

Townhill Junior School

Weekly Update: 18.09.26



It was another busy week at TJS with the start of a number of exciting visits and experiences to bring learning to life. These events will be shared in the newsletter each week.

Year 5 History Day

On Thursday, Year 5 were visited by a man from Anglo Saxon times. The children got to hold and use weapons in a battle, look at artefacts, play traditional games and develop important knowledge for their topic work.



Year 3 Stone Age Work

Year 3 have been dissecting 'poo' to find out what Stone Age people ate to give an understanding of what life was like back in the Stone Age.



Year 4 Art Gallery Trip

On Friday, Year 4 visited Southampton Art Gallery to look at the Perseus exhibit to support their history work on the Ancient Greeks. They got to look at artefacts and try them while learning more about the topic. They also had an opportunity to visit Southampton Library while they were there.



News Crew

In our weekly Friday celebration assembly, the children get to hear from the News Crew who share the latest news from both in school and around the world. Each week a different class will present the news live in assembly. This week it was the turn of 6I to research, write and prepare their own news segments. As well as key events, they also choose other areas to focus on, which this week included sport, gaming, teacher interviews and of course the weather! If you would like to see their report and hear them present the TJS news, please click the link below:



[News Crew: 6I September 2026](#)

Individual & Sibling Photos



The children should have come home with proofs of the photos they had taken on Monday. The ordering window is now open.

Star of the Week

Class	Name
3F	Hunter
3T	Bowie
4C	Oscar
4T	Emilia
5B	Izzy
5G	Joshua
6I	Sarah
6P	Hannah

Times Tables Rocks Leaderboard

Rank	First Name	Class	Correct Answers
1	Kaci-Jai	6P	2877
2	Eliza	5G	1938
3	Bogdan	6I	1668
4	Connor	6P	1639
5	Chloe	4C	1638
6	Amber	3T	1315
7	Jesaiah	6P	1287
8	Jace	3T	812
9	Maggie	4C	775
10	Alisa	3T	604



Learning is the key to success

Current Learning



	WB	Subject	What the children will be learning	Ideas to support with the learning at home
Y3	21/9	English	Diary Writing	Verbally tell someone about something you did this weekend and how it made you feel
		Maths	Tens and Hundreds	Practise counting in tens to one hundred – can you count further than one hundred?
		History	Stone Age	Tell someone about what you discovered in History this week
Y4	21/9	English	Diary writing	Tell an adult about the Perseus story and the paintings we saw at the gallery depicting it.
		Maths	Rounding	Explain the rule of rounding to the nearest 10 to a grown up
		Science	Minibeasts	Have a look outside and see what minibeasts you can find nearby
Y5	21/9	English	Diary writing	Practise using colon and semi colons in lists.
		Maths	Place Value	Maths.co.uk (Place value B)
		Art	Doodles	Create a doodle in the style of Mr Doodle!
Y6	21/9	English	Diary writing	Think about who you might like to write from the perspective of in Oliver. (You will share your ideas in class this week)
		Maths	Four operations	Times tables practice on TT Rocks.
		History	The Victorians	Research items invented during this era and consider which we still use today.

Home Learning

A reminder that all of our home learning is online through two main platforms and the expectation is that every child should be logging their reading, and completing challenges on TT Rocks every week. The children should also be learning their spelling lists.

Maths: Times Tables Rockstars
Reading: Boom Reader



School Attendance News



Attendance Statistics

Whole School Attendance this week	Whole School Attendance this year to date
95.8%	96.2%
Number of children with over 97% attendance this week	Number of children with over 97% attendance this year
176	150



Class Attendance for this week:

Weekly Attendance	3F	3T	4C	4T	5B	5G	6I	6P
Attendance Percentage	94.4%	91.9%	96.7%	98.8%	98.5%	93.3%	97.6%	94.8%
Progress	-1.7%	-7.6%	+2.3%	0	+0.7%	-1%	-1.2%	-0.4%

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, if Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOXIC GAMING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GAMING WITHOUT THE FUN

Toxic gaming takes many forms. In live, multiplayer games, players can be targeted by strangers bullying them over voice and text, or deliberately sabotaging their game. It can also be present in spaces outside of the game such as Discord and Reddit, with players gatekeeping their community and making it deliberately unwelcoming to newcomers. In extreme circumstances, it can lead to physical threats, stalking and doxing.

