

# Townhill Junior School

## Weekly Update: 5<sup>th</sup> December



### Athletics Success

On Monday, our athletics team performed in the city Upper School Indoor Athletics Championships at Woodlands School. After some fantastic performances and a great team effort they finished second overall and have qualified for the County Finals later in the year.



### Book Friday



Next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, is our Book Friday event organised by Mrs Gregory. We would like the children to bring their favourite book to school so that they can share them in class. We will ensure they look after them and bring them home that afternoon.

### Carols by Candlelight

If you would like to have a table at this popular event on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, then please let either the office, Mr H or any member of the SFC know and we will book one for you. The cost of a table is £10.



If you have access to any portable outdoor lighting, we would be very interested in your support for this event so please let Mr H know if you can help with this.

### Star of the Week

| Class | Name     |
|-------|----------|
| 3F    | Phoebe   |
| 3G    | Tiago    |
| 4OR   | Saumya   |
| 4T    | Ayra     |
| 5T    | Isaac    |
| 5C    | Connor P |
| 6I    | Reggie   |
| 6OH   | Maisie   |
| PE    | -        |

### Times Tables Rocks Leaderboard

| Rank | First Name | Class | Speed Improvement |
|------|------------|-------|-------------------|
| 1    | Oliver P   | 4T    | -1.07             |
| 2    | Louis      | 4T    | -0.51             |
| 3    | Penny      | 4OR   | -0.51             |
| 4    | Olivia     | 4T    | -0.26             |
| 5    | Ava        | 4T    | -0.2              |
| 6    | Joshua     | 4T    | -0.19             |
| 7    | Janelle    | 4T    | -0.17             |
| 8    | Raena      | 4T    | -0.06             |
| 9    |            |       |                   |
| 10   |            |       |                   |

### Boom Reader Leaderboard

| Class | Most Reads     |
|-------|----------------|
| 3F    | -              |
| 3G    | Emilia         |
| 4OR   | Penny          |
| 4T    | Aoife          |
| 5C    | Bella & Herkus |
| 5T    | -              |
| 6I    | -              |
| 6OH   | Desandi        |
| Class | 4T             |



30th November - 4 December 2025 07:00 - 21:00

6I 276 
 132 
 126 
 99 
 66



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 | 8/12 | English   | Writing a newspaper report               | Read newspaper & magazines articles (online or paper).  |
|    |      | Maths     | Multiplication                           | Practise using column method to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1 digit.   |
|    |      | Geography | The UK                                   | Make a treasure map with its own key .  |
| Y4 | 8/12 | English   | Writing a newspaper report               | Interview a family member.  |
|    |      | Maths     | Further multiplication and division      | Practice times tables and simple fact families ( $6 \times 4 = 24 \rightarrow 24 \div 6 = 4$ )                          |
|    |      | Geography | Earthquakes                              | Research recent Earthquakes, where did they happen? When? How strong were they?   |
| Y5 | 8/12 | English   | Writing a newspaper report               | Read a newspaper article either online or listen on Newsround and discuss the language and features used.               |
|    |      | Maths     | Word Problems                            | Practice TT Rockstars to help with knowledge of chunking.   |
|    |      | DT        | Pop Up Books                             | Tell a grown up about your pop up books and the mechanisms (you could make a mechanism from paper or card)              |
| Y6 | 8/12 | English   | Writing a persuasive letter              | Your child has been tasked with using the skills we have learned to persuade you to do something for them this weekend. |
|    |      | Maths     | Decimals                                 | Log into <a href="http://www.maths.co.uk">www.maths.co.uk</a>   |
|    |      | History   | Victorians and the Industrial Revolution | Why should Oliver be saved from going to jail? Get your child to convince you.  |

### 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                     | 93.2% | Whole School Attendance this year to date             | 94.5% |
| Number of children with over 97% attendance this week | 169   | Number of children with over 97% attendance this year | 116   |



