

Townhill Junior School

Weekly Update: 2nd May



It has been a busy week, with the sun shining all week making learning and playtime very enjoyable. We hope you will enjoy more of the warm weather over the Bank Holiday weekend. Here is a flavour of the week.

Year 5 visit to Argyle Road Mosque

On Monday, Year 5 visited the Mosque in Argyle Road as part of their RE work. The children listened brilliantly to the presentations and asked lots of thoughtful questions. They were then able to respectfully observe prayer and represented the school wonderfully. We are very grateful to Zahir and his team for making us feel so welcome.



Water Smart Schools

In assembly on Monday, Mrs Salmon introduced the children to the Water Smart Schools scheme. We are honoured to be chosen to deliver this scheme and it is a topic close to our hearts following the tragedy at Bournemouth Beach two summer's ago which involved the son of an active member of our school community. There will be lots of follow up work for Y5 in school and hopefully the children will now know all about the Water Safety Code.



Summer Checklist



With the warmer weather please ensure your child has a water bottle, with a sports cap in school. Please also consider if your child will need sun cream for the day and apply before school. For PE lessons, please ensure your child has shorts and their school PE top in their lockers. A sun hat is also useful, particularly if they are doing outdoor clubs after school.

VE Day 80th Anniversary – Thursday 8th May
Save the Date!

On Thursday 8th May we will be holding a day of special celebrations to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The children will be doing various activities throughout the day **and can wear either red, white and blue, or clothing linked to that era.**



If you have relatives in your family who experienced VE Day we would like to hear about their experiences. Please Mr H or let the school office know if they are happy to be involved in the commemorations.

We would love you to celebrate with us later in the day by having a community get together on our school playground (weather permitting) as part of a street party where the children will be having Union Jack themed cake. Parent/Carers are invited to join us for some singing and dancing and gates will be open at 2:15pm. We will finish in time for collection from the Infants.

In preparation for this, we have a creative activity planned and would ask you to send your child in with a large-ish empty bottle. We only actually need the base (as shown in the images below) so if you were able to cut this off for the children in advance that would save time, but if this is not possible we will do it for them.



Current Learning

	Subject	What the children will be learning	Ideas to support with the learning at home
Y3	English	Narratives: Edward Tulane	Choose somewhere you know to write an interesting setting description
	Maths	Lines and Shapes	Find examples of perpendicular lines around you
	Spanish	Los instrumentos	Teach an adult the names of different instruments in Spanish
Y4	English	Non-Chronological Reports	Read a non-chronological report and show an adult the key features
	Maths	x and ÷ by 10 and 100	Multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 - BBC Bitesize
	History	Egyptians	Invite an adult to our Egyptian day next Friday afternoon
Y5	English	Non-Chronological Reports	Start thinking of other sub-sections for your 'we do' report on the human body
	Maths	Measurement	Look at distances to places in miles and km and compare them
	Geography	Rivers	Over the bank holiday try to visit a local river and look at the human and physical features
Y6	English	Letters of Complaint	Think about an event you would like to complain about in preparation for writing your own letter
	Maths	Revision for SATs	Extra work on www.maths.co.uk and TT Rocks.
	History	Mayan houses	Investigate the materials used to make your own home



Year 6 Revision Packs



As Year 6 build up to SATs there will be optional revision packs available for each week from class teachers. Please ask your class teacher each **Friday** and they are ready for you to take home.

Star of the Week

Class	Name
3G	Raena
3T	Karina
4T	Valencia
4P	Veronika
5I	Martin
5OH	Aria
6S	Arys
6C	James
6O	Tristan
PE	Saumya
Music	4T



Times Tables Rocks Leaderboard

Rank	First Name	Class	Improvement in Speed
1	Tallulah	4T	-5.08
2	Jalen	4T	-4.02
3	Sabrina	4P	-3.23
4	Valencia	4T	-2.97
5	Anaya	3T	-1.53
6	Jayde	4T	-1.45
7	Finley	4T	-1.42
8	Isla	4T	-1.11
9	Leo	4P	-1.1
10	Charis	4P	-1.01

29th April - 1 May 2025 06:00 - 21:00

🏆 All Boys 192 All Girls 128



Boom Reader



Class	Most Reads
3G	Oliver P
3T	Penny
4P	Herkus
4T	Ayda
5I	Desandu & Alexandra
5OH	Matilda
6C	Andrea
6O	Gabriel
6S	Eli
Weekly Class Winner	3G