WIDESPREAD TOXICITY

The Anti-Defamation League's 2019 study numbers are stark. At that point, 74% of players had experienced some form of abuse, with 65% receiving physical threats, stalking or sustained harassment. Nearly a third of players surveyed found themselves doxed while playing online, which means private or personal information was shared against their will in an attempt to intimidate or silence.

BIGOTED TRASH TALK

Such toxic tactics are especially prevalent against girls, LGBTQ+ players and players from minority ethnic backgrounds. In all, 53% of respondents reported being targeted based on their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Another survey revealed that 88% of openly LGBTQ+ players have been harassed by their communities, while over half of women report using a non-gendered or male username while playing to avoid harassment.

Gaming should be a way for children to have safe fun with their friends. But anonymity and a lack of consequences can mean that corners of online multiplayer gaming are riddled with toxicity that makes them unpleasant at best, and damaging to children at worst.

A 2019 study found 74% of players had experienced harassment in online games, and such behaviour has become increasingly normalised.

EXTREMIST IDEOLOGIES

Extremist groups have been known to target gaming communities and streaming platforms as a way of spreading propaganda and recruiting young players to their cause. Even in 2019, the ADL's research found that 23% of players had been exposed to white supremacist ideology, with a further 8% exposed to positive views about Islamic State. Disinformation theories about 9/11 and 9% exposed to Holocaust denial.

A SAFE SPACE MADE UNSAFE

This toxic environment can lead to the same feelings of fear, isolation and depression that offline bullying can. Children exposed to toxic gaming can become withdrawn, anxious or irritable. They can struggle with sleep and find it difficult to focus on schoolwork and other pursuits, even after the game has been switched off and they're no longer playing.

COPYING HARMFUL BEHAVIOUR

At the other end of the spectrum, children can mimic the toxic behaviour and language they've seen online in offline settings. If bullying or bigoted chat is normalised as a legitimate part of online gaming, children may end up emulating it offline with classmates, seeing it as harmless banter. This could make other children's lives miserable or leave them feeling isolated at school.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PLAY WITH FRIENDS

While some games rely on playing with strangers to make up the numbers, there are plenty of titles that can be played on a private server with vetted, trusted friends, sidestepping the toxic elements of the wider gaming community. If a child encounters toxic behaviour in others while playing larger games, encourage them to block and report the players responsible.

USE THE GAME'S TOOLS

Many online games provide ways to limit interaction with strangers, either through the global settings on PlayStation or Xbox, or within the game itself. Look at the options, and make it so children can only communicate with their friends. If you can't see this level of control, you can consider disabling chat completely and, where age-appropriate, using a suitable separate service for communication with friends.

TALK TO CHILDREN

Most importantly, if children are gaming online or want to start, talk to them about the risks and how to deal with toxic behaviour. Explain the kinds of behaviour they may encounter, encourage them to report and block, and let them know they can talk to you about any concerns. Where appropriate, you may even want to play alongside them to get a feel for the community yourself.

FIND THE RIGHT COMMUNITY

If your child is at an age where social media is permitted, friendly communities exist. There are online groups for LGBTQ+ players, players from minority backgrounds and girls, where they can chat and find people to play with in more welcoming environments. Not everyone is who they claim to be online, so be sure to discuss the risks of online friendships, and maintain an open dialogue with children to ensure their ongoing safety.

Meet Our Expert

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YR R - YR 7



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NOVEMBER 2026

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TRAINING STARTS
JANUARY 2027



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Townhill Junior School

Open Evening & Tours

We would like to invite Year 2 families to visit our school on the following dates:

Open Evening: Wednesday 11th November 2026 @ 5PM

Parents, carers & children are all welcome.

**Tours: Wednesday 21st October & Tuesday 10th November
@ 9.15am (no school children)**

You will have the opportunity to tour the school and learn about our school day and the exciting opportunities we offer.

To book onto our open evening or tour, please email sbudden@townhilljuniorschool.co.uk with date required and number attending.

We look forward to seeing you.

Next Week at Re:Minds



21st – 25th September

Drop in

10am–12pm · Friday 25th September · Children welcome

Sholing Support Group

An opportunity to chat with other families in similar situations over a cuppa! It is a good place to ask for advice about anything that is worrying you, with the group or on a 1:1 basis. There is never any pressure to talk, it's fine to just sit and listen. All support groups are open to parents/carers living in any area.