### Class Attendance for this week:

| Weekly Attendance     | 3F    | 3G    | 4OR   | 4T    | 5C    | 5T    | 6I    | 6OH   |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Attendance Percentage | 89.5% | 90.7% | 94.8% | 96.9% | 97.6% | 88.5% | 98%   | 93.4% |
| Progress              | -8%   | -2.8% | -0.8% | -0.4% | +2.4% | -8.2% | +3.2% | +3.3% |

## 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

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

### 1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

### 2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

### 3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

### 4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

### 5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

### 6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

### 7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

### 8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

### 9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

### 10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

### Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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# Next week at Re:Minds...

## 8th - 12th December 2025

**Autism Advice Clinic**

**Tuesday 9th December 10:30am**

Book a private, 10 minute virtual Zoom appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues related to Autism

The clinic is led by the Southampton Autism Assessment Service

Email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk) to book



**CAMHS Advice Clinic**

**Thursday 11th December 10am**

Book a 10 minute, private, virtual Zoom appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues CAMHS deal with

The clinic is led by the Southampton Specialist CAMHS Service and is open to ALL members of Re:Minds for general advice

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**ADHD Advice Clinic**

**Monday 8th December 10am**

Book a private 10 minute, virtual Zoom appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues related to ADHD

Appointments will be with **Laura Nebel, Lead ADHD Nurse from CAMHS**

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**New Support Group Weston**

**10am Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

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 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - 8:30am-4pm

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## Dates for the Year



### AUTUMN TERM 2025

|                                      |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December    | : | 5T Butser Farm trip   |
| Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December | : | Y5 Viking Dance for Parents                                     |
| Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December  | : | 5C Butser Farm trip<br>Y6 Outcome Afternoon                     |
| Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December   | : | Church of Ascension visiting TJS<br>Carols by Candlelight (5pm) |
| Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December | : | Christmas Lunch   |
| Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December    | : | End of Term (3.15pm)  |

### SPRING TERM 2026

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January              | : | Spring Term begins  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> January  | : | Y6 Mock SATs Week   |
| Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February            | : | 'Break the Rules' Non Uniform Day<br>Disco (5:30pm - 7pm) |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February | : | Half Term   |
| Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February            | : | INSET Day   |
| Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March              | : | World Book Day & Dress Up Day                             |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March     | : | Assessment Week   |
| Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March              | : | Parents Evening (3:30pm – 7:00pm not 5T)                  |
| Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March            | : | Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:00pm)                         |
| Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March               | : | 'Break the Rules' Non Uniform Day & End of Term: (3.15pm) |

### SUMMER TERM 2026

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April           | : | Summer Term begins   |
| Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April        | : | Y6 SATS Parents Evening Event (6:00pm)   |
| Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April         | : | Spanish Language Day   |
| Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April           | : | Disco (5:30pm - 7pm)   |
| Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April         | : | Y3 Hilliers Trip   |
| Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May              | : | Bank Holiday   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May  | : | SATs Week (Y6)   |
| Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May             | : | Y6 Careers Fair (pm) & 'Break the Rules' Non Uniform Day                             |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May  | : | Half Term  |
| Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June             | : | Disco (5:30pm – 7pm )  |
| Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June            | : | INSET Day  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June | : | Assessment Week (Y3 –5)  |
| Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> June            | : | Year 2 Parents Evening (5:30pm)  |
| Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July          | : | Transfer Day   |
| Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July           | : | Y3 & Y4 (9am – 11:30am) Sports Day   |
| Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July             | : | Y5 & Y6 (9am – 11:30am) Sports Day<br>(Reserve Sports Day: Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> July) |
| Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July            | : | Y4 Itchen Valley Teambuilding Day  |
| Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July            | : | Year 6 Leavers Prom (6.30pm – 8:30pm)  |
| Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> July            | : | Y6 Leavers Celebration Event (6:00pm)  |
| Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July           | : | End of Term: (3.15pm)  |

