

Townhill Junior School

Weekly Update: 21st March



Year 5 Emergency Aid



In PSHE this week, Year 5 have been learning how to administer emergency aid. They got to practise how to place one another in the recovery position and what to do in an emergency situation.

World Book Day Competitions

The prizes for our World Book Day Book Token Design competition went to:

Y3: Clara & Jaxon

Y4: Sarah

Y5: Mysha & Desandi

Y6: Amayah & Jasmine



Our Extreme Reading Competition still has one more week to go so please send your entries to Mrs Gregory. She will also be opening the Scholastic Book Fair at break and lunch on Monday as well as after school for the last day we have it in school.

Year 5 DT Work



Year 5 have been putting their sewing skills to good use by designing and making soft toys. They got to stuff their designs to give them a 3D appearance and then worked at developing their blanket stitchwork along the edges. The children were understandably proud of their work and have now taken them home to show their families.

Gardening Club



Our Gardening Club and Miss Oliver have been busy making the school environment look ready for spring. They have been tidying the flower beds in the Courtyard garden and planted new plants. Their planting from earlier in the term is also now starting to grow with a number of shoots forming along the main pathway beside the school.

Tag Rugby



On Wednesday, Mr Innes took our Upper School Tag Rugby team to St Marks for the School Games rugby festival. They played a high standard of rugby in some very close games. The format meant there were lots of games and each team got to play 9 matches so were very tired by the time they got back to TJS!

County Cross Country

On Friday, our Upper School Cross Country squad competed in the City Championships at the Sports Centre. There were some excellent performances, following on from the Lower School team who finished 3rd in the girl's event, while our boys were crowned City Champions.

The individual results for Upper School were:

Name	Position
Connor	9
Callum	14
Oliver	20
Peterclever	37
Mannie	38
Hector	70
Theodore	72
Jay-Sean	73

Name	Position
Amayah	9
Esme	37
Nella	38
Sienna	69
Lily	80



Mother's Day Gifts



Our School Fundraising Committee have been busy collecting gifts for Mother's Day. These will be on sale outside Miss Fogerty's classroom at break and lunchtime from Wednesday. Prices are from £1 - £3 so please send your child in with cash to buy a little something special.

Easter Raffle

Look out for details of our Easter raffle going out at the end of this week. As well as the usual selection of chocolate based prizes, the star prize will be a brand new bike!



Current Learning

	Subject	What the children will be learning	Ideas to support with the learning at home
Y3	English	Newspaper Reports	Read a newspaper or a news story online and see what language features you can spot
	Maths	Fractions	Tell an adult how to add and subtract fractions
	RE	Easter	Tell an adult what you remember about the Easter story
Y4	English	Newspaper Reports	Read a newspaper report or listen to Newsround.
	Maths	Decimals	Explain to an adult how you order decimals
	Spanish	Las estaciones	Tell an adult the names of the different seasons in Spanish
Y5	English	Newspaper Reports	Try writing newspaper headlines for an event in your life!
	Maths	Geometry: Measuring angles	Explain to an adult how to measure an angle using a protractor
	PSHE	Emergency Aid	Tell an adult about Emergency Aid and demonstrate the recovery position
Y6	English	Persuasive Speeches	Try asking for something in different ways at home and see what your family think is the most persuasive!
	Maths	Geometry: Describing Position	Look at work on co-ordinates and moving shape position on www.maths.co.uk
	Geography	Earthquakes and Volcanos	Revise what you have learnt in preparation for your double page spread



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.