Spelling Shed



Rank	Pupil	Class	Score	Total Score
1	Janelle O	3G	5,680,061	94,215,914
2	Mysha M	5I	4,626,718	44,334,317
3	Charis M	4P	3,507,694	135,148,412
4	Hector G	5OH	1,698,948	45,942,336
5	Charlie S	3G	1,400,860	42,046,505
6	Desandi G	5OH	1,173,320	9,032,554
7	Ava C	3G	1,049,204	1,427,499
8	Alexandra P	5I	958,426	254,702,481
9	Peterclever	5I	895,082	14,015,873
10	Desandu G	5I	877,986	28,037,283

School Attendance News



Attendance Statistics

Whole School Attendance this week	Whole School Attendance this year to date
94.1%	94.0%
Number of children with over 97% attendance this week	Number of children with over 97% attendance this year
207	117



Class Attendance for this week: 27th – 31st January

Weekly Attendance	3G	3T	4P	4T	5I	5OH	6C	6O	6S
Attendance Percentage	94.7%	96.5%	93.3%	96.5%	94.3%	93.8%	94.2%	94.4%	96.1%
Difference on last week	-0.4%	+4.7%	+6.3%	+5.3%	+5.8%	-0.1%	+0.5%	+2.3%	-0.5%

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

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's well-being. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Involving 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviour, and allowing road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add home-school activities like sporting events or school - which may have a green number plate - and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others, remind them that their poem might not always be the best risk evader.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright, and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practice double-checking the road before crossing - looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend needs to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of walking instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the curb and should always walk - not run - when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the curb - not right at the edge of it, leading before they get to the curb allows them to see if anything is coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising areas crossings or pedestrian crossings, roundabouts and railway. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if were the curb, walking and checking for traffic before crossing. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, including for drivers in the vehicle and listening for engines running - but remember that visible vehicles may move at any time. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle - it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

Think! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviour - whether it's driving, cycling, horse riding or walking - with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/welcome-resources/>

