

The term has been full of memorable moments - from our thoughtful Remembrance Service and the inspiring visit from Myton Hospice to Personal Best Day, sports events, and Class 4's fantastic trip to The BFG. As we entered Advent, the children have been thinking about hope, kindness, and preparing for Christmas.

Our Infant Nativity and the KS2 Christmas Concert were joyful celebrations of the season, showcasing the children's hard work and enthusiasm. The PTA's Breakfast with Santa brought a wonderful sense of excitement and togetherness, and our whole school community coming together for Christmas lunch was a real highlight of the festive period.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff team, whose energy, care and commitment underpin everything we do at TG. Thank you also to our families for your continued support, and to our wonderful children, who bring enthusiasm, kindness, and joy to school every day.

Wishing each of you a peaceful Christmas and a hopeful New Year.

Mrs Yorke



Whole School Attendance Year to Date - 96.7%, our target for all pupils is 97% Keep up the great work!



# KS1 News



## Class 1

This term, our children have been on a magical journey following \*Little Glow\* by Katie Sukola, exploring celebrations from around the world. We began with Guy Fawkes Night and went on to learn about Diwali, Eid, Hanukkah, birthdays, weddings and, finally, Christmas.

The children created beautiful lanterns and “followed the glow” as we discovered how each celebration is marked, making thoughtful comparisons and noticing similarities and differences along the way. This learning inspired some lovely early writing and truly impressive artwork. Celebrations also came to life through role play, storytelling, and creative activities, supporting learning across all areas of the EYFS. It has been wonderful to see the children’s curiosity, creativity and understanding of the wider world grow throughout the term.

Mrs Bonham



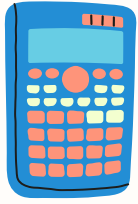
## Class 2

The half term started with a new face - Mrs Swanwick to cover Mr Boothroyd’s absence.

After a week to get to know each other Class 2 soon got into the swing and we have had a very productive half term. In English we have explored poetry writing about Fireworks and then the book ‘The building Boy’ which helped us to write our own descriptions about amazing buildings, imaginary places to live, our own house and then build some of these in our Forest School Friday afternoons. This helped with our Science topic about Materials where we explored the properties of different materials, investigated how stretchy they were and finally how waterproof different materials are - all to help Father Christmas’s cat have a waterproof cold for a wet and snowy Christmas Eve.

In our History topic, we found out about how we make our own history as well as home learning on family celebrations and how birthday parties have changed, comparing Mrs Swanwick’s birthday parties when she was a little girl to parties today. We discovered that chocolate birthday cakes are still a big favourite! Our DT topic saw us create moving storyboards for the Nursery Rhyme, Humpty Dumpty. We have all worked hard in maths with a focus on our number bonds within 20, creating number bond families, exploring the place value of numbers beyond 20 and ending the half term exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shape. It has been a super half term and now for a rest before another exciting term in Class 2 begins!





# KS2 News



## Class 3

This half term, Class 3 have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our History topic of the Stone Age, which has been thoughtfully linked across many areas of the curriculum. In History, the children learned about life in the Stone Age, including how people lived, hunted and survived, and they showed great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the topic.

This learning inspired our work in English, where the children planned and wrote imaginative adventure stories about a boy travelling back in time to the Stone Age. They worked hard on developing their descriptions, vocabulary and storytelling skills, producing some fantastic pieces of writing.

In Art, the children explored prehistoric art and experimented with different techniques to create their own Stone Age cave paintings, using natural colours and patterns inspired by what they had learned. In Dance, the class enjoyed creating and performing movements based on different Stone Age beings, thinking carefully about how to use their bodies to represent character and movement. We ended the term on a real high with our Christmas Carol performance, where all of KS2 performed confidently and beautifully, spreading lots of festive cheer. Class 3 have worked incredibly hard this half term, showing excellent attitudes to learning, and we are very proud of everything they have achieved as we look forward to the Spring term.

Ms Hills

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**AMAZING  
WORK!**

## Class 4

This half term in Science, the children have been exploring Evolution and Inheritance, developing their understanding of how living things change over time. As scientists, they learned that variation within a species can help organisms become better adapted to their environment and that natural selection, over long periods of time, leads to evolution. They also investigated how characteristics are inherited from parents to offspring and discovered that environmental factors can influence how organisms look and behave.

In History, pupils became historians as they explored what census records can tell us about our local area during the Victorian period. They carried out enquiries using census and factory records to track how families changed over time, linking these changes to important national events.

In English, the children studied Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly as part of Black History Month, using it as inspiration to write biographies about Katherine Johnson. They then developed their narrative writing further by basing their work on the short film The Present, producing thoughtful and engaging pieces that reflected strong understanding and creativity.

The half term concluded with our Christmas Carol Concert, which provided a joyful and festive celebration to mark the end of the term.