Subject Spotlight on Reading

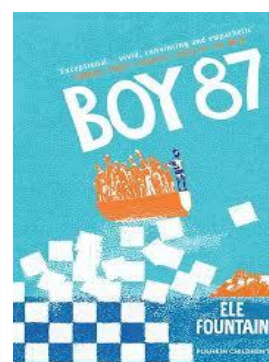
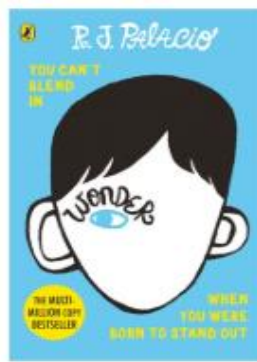
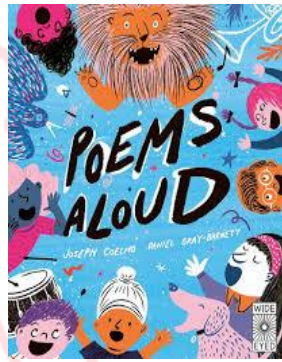
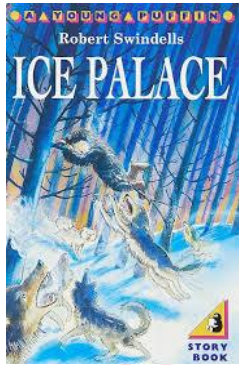


Subject Leader: Mrs Gregory

Subject Summary: Reading

This term we are reading:

Year 3	The Ice Palace by Robert Swindells
Year 4	Poems Aloud by Joseph Coelho
Year 5	Wonder by R. J Palacio
Year 6	Boy 87 by Ele Fountain



Developments in Reading:

- ❖ We have joined the Reading Charter – a new initiative for Southampton schools. This has helped us to ensure all learners have access to a decodable book which can be taken home. We are also exploring access to online books for these pupils which they use in Rapid Phonics sessions.
- ❖ The library is having an overhaul, re-arranging the location of books, new signage and the removal of old and ripped books, with the help of Mrs Hooper (one of our governors) and Mrs Gall (one of our reading volunteers).
- ❖ Developing a display board to promote reading for pleasure through a range of activities and challenges. This half term it is 'extreme reading'. In the future it will include reading around the world, book reviews and author spotlights.

Achievements / New Learning in Reading:

- ❖ World Book Day 2025 – awesome participation levels. Focused on one author across the whole school, with each year group taking a different book. We used Anthony Browne with Y3 using 'The Tunnel', Year 4 'What If?', Year 5 'Voices in the Park' and Year 6 'Gorilla'. The conversations the texts generated and the work produced was really positive.
- ❖ There are a range of new texts being used across the school in English and Guided Reading sessions. Reading Champions will be involved in selecting books from Scholastic with the money we raise from the Book Fair.
- ❖ More teachers are including online author visits to encourage Reading for pleasure. Both Year 4 & 5 have held, or are shortly holding parent reading events, whilst Year 4 also visited our local library. Children in 3T visited October Books to spend the WBD vouchers and we hope to establish a relationship with this independent book shop moving forwards.

Thought of the week:

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . . The man who never reads lives only one." – George R.R. Martin



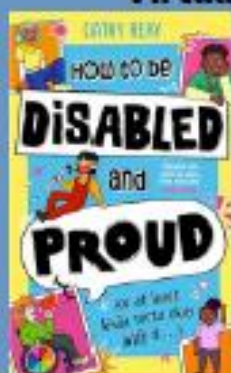
SOUTHAMPTON READING

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EDITION 4

Virtual Author Visits



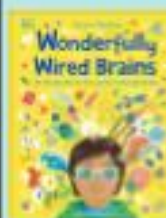
Friday 28th March 2025

11:30am (45 mins)

Suitable for: ages 8-12.

Join disabled author of How To Be Disabled and Proud, Cathy Reay, to explore disability, empowerment, and identity. This event will shed light on the realities of being a disabled kid in today's world, while giving children the tools and gentle support to inspire them to be part of the change disabled kids need to see in the world. [Book here](#)

Non-fiction



Wonderfully
Wired Brains
Louise Gooding
Age 7+

I am not a
Label
Cerrie Burnell
Age 7+



All about
Diversity
Felicity Brooks
& Mar Ferrero
Ages 4-9

Matt Goodfellow's New Release



Many year 6 teachers across the city have adopted Matt Goodfellow's Incredible Clipipa winning verse novel 'The Final Year'. Click [here](#) to see Matt reading some extracts of the The Final Year. Next month, sees the release of his latest story in verse, 'The First Year', following Nate as he begins his journey at secondary school. Suitable for ages 9+. Released 10th April 2025.