Held at Salvation Army, 93 North East Road , Sholing, Southampton, SO19 8AF

No booking needed – just drop in

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Dates for the Year

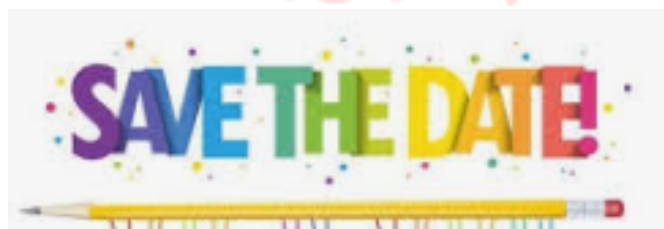


AUTUMN TERM 2026

Friday, 2 nd October	:	Y3 Hilliers Garden Trip
5 th – 8 th October	:	Y6 Mock SATs Week
Monday, 5 th October	:	Harvest Festival
Tuesday, 6 th October	:	Y6 Stubbington Parents Meeting (5:30pm)
12 th – 16 th October	:	Y5 Bike Week
Monday, 19 th October	:	Y3 Stone Age Day
Thursday, 22 nd October	:	'Break the Rules' Non Uniform Day
Friday, 23 rd October	:	INSET Day
26 th – 30 th October	:	Half Term
2 nd – 6 th November	:	Y6 Stubbington Residential Trip
Wednesday, 11 th November	:	Y4 Mayflower Trip to Welsh National Opera
16 th – 20 th November	:	Assessment Week
Friday, 20 th November	:	Disco (5:30pm - 7pm)
Tuesday, 1 st December	:	Parents Evening (3:30pm – 6:30pm)
Friday, 4 th December	:	Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:30pm)
Tuesday, 15 th December	:	Carols by Candlelight (5pm)
Wednesday, 16 th December	:	Christmas Lunch
Friday, 18 th December	:	End of Term (3.15pm)

SPRING TERM 2027

Monday, 4 th January	:	Spring Term begins
18 th – 21 st January	:	Y6 Mock SATs Week
Friday, 12 th February	:	'Break the Rules' Non Uniform Day
15 th – 19 th February	:	Half Term
Tuesday, 23 rd February	:	Language and Culture Day
Friday, 26 th February	:	Disco (5:30pm - 7pm)
Monday, 22 nd February	:	INSET Day
1 st – 5 th March	:	Assessment Week
Thursday, 4 th March	:	World Book Day & Dress Up Day
Tuesday, 16 th March	:	Parents Evening (3:30pm – 6:30pm)
Friday, 19 th March	:	Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:30pm)
Thursday, 25 th March	:	'Break the Rules' Non Uniform Day
	:	End of Term: (3.15pm)



SUMMER TERM 2027

Monday, 12th April	:	Summer Term begins
Wednesday, 21st April	:	Y6 SATS Parents Evening Event (6:00pm)
Monday, 3rd May	:	Bank Holiday
10th – 13th May	:	SATs Week (Y6)
Monday, 24th May	:	Class Photos
Friday, 28th May	:	Y6 Careers Fair (pm)
		'Break the Rules' Non Uniform Day
		Disco (5:30pm – 7pm)
31st May – 4th June	:	Half Term
TBC: Friday, 11th June	:	Y6 Paultons Trip
Friday, 18th June	:	INSET Day
14th – 18th June	:	Assessment Week (Y3 –5)
Monday, 5th July	:	Year 2 Parents Evening (5:30pm)
Wednesday, 7th July	:	Transfer Day
Thursday, 8th July	:	Y3 & Y4 (9am – 11:30am) Sports Day
Friday, 9th July	:	Y5 & Y6 (9am – 11:30am) Sports Day (Reserve Sports Day: Mon 12 th July)
Friday, 16th July	:	Year 6 Leavers Prom (6.30pm – 8:30pm)
Tuesday, 20th July	:	Y6 Leavers Celebration Event (6:00pm)
Wednesday, 21st July	:	End of Term: (3.15pm)

NB: All dates are subject to change, but you will be notified in advance if this happens.

INSET Days for 2026/27

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 22nd February 2026

Friday 18th June 2027

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend,

Mr H

Headteacher