Mrs Pellet-Ward

# Fitt4kids Awards

## Winners

Class 1

Max, Alex, Thomas & Harry



Class 2

Iris R, Finn, River, Atticus, Herbie & George W

Class 3:

Zac, Maple, Harry, Ethan, Bobby, Thoren

Class 4

Nate, Tom F, Alfred



# School Club Schedule - Spring 1

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.30-4.30pm			<b>KS1 Multisport with Fit4Kids</b> Starting 07.01.26 (Online Booking)  <b>Girls Football</b> Years 4-6 with Nicki Campbell Starting Wednesday 21 January 2026	<b>KS2 Football Club (Year 3 -6) with Fit4Kids</b> (Online Booking) Starting 08.01.26	
3.40 - 4.40pm	<b>B'Arty with Olivia</b> Class 3 (Starting 12 January 2026)				
3.30 - 5pm		<b>S J Academy</b> Drama - In Village Hall (Starting on 13 January 2026)	<b>S J Dance &amp; Cheerleading</b> in Village Hall (Starting on 14 January 2026)		
5-6pm		<b>S J Gymnastics</b> In Village Hall (Starting on 13 January 2026)			
Lunchtimes		<b>Choir with Simon Kemp</b> - In Class 4			

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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B'Arty - [richards8sn@btinternet.com](mailto:richards8sn@btinternet.com)

Fit4Kids Online Bookings - [www.fitt4kids.org.uk](http://www.fitt4kids.org.uk)

Music Lessons with Simon - [smjkemp@googlemail.com](mailto:smjkemp@googlemail.com)



# SPRING TERM WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMMES 2025 - 2026

Workshop/ Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Working it Out 4 week programme	12th January 9:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Solihull Approach 10 week programme	13th January 9:00 - 11:00	Whitnash Primary School
Understanding Your Teenager	13th January 13:00 - 15:00	North Leamington Secondary School
Sleep	14th January 9:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Solihull Approach 10 week programme	16th January 09:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Parenting Together	19th January 17:30 - 19:30	Virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	21st January 9:30 - 11:30	St Paul's C of E Primary School
Understanding Children's Behaviour	26th January 13:15 - 15:00	Barford St Peter's C of E Primary School
Boundaries and Rules	27th January 13:00 - 15:00	North Leamington Secondary School
Sleep and Routines	4th February 09:30 - 11:30	St Paul's C of E Primary School
Parenting Together	6th February 12:30 - 14:30	Virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	9th February 09:30 - 11:30	St Joseph's Primary School
Boundaries and Rules	11th February 9:30 - 11:30	St Paul's Primary School
Sleep and Routines	17th February 10:00 - 12:00	Virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	18th February 09:30 - 11:30	Virtual
Understanding Your Teenager	19th February 13:30 - 15:30	Virtual

For Warwickshire parents only.

**Book your free place**



For further information about this programme please email [ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk)

## ♥ Temple Grafton PTA Update ♥

The PTA has been incredibly busy this term, and we would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful school community for your continued support. Every event you attend, ticket you buy and donation you make helps us make a real difference for the children at Temple Grafton.

Through a combination of successful grant funding and PTA fundraising, we have been able to invest directly into resources that support learning, creativity, safety and wellbeing across the whole school.

This year, the PTA has been proud to fund:

- Waterproof jackets for Forest School, ensuring all children can take part comfortably in outdoor learning in all weathers
- Road safety signs Lollipop person sticks to help keep Mel safe while supporting pupils with road crossings
- Road safety signs, helping to promote safer behaviour around the school
- New art resources, enhancing creativity and self-expression across the curriculum
- Design and Technology resources, supporting hands-on learning and practical skills
- A further year of Accelerated Reader for the whole school, continuing to support reading progress and a love of books for all pupils.

Alongside this, the PTA has enjoyed hosting a wide range of events that bring our school community together. Whether you've volunteered your time, supported events, or simply joined in, we are incredibly grateful. The PTA really is a team effort, and Together We Shine is something we see in action every day.

Looking ahead, we are very excited to be planning Temple Grafton's first ever Silent Disco this January!



This will be a whole-family event, giving everyone the chance to get on the dance floor and dance the January blues away. More details will be coming soon - we can't wait to share this new and exciting event with you.

As always, if you'd like to get involved with the PTA, help at events, or share ideas, please do get in touch. Thank you for being such a supportive and generous community.






The Temple Grafton PTA

# Online Safety - Staying Safe Over the Holidays



With more free time over the holidays, many children will spend extra time online.

We ask parents and carers to help children stay safe by:

-  Keeping devices in shared family spaces where possible
-  Agreeing daily screen-time limits and taking regular breaks
-  Using parental controls on devices, apps and streaming services
-  Talking to children about who they are chatting with online
-  Reminding children not to share personal information (name, address, school or photos)

Please reassure children that they should always tell a trusted adult if something online makes them feel worried, uncomfortable or upset.

 Helpful resources for families:

- NSPCC Online Safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- ThinkUKnow (CEOP): <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



## Punctuality

Arriving at school on time helps children settle quickly and get the best start to their learning.

School gates close at 9am. Therefore, please ensure your child(ren) arrive by 9am for class registration. Pupils' who arrive after this time will be marked as late.

Thank you for helping us promote good attendance.

THANK  
YOU! 

## Term dates 2026

### Spring term 2026

- **Starts:** Tuesday 6th January 2026
- **Half term:** Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026
- **Ends:** Friday 27 March 2026
- **Spring (Easter) holiday:** Monday 30 March 2026 to Friday 10 April 2026

### Summer term 2026

- **Starts:** Monday 13 April 2026
- **Half term:** Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026
- **Ends:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**DON'T  
FORGET**

#### PE

##### Class 2

- Tuesday & Wednesday

##### Class 3

- Thursday & Friday

##### Class 4

- Monday & Wednesday

#### Forest School

##### Class 1

- Wednesday

##### Class 2

- Friday

All information about our school is available on our official website.

If you ever need to revisit a newsletter or check the weekly schedule- feel free to return to our site!

<https://www.tgschool.co.uk/>

Did you know we have a presence on Facebook?  
Click the link and follow us to keep up with the latest updates!