Scholastic Book Fair

The last day of the Scholastic Book Fair is on Monday. It will be open at **break, lunch and after school** in:

The Year 3 Spare Classroom.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELING BOOKS

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DATE: 18th - 24th March 2025

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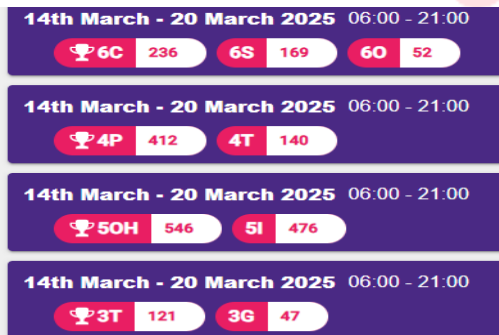
Star of the Week

Class	Name
3G	Daniel
3T	Jaxon
4T	Tymon
4P	Hannah
5I	Alyssia
5OH	Ben
6S	Cody
6C	Arys
6O	Amelia
PE	Harley (3T)
Music	Alfie (4T)



Times Tables Rocks Leaderboard

Rank	First Name	Class	Improvement in Speed
1	Herkus	4P	-1.95
2	Jaxon	3T	-1.19
3	Harnoor	6C	-0.99
4	Lina	5I	-0.93
5	Alfie	4T	-0.38
6	Timothy	6C	-0.33
7	Gloria	6S	-0.21
8	Amayah	6S	-0.19
9	Ayda	4T	-0.19
10	Aleasia	5OH	-0.18



Boom Reader



Class	Most Reads
3G	Ruby
3T	Oscar
4P	Herkus
4T	Connor
5I	Desandu
5OH	Desandi
6C	X
6O	Max B
6S	Eli
Weekly Class Winner	3G

Spelling Shed



Rank	Pupil	Class	Score	Total Score
1	Desandu	5I	9,041,115	9,041,115
2	Tawfiq	5I	7,982,126	41,962,237
3	Desandi	5OH	3,802,614	5,764,048
4	Charis	4P	3,399,508	116,815,978
5	Kaci-Jai	4T	3,116,292	28,181,146
6	Peterclever	5I	2,769,846	13,120,791
7	Janelle	3G	2,640,985	85,312,107
8	Isa	5I	2,490,424	35,710,920
9	Oscar C	3T	2,341,562	7,515,938
10	Leo B	6S	2,196,280	52,358,150

School Attendance News



Attendance Statistics

Whole School Attendance this week	93.9%	Whole School Attendance this year to date	94.0%
Number of children with over 97% attendance this week	206	Number of children with over 97% attendance this year	117



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

Weekly Attendance	3G	3T	4P	4T	5I	5OH	6C	6O	6S
Attendance Percentage	96.4%	91.0%	95.8%	98.5%	89.7%	94.4%	95.2%	93.1%	96.4%
Difference on last week	+1.2%	-9.0%	-1.4%	+1.2%	-3.8%	-1.3%	+0.9%	-4.1%	+1.4%

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

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy and we would love to hear from you if you would be interested in supporting the school in a governor capacity. Please look out for a letter from our Chair of Governors outlining what the role of a school governor involves. If you would like to express your interest please email: info@townhilljuniorschool.co.uk.



Don't miss your chance to sign up. This event is on Monday at TJS:



Helping Your Child Manage their Worries

A Workshop for Parents and Carers

- Does your child have a lot of 'what if' worries?
- Does your child feel anxious about school?
- Does your child fear particular places, situations or objects?
- Does your child struggle with separation?

All children have fears and worries but for some children this can start to impact their wellbeing.

It can be difficult for parents/carers to know how best to support children to overcome these challenges.

This workshop is for parents and carers to understand more about what anxiety is and learn some tools which help with managing worries.



