

Townhill Junior School

Weekly Update: 3rd October



Year 6 Mayflower Theatre trip to see Welsh National Opera

On Monday, our Year 6 children not going on the residential to Stubbington got the opportunity to visit the Mayflower Theatre for a special school's performance by the Welsh National Opera. They thoroughly enjoyed this unique experience and had prime seats to enjoy the show and see the musicians and singers perform. They will be writing about their trip in the coming weeks.



Harvest Festival

On Monday we have our Harvest Festival. We welcome any offerings of food so that we can share them with our community partners at Big Difference who will then distribute them through their fantastic work for the communities of Southampton. Please bring any donations to the hall on Monday morning.



Year 2 Open Evening and Tours

We will be hosting an Opening Evening and Parent / Carer Tours for prospective children currently in Year 2 on the following dates:

Tour: Thursday 23rd October at 9:15am

Open Evening: Thursday 6th November at 5pm

Tour: Tuesday 11th November at 9:15am

Please let the office know if you are planning to attend.

School admissions



Is your child moving onto Secondary School in September 2026?

Applications need to be submitted by **31st October 2025 at 23.59pm**. Applications should be submitted by using 'Your Citizen Portal' on Southampton City Council website.

For further information please visit:

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/year-7/>

Star of the Week

Class	Name
3F	Isabel
3G	Theo O'D
4OR	Rosa
4T	Clara
5T	Jayde
5C	Jaxson
6I	Reggie
6OH	Matilda
PE	Kyra & Remisa
Music	Kaci-Jai

Times Tables Rocks Leaderboard

Rank	First Name	Class	Speed Improvement
1	Clara	4T	-4.95
2	Oliver	4T	-1.87
3	Charlie	4T	-0.88
4	Raena	4T	-0.84
5	Valencia	5T	-0.53
6	Lincoln	4T	-0.37
7	Sophia	4T	-0.28
8	Janelle	4T	-0.16
9	Kaci-Jai	5C	-0.04
10	Reimisa	5C	-0.02

Boom Reader Leaderboard

Class	Most Reads
3F	Bella
3G	Jack
4OR	Oscar
4T	Louis
5C	Iliana & Bella
5T	Fleur
6I	x
6OH	Hector



28th September - 2 October 2025 07:00 - 21:00

 5T 480
  6I 239
  5C 109
  4T 107
  3F 101



Learning is the key to success

School Attendance News



Attendance Statistics

Whole School Attendance this week	Whole School Attendance this year to date
92.6%	94.2%
Number of children with over 97% attendance this week	Number of children with over 97% attendance this year
175	126



Class Attendance for this week:

Weekly Attendance	3F	3G	4OR	4T	5C	5T	6I	6OH
Attendance Percentage	93.8%	89.8%	94.7%	95.9%	97.6%	93.8%	90.5%	88.1%
Progress	-6.2%	-0.8%	+2.1%	+2.9%	+9.0%	+0.5%	+4.3%	-5.7%

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 EA SPORTS FC 26



Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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Next week at Re:Minds

6th - 10th October 2025

Shirley Evening Support Group

Monday 6th October
6.30pm-7.30pm

Join us for a friendly cuppa with others who truly 'get it'

Meet fellow parents/carers, chat about the ups & downs of neurodiversity and mental health in our children, share experiences, pick up top tips and get support & advice from the Re:Minds team

No need to book, just drop in! There's no cost to attend and you'll be warmly welcomed!

You can also access the book & sensory library while you're here
This is an adults only group

Find us at:
St James Road Methodist Church, SO15 5HE
Upstairs in Room 7

Access is from the rear of the church via the car park
Please let us know if you need to use the lift



Autism Advice Clinic

Tuesday 7th October 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 to book



ReCharge & Refresh

11-1, Wednesday 8th of October 2025

A chance to think about your own wellbeing

- Craft activities
- Henna hand painting
- Comee with Board in the City
- Refreshments
- Pampering with Angle's Brows & Lush
- A chance to chat with the team
- Reiki/Reflexology
- Quiet Room

Free Lush lucky dip for the first 30 people!

For all Re:Minds parents and carers - adults only please!

Hall B, Upstairs, St. James Methodist Church, St. James Road, Shirley, Southampton, SO15 5HE
Wheelchair Accessible



Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book your space at the clinics
No need to book to attend the support group - just drop in!



Dates for the Year



AUTUMN TERM 2025

6 th – 9 th October	:	Y6 Mock SATs Week
Monday, 6 th October	:	Harvest Festival
	:	Y4 Art Gallery Trip
Wednesday, 8 th October	:	5T Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:00pm)
Friday, 10 th October	:	INSET Day
13 th – 17 th October	:	Y6 Stubbington Residential Trip
	:	Y5 Bike Week
Tuesday, 21 st October	:	Parents Evening (3:30pm – 7:00pm – not 5T)
Wednesday, 22 nd October	:	Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:00pm)
Friday, 24 th October	:	'Break the Rules' Non Uniform Day
27 th – 31 st October	:	Half Term
Friday, 14 th November	:	Disco (5:30pm - 7pm)
24 th – 28 th November	:	Assessment Week
Tuesday, 16 th December	:	Whole School Church visit (9am)
	:	Carols by Candlelight (5pm)
Wednesday, 17 th December	:	Christmas Lunch
Friday, 19 th December	:	End of Term (3.15pm)

SPRING TERM 2026

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

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday, 13 th April	:	Summer Term begins
Wednesday, 22 nd April	:	Y6 SATS Parents Evening Event (6:00pm)
Thursday, 23 rd April	:	Spanish Language Day
Friday, 24 th April	:	Disco (5:30pm - 7pm)
Thursday, 30 th April	:	Y3 Hilliers Trip
Monday, 4 th May	:	Bank Holiday
11 th – 14 th May	:	SATs Week (Y6)
Friday, 22 nd May	:	Y6 Careers Fair (pm)
	:	'Break the Rules' Non Uniform Day
25 th – 29 th May	:	Half Term
Friday, 5 th June	:	Disco (5:30pm – 7pm)

Friday, 19th June : INSET Day
22nd – 26th June : Assessment Week (Y3 –5)
Monday, 29th June : Year 2 Parents Evening (5:30pm)
Wednesday, 1st July : Transfer Day
Thursday, 2nd July : Y3 & Y4 (9am – 11:30am) Sports Day
Friday, 3rd July : Y5 & Y6 (9am – 11:30am) Sports Day
(Reserve Sports Day: Mon 6th July)
Friday, 10th July : Y4 Itchen Valley Teambuilding Day
Friday, 17th July : Year 6 Leavers Prom (6.30pm – 8:30pm)
Monday, 20th July : Y6 Leavers Celebration Event (6:00pm)
Tuesday, 22nd 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 2025/26

Friday 10th October 2025
Monday 23rd February 2026
Friday 19th June 2026



Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend,

Mr H
Headteacher

