

# Townhill Junior School

## Start of Summer Term Update



I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the Summer Term on Monday at 8:35am.

### Building Work Update

Over the break there has been a lot of work taking place on the school site and I am pleased to report that the roof work is now virtually complete, with just a small bit of interior work remaining. Therefore the school looks very different with all but a small amount of scaffolding finally removed after 463 days! Skylights have been installed in many areas of the school and we have had new air conditioning installed in the upper school area and library. There have also been repairs to the amphitheatre area of the playground so there is a lot for the children to look forward to on their return to school tomorrow.

Now that the roof is complete we will be investing in improved lighting throughout the school and this will take place during the summer term. With the drier weather, our work on the former decking area of the playground can take place and I am busy applying for grants to support this.



### Technology Update

We are pleased to report that through our fundraising initiatives from both the School Fundraising Committee and Tuck Shop sales, we have been able to purchase a further 60 I Pads for the school. This means that each year group will have their own set of 30 I Pads which will be using to add to our curriculum support and online learning opportunities. They have had a proven impact across the school and I know the children find them an engaging way to supplement their learning.



## Food Update

With an increasing number of children with food allergies and ahead of new laws coming into schools from September, we are updating some of our policies around food in school and reminding the children of other guidance we already have in place.

Firstly, our lunchtime catering providers, Dolce, have a computer system which flags all the allergies a child has and they served accordingly. Please check that our records are accurate for you child as their system picks up directly from Arbor.

Additionally, we would like to remind you that we are a nut free school and have been for some time.

Next, we would respectfully ask that sweets / cakes are not brought into school to celebrate birthdays. This is something that could have unintended issues for the children with allergies and we would not expect parents and carers to provide different types of food to cater for all these needs. Therefore we would ask you to move away from this idea, even though we understand the reasons behind celebrating in this way.

In line with this guidance and as we work towards our Healthy Hi 5 Gold Status, the snacks on offer from the Tuck Shop will be changing to fit in with these guidelines. We are still keeping the cost at 50p for the time being but there will be a difference to what is on offer. The food has also been checked to ensure it meets the allergy needs of our children. The children already know that they are not permitted to eat crisps and chocolate at breaktime, but they are acceptable as part of their school lunchbox.

We have also moved away from any food based rewards in school and our processes for Food Technology have also been tightened in line with the new allergen guidance coming into place later in the year.

Lastly, as the summer term begins and we hope for warmer weather, it is important that the children have water bottles in school. If this is an issue for you, please let Mrs Austin know and she will be able to support you.



## Dates for the Year

### SUMMER TERM 2026

<b>Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	:	Summer Term begins
<b>Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	:	Y6 SATS Parents Evening Event (6:00pm)
<b>Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	:	Language & Cultural Day
	:	Y5 Outcome afternoon (2:20pm)
<b>Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	:	Disco (5:30pm - 7pm)
<b>Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	:	Y5 Astrodome event (1)
<b>Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	:	Y3 Hilliers Trip
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	:	Bank Holiday
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	:	SATs Week (Y6)
<b>Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	:	Drama Club Performance: High School Musical (5:30pm)
<b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	:	Y6 Careers Fair (pm)
	:	'Break the Rules' Non-Uniform Day
<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	:	Half Term
<b>Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	:	Y5 Astrodome event (2)
<b>Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	:	Disco (5:30pm – 7pm )
<b>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	:	Y6 Paultons Trip
<b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	:	INSET Day
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	:	Assessment Week (Y3 –5)
<b>Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	:	Year 2 Parents Evening (5:30pm)
<b>Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	:	Transfer Day
<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	:	Y3 & Y4 (9am – 11:30am) Sports Day
<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	:	Y5 & Y6 (9am – 11:30am) Sports Day (Reserve Sports Day: Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> July)
<b>Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	:	Y4 Itchen Valley Teambuilding Day
<b>Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	:	Year 6 Leavers Prom (6.30pm – 8:30pm)
<b>Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	:	Y6 Leavers Celebration Event (6:00pm)
<b>Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	:	End of Term: (3.15pm)