Who: All Parents and Carers are welcome
Where: Townhill Junior School
When: 24th March 2025
Time: 1:45-2:45
What do I need to bring?: Just yourself, however you are welcome to bring note paper and a pen if you would like.
What to do if you would like to attend this workshop? Complete sign up sheet within infant/junior school reception

Southampton Mental Health in Schools Team

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Live streaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.8 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that lead to inappropriate behavior. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (slandering or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to subscribe to. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a net worth of \$10 million, but this is typical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or act off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say some things to get online and viewers are to carry them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and a small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often motivated and unable to spend freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Bonga, which have grown in popularity with names for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, so-called "dash outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially visible with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some oversight.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screen time limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like apps it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the games editor of the Daily Star, and has been writing in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, Techradar, and plenty more.



Source: See full references list on guide page at <https://www.commonsense.org/updates/streamers>

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Find the full guide in the parent section on our website:
[Healthy Lunchbox Guide | Townhill Junior School](#)



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2024/25

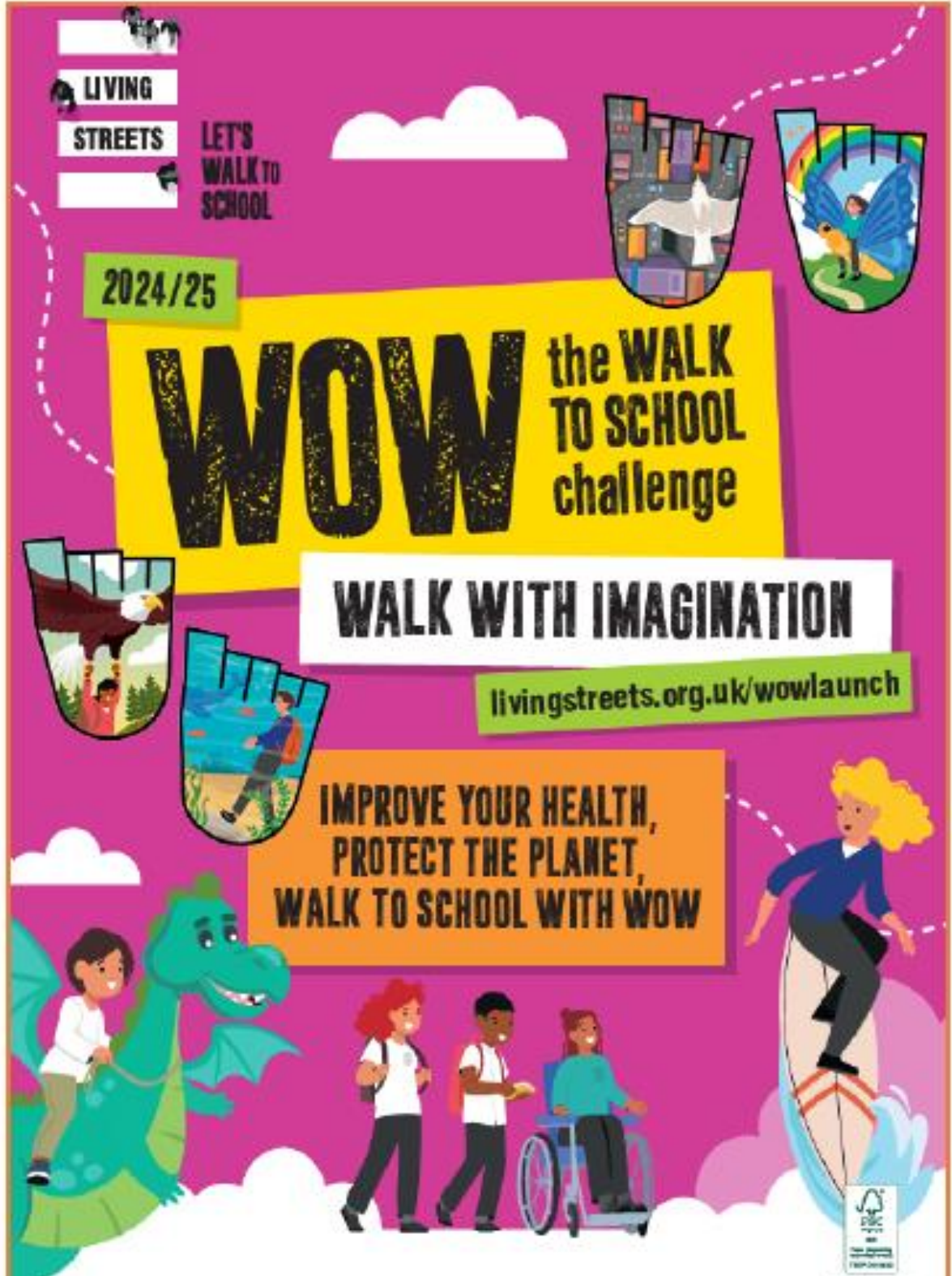
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Next week at Re:Minds...

