# Townhill Junior School

# Weekly Update: 13.11.26

## Year 4 Welsh National Opera

On Wednesday, Year 4 had a fantastic opportunity to visit The Mayflower theatre to watch an exclusive, school's only showing of the Welsh National Opera based on Greek myths. The children loved getting to see the musicians and even got to sing along with them.







## Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

On Friday, Year 6 were visited by Shakespeare's Globe Theatre who delivered a drama workshop linked to the work they have been doing on Macbeth. They commented on how well the children had participated and got involved in the workshop, and were impressed by their knowledge of some of Shakespeare's famous plays.







## Remembrance Day




Thank you for your support with a number of different events this week. In the build up to Remembrance Day on Wednesday we raised funds for the Royal British Legion by selling poppies. This was really well supported and the children observed an impeccable two minute silence.




## Children in Need




For Children in Need on Friday, the children looked fantastic in their own choice of clothes and we raised over £150 which has been sent off to help with the fundraising total.

## Girls Football



Our girl's football A team returned to action on Tuesday, surviving the heavy rain for an entertaining game against Valentine which they won 2 – 0.

## Breakfast Club: All Welcome




We still have a number of places at our **free** Breakfast Club which takes place each day offering food and drink for the children to give them a settled start to the day.

If you require a place please let the office know or speak to Mr H on the gate in the morning. This runs from the back door of The Snug, which can be found a short way down the path leading into school from the Cutbush Lane gate. It opens at 8:15am each day and the children are then walked up to class through the inside of the building when the bell goes for the start of the day.

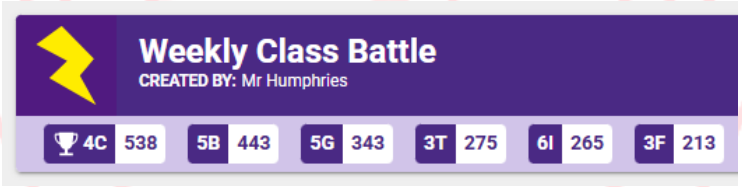
## Star of the Week

| Class | Name |
|---|---|
| 3F | Reggie |
| 3T | Keegan |
| 4C | Chloe |
| 4T | Daniel |
| 5B | Kaya |
| 5G | Ayla |
| 6I | Max |
| 6P | Isla |




## Times Tables Rocks Leaderboard

| Rank | First Name | Class | Correct Answers |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Janelle | 5B | 3716 |
| 2 | Oliver | 5B | 3690 |
| 3 | Bowie | 3T | 2610 |
| 4 | Ava | 4C | 2288 |
| 5 | Marley | 5G | 1932 |
| 6 | Chloe | 4C | 1694 |
| 7 | Penny | 5G | 1464 |
| 8 | Jack | 4C | 1452 |
| 9 | Jaivon | 6I | 1391 |
| 10 | Kaci-Jai | 6P | 1272 |







## Boom Reader

| Class | Most Reads |
|---|---|
| 3F | Louis |
| 3T | Annabelle |
| 4C | x |
| 4T | x |
| 5B | Karina |
| 5G | Penny |
| 6I | Cohen |
| 6P | Bella-Grace |
| **Class** | **5B** |




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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** | **16/11** | **English** | Subordinating Conjunctions | Read about subordinating conjunctions and play the game What are subordinating conjunctions? - KS2 English - BBC Bitesize |
| | | **Maths** | Partitioning numbers | Practise partitioning three-digit numbers in hundreds, tens and ones |
| | | **Life Skills** | Shoe laces | Practise tying and untying your shoelaces |
| **Y4** | **16/11** | **English** | Letter writing | Think about how you could use flattery to get extra break |
| | | **Maths** | Arithmetic | Arithmetic set on maths.co.uk |
| | | **Science** | Sound | Explore how sounds are made |
| **Y5** | **16/11** | **English** | Apostrophes for possession | Online games such as: https://wordwall.net/en-gb/community/apostrophes |
| | | **Maths** | Division | Maths.co.uk complete Multiplication and Division B |
| | | **DT / Science** | Mechanisms | Can you spot any examples of pulleys, levers and linkages at home? |
| **Y6** | **16/11** | **English** | Newspaper writing | Come up with a headline for your newspaper article on King Duncan |
| | | **Maths** | Fractions | Talk your parent through instructions for adding and subtracting fractions |
| | | **Art** | Making food items out of clay | Make a food prototype out of plasticine or playdough |