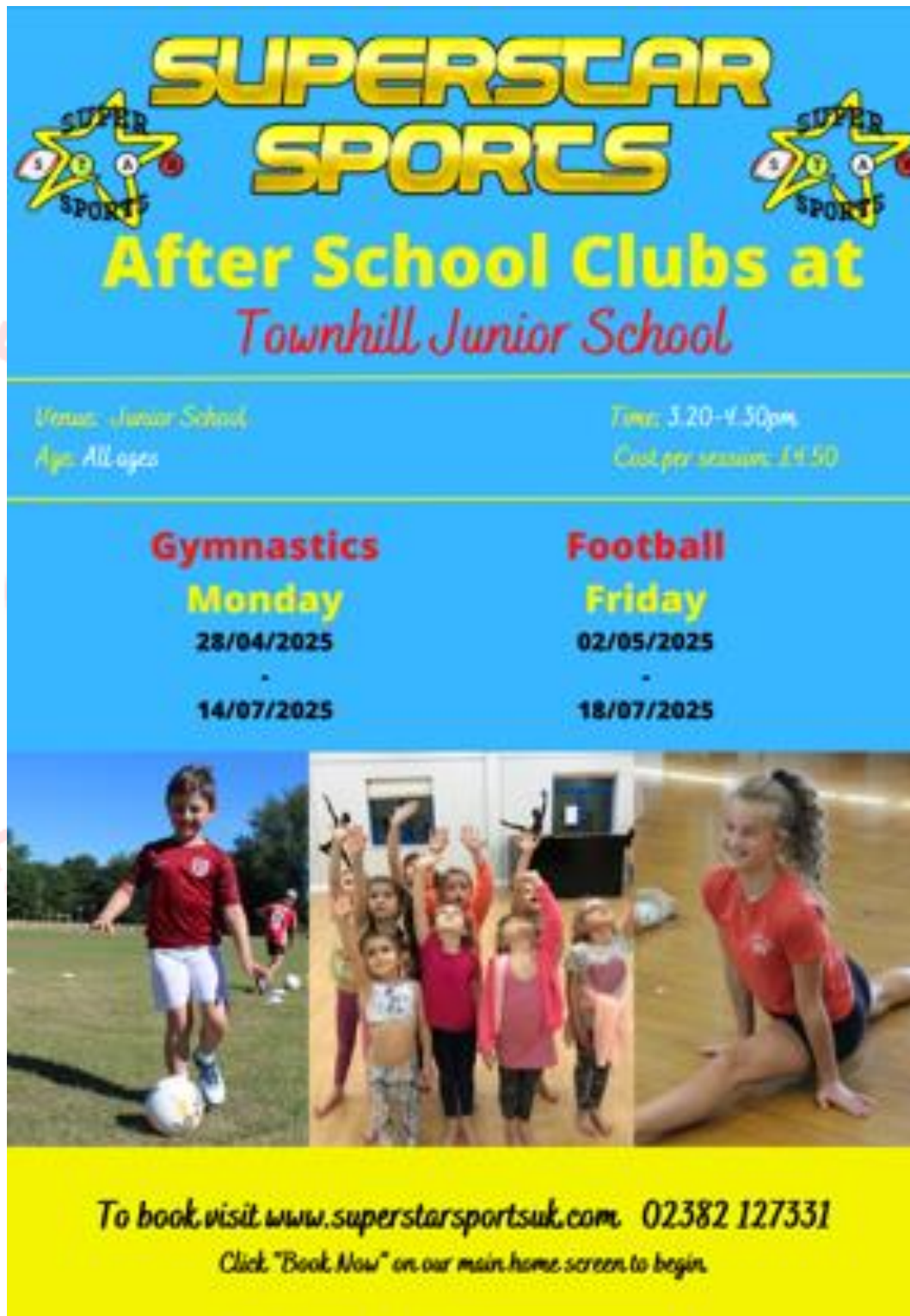


#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

After School Clubs

Our after school gymnastics and football clubs are provided by Superstar Sports. Their bookings are now open on their website. Details are in the flyer below.



SUPERSTAR SPORTS

**After School Clubs at
Townhill Junior School**

Venue: Junior School
Age: All ages

Times: 3.20-4.50pm
Cost per session: £4.50

Gymnastics	Football
Monday	Friday
28/04/2025	02/05/2025
-	-
14/07/2025	18/07/2025

To book visit www.superstarsportsuk.com 02382 127331
Click "Book Now" on our main home screen to begin.

Next week at Re:Minds... 5th - 9th May

Self-Harm Advice Clinic

Wednesday 7th May 10am

Join our virtual self harm clinic led by Georgia Marks, Service Manager from Closer2Home. Georgia will be able to talk through any issues your young person is experiencing with self harm, giving practical tips and advice and answering any questions you have.

Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book your space



Autism Advice Clinic

Wednesday 7th May 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



Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book an appointment at the clinic or follow the link to the booking form on the events!

CAMHS Advice Clinic

Thursday 8th May 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.



SEND Legal Advice Clinic

Wednesday 7th May 12.30pm

We are linking with Shentons Solicitors to offer three SEND legal advice clinics to our Re:Minds families who require advice around education, tribunals, appeals etc.

Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book a slot, or follow the link on the event.



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SUNDAY MAY 04

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TICKETS FROM £4  SCAN TO BOOK

Senior School

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE EVENT

FREE ENTRY

Saturday 10 May, 12-2pm
at MacArthur Crescent Playfield,
SO18 4SS.

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Dates for the Diary

Monday, 5th May	:	Bank Holiday
Thursday, 8th May	:	VE Day 80 th Anniversary
Friday, 9th May	:	Y4 History Parent Outcome Event (2:15pm)
12th – 15th May	:	SATs Week (Y6)
Friday, 23rd May	:	Y6 Careers Fair (pm)
	:	Break the Rules Day
26th – 30th May	:	Half Term
Friday, 6th June	:	Discos Y3/4 (5:00pm) & Y5/6 (6:45pm)
Friday, 13th June	:	Y6 Paultons Trip
Friday, 20th June	:	INSET Day
23rd – 27th June	:	Assessment Week (Y3 –5)
23rd – 27th June	:	Y6 Enterprise Week
Wednesday, 25th June	:	3G Pizza Express Trip
Wednesday, 2nd July	:	Transfer Day
	:	Year 2 Parents Evening (5:30pm)
Thursday, 3rd July	:	Y3 & Y4 (9am – 11:30am) Sports Day
Friday, 4th July	:	Y5 & Y6 (9am – 11:30am) Sports Day (Reserve Sports Day: Mon 7 th July)
Tuesday, 8th July	:	Y4 Itchen Valley Teambuilding Day
Wednesday, 9th July	:	3T Pizza Express Trip
Friday, 18th July	:	Year 6 Leavers Prom (6.30pm – 8:30pm)
Monday, 21st July	:	Y6 Leavers Celebration Event (6:00pm)
Tuesday, 22nd July	:	End of Term: (3.15pm)



INSET Days for 2025/26

Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Thursday 4th September 2025
Friday 10th October 2025
Monday 23rd February 2026
Friday 19th June 2026

Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend,

Mr H
Headteacher