24th-28th March 2025

NEW

Eating Disorders Advice Clinic

Tuesday 25th March 10.30am

Book a 15 minute, private, virtual appointment by Zoom to speak with a specialist clinician from the CAMHS Eating Disorder team for advice about:

eating disorders / disordered eating
eating patterns / increased activity
ARFID / relationship with food

or any other aspects of concern around eating

**Email info@reminds.org.uk
to book**



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



Millbrook Support Group



Friday 28th March 10am

A chance to talk to other parents/carers with neurodiverse children and/or mental health issues. Get advice & support from our team - it doesn't matter where you live, you can attend any group!

You can also access the book & sensory library on request

please allow 48 hours prior notice for this

Face to face meetings are held at:
All Saints Church, Sedbergh Road, Millbrook, Southampton, SO16 8HJ

This venue has free parking onsite and is accessible - Refreshments available



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Monday 7th April	10.30am - 12.30pm	Shiny Easter Egg Pictures Bitterne Library Suitable for all ages
Wednesday 9th April	10.30am - 12.30pm	Origami Plant Pots Woolston Library Suitable for all ages
Wednesday 9th April	10.30am - 12pm	Miffy & Peter rabbit masks Portswood Library Suitable for all ages
Thursday 10th April	10.30am - 12.30pm	Mainly Miffy Central Library Suitable for all ages
Thursday 10th April	10.30am - 11.30am	Brilliant Bird Hats Shirley Library Suitable for all ages
Thursday 10th April	2.30pm - 3.30pm	All aboard! Lordshill Library Suitable for all ages
Monday 14th April	10.30am - 12.30pm	Origami Plant Pots Bitterne Library Suitable for all ages
Wednesday 16th April	10.30am - 12pm	Bunny cones & Easter baskets Portswood Library Suitable for all ages
Wednesday 16th April	10.30am - 12.30pm	Shiny Easter Egg Pictures Woolston Library Suitable for all ages
Thursday 17th April	10.30am— 11.30am	Rockin'Rabbits Shirley Library Suitable for all ages

Dolce School Meals



A reminder that there will be an incoming price increase for school meals. From 31st March the price for a meal will increase from £2.35 to £2.59.

Parents Evening

Don't forget to sign up for your Parents Evening appointment through Arbor. See the dates below for when they are taking place for each class.



Big Difference Pantry Visit



Following a successful recent visit, you can now jump on board the school minibus and join Mrs Austin on a visit to the Big Difference food pantry, 'a social supermarket in Northam providing accessible and healthy food and drinks at reduced prices.' This is a great way to stock up on essentials and socialise with other TJS parents! Coffee and cake available back at school.

Upcoming trips - Thursday 1st April at 10.10am-11.30am Tickets are £1 per person. Please contact Mrs Austin or the office to reserve a seat!

Dates for the Diary

24th March: Scholastic Book Fair (in Y3 Spare Classroom)

Helping You Child Manage Their Worries Workshop at TJS

Friday, 28th March: Parents Evening for 4P, 4T, 5I and 6S

Monday, 31st March: Parents Evening (3:30pm – 5:00pm) (Not Y4)

Tuesday, 1st April: Parents Evening (3:30pm – 7:00pm)

Thursday, 3rd April: Y5 Parent Reading Event (2:30pm)

Friday, 4th April: Break the Rules Day

End of Term: (3.15pm)



Wishing you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend,

Mr H
Headteacher