## 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 |
|---|---|
| 96% | 96.2% |
| **Number of children with over 97% attendance this week** | **Number of children with over 97% attendance this year** |
| 171 | 121 |

## Class Attendance for this week:

| Weekly Attendance | 3F | 3T | 4C | 4T | 5B | 5G | 6I | 6P |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Attendance Percentage | 95.3% | 91.4% | 95.6% | 100% | 100% | 94.4% | 96.6% | 94.8% |
| Progress | -2.4% | -6.6% | -1.1% | +6.2% | +4.4% | -0.8% | -0.9% | -3.7% |



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION 13+ In the UK

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, that allows users to send messages, share multimedia, make calls, and participate in group chats. In September 2026, WhatsApp announced new optional parental controls for teenagers, including privacy settings, group notifications, and restrictions on AI content, which parents and educators should be aware of.

## GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats help young people stay connected, but they can also leave them feeling excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and frequent notifications can create a sense of needing to be constantly available. WhatsApp's new parental controls notify parents when teenagers join or leave groups, or when a group grows significantly in size.

## HARMFUL CONTENT ON CHANNELS

WhatsApp Channels allow users to receive updates from public figures, organisations, and content creators; however, some Channels may expose young people to misinformation, harmful ideologies, or age-inappropriate material. New optional parental controls allow adults to restrict which Channels teenagers access, including limiting them to approved Channels.

## SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers may use WhatsApp to trick young people into sharing personal information, sending money, or sharing security codes. They may impersonate friends or family members, using convincing stories about emergencies or urgent requests for help. New parental controls can help manage who contacts teenagers; however, they cannot prevent all scams or fraudulent messages.

## UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp allows users to share their live location, profile information, and Status updates. Without appropriate privacy settings, this information could expose young people to unwanted attention or reveal their whereabouts. New parental controls enable adults to manage certain privacy settings, including who can view account details and add teenagers to groups.

## DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp features such as disappearing messages and Chat Lock can make conversations harder for adults to identify. Although these tools are designed to protect privacy, they may also make it harder for adults to recognise inappropriate exchanges or harmful behaviour. WhatsApp's new parental controls do not give adults access to teenagers' private messages or calls.

## COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp includes advertising in parts of its Updates section and offers Meta AI, an integrated AI assistant. Young people may encounter sponsored content, misleading AI responses, or information which is unsuitable for their age. New parental controls offer a stricter 'Limited Content' setting for Meta AI; however, this cannot guarantee that every response will be accurate or appropriate.

ONLINE

# Advice for Parents & Educators

## EXPLORE NEW PARENTAL CONTROLS

WhatsApp's new optional parental controls are being rolled out gradually, giving families more ways to manage teenagers' privacy and interactions. Teenagers will need parental approval using a parent-set PIN to relax any protected settings. Keep the conversation open and set up the controls together, remembering that parents can adjust or switch them off at any time.

## MANAGE CHANNELS AND AI

Explore the new settings for Channels, Status updates, and Meta AI. Parents can restrict Channels to approved selections or prevent teenagers from viewing them. They can also choose Meta AI's stricter 'Limited Content' option, which restricts certain topics. Remind young people that AI can produce inaccurate information and encourage them to question responses rather than accepting them at face value.

## MONITOR GROUP ACTIVITY SAFELY

New parental controls notify adults when teenagers join or leave groups, or when a group grows significantly in size. These alerts can help identify potentially concerning interactions without revealing private messages. Encourage young people to discuss unfamiliar groups, uncomfortable conversations, or pressure from other members and that they can leave, mute, or report if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

## PRIORITISE TRUST AND COMMUNICATION

Parental controls should support conversations about online safety, not replace them. Explain that WhatsApp's new features do not give adults access to private messages or calls, helping teenagers understand that their privacy remains protected. Reassure young people that they can speak openly about upsetting content, unwanted contact, or pressure from other group members.

## Meet Our Expert



Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

See full reference list on our website

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# School Nurse Clinic



## About Me

Hi! My name is Faye and I am your school nurse.

I will be running a regular clinic in school for parents to discuss health concerns for their children.

## How to Book

contact the school office to book an appointment

Please note this appointment will be a 25 minute slot for parents, I will not be able to see your child at this time.

## What Do We Support With?

- Fussy eating
- Sleep
- Toileting
- Growth including under and overweight concerns
- Healthy lifestyles

We are Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare

School Nursing Duty Line: 0300 123 6661

**TJS School Nurse Clinic Dates:**

Wednesday 2nd December 08:45-11:45
Wednesday 24th March 12:00-15:00
Wednesday 7th July 12:00-15:00
Wednesday 10th February 08:45-11:45
Wednesday 26th May 08:45-11:45

School Age Immunisation Service

NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

# Your child's Flu vaccine is due



The Immunisation team will be in the school on

**Thursday**

**19th November 2026**

## FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have. (A porcine free injection is available)
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

**Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form**
(even if you wish to opt out)

**School Code**

**CW116134**

For more information, visit our website:
**www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/**

# CAN YOU HELP?

# WE ARE COLLECTING SELECTION BOXES AND ADVENT CALENDARS FOR THE CHOCOLATE ELF

THE CHOCOLATE ELF SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S HOMES, CHILDREN IN CARE, WOMEN'S REFUGES AND CHILDREN'S RESPITE CENTRES ACROSS HAMPSHIRE.

OUR MISSION IS TO ENSURE NO CHILD MISSES OUT ON CHRISTMAS MAGIC. YOUR GIFT WILL TRULY IMPROVE A CHILD'S DAY.



facebook.com/groups/TheChocolateElf

# Dolce Christmas Card Competition!

Create an A4 Christmas picture using paint, crayons or chalk

(Please do not use glitter or cotton wool)

**Win an iPad!**

and a pack of Christmas cards displaying the winning design

**Important** – Please ask students to write their name, age and school on the back

The deadline for entries is

**20th November 2026.**

# STUBBINGTON STUDY CENTRE

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Open to years 3-6

Spend time in the outdoors trying new activities and challenges. Includes sandwich lunch and snacks. Early drop off available (with breakfast) at an extra charge.

21st and 22nd December

£36 PER DAY

10% sibling discount



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Hampshire County Council

Stubbington Study Centre



# SHOLING VALLEYS

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER**
**11.00AM TO 2:30PM**

**Craft/Gift Stalls - Refreshments .....and more**

Masonic Hall Manor Road South Southampton SO19 2DS

# CHRISTMAS
## Holiday Camps







4 TO 13 YEARS OLD

08:30 TO 17:30 DAILY

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# Next Week at Re:Minds

**16th – 20th November**

**Drop in**

**10am–12pm · Monday 16th November**

## Northam Support Group

These meetings are an opportunity to chat with other families in similar situations over a cuppa! Everyone is welcome to attend and all meetings are free of charge. 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.

Held at Northam Community Centre, Kent Street, Northam, Southampton, SO14 5SP

**No booking needed – just drop in**

**Please check our Facebook events page for any changes, or visit our website to find out more information about our advice clinics and support groups.**

reminds.org.uk /groups/reminds info@reminds.org.uk

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*We invite you to come and see for yourself.*



**Open Evening**
Thursday 8th October
4.30pm-7pm

**Open Morning**
Tuesday 24th November
9.30am-11.30am

*Book now!*
**thegreggschool.org**

## Dates for the Year

**AUTUMN TERM 2026**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **16th – 20th November** | : | Assessment Week |
| **Friday, 20th November** | : | Disco (5:30pm - 7pm) |
| **Tuesday, 1st December** | : | Parents Evening (3:30pm – 6:30pm) |
| **Thursday, 3rd December** | : | Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:30pm): 3F, 6I, 6P |
| **Friday, 4th December** | : | Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:30pm): 3T, 4C, 4T, 5B, 5G |
| **Friday 11th December** | : | SFC Film Evening |
| **Tuesday, 15th December** | : | Carols by Candlelight (5pm) |
| **Wednesday, 16th December** | : | Christmas Lunch |
| **Friday, 18th December** | : | End of Term (3.15pm) |

**SPRING TERM 2027**

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

Monday 22nd February 2026
Friday 18th June 2027

