



Townhill Junior School Newsletter - July 2026

Welcome to our school newsletter



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Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a long and warm summer term we have reached the end of term and the summer holidays have begun. The last day of term is always a day of mixed emotions, but I am extremely proud of everything the children have achieved this year and the hard work they have put in - they really have modelled our learning values throughout the year.

In this final newsletter of the year, I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year and as I have referenced several times in my newsletters, the children have been an absolute credit to the school and their families all year.

As well as our wonderful Y6 pupils leaving, two members of staff are also moving on. After several years teaching across the school Mrs Oliver-Rogers is moving on to Twyford School near Winchester. She started here as a student teacher and taught through Lockdown. The staff and children will miss her enthusiasm, energy and dress style enormously. Mr West will also be moving on having joined us earlier this year and made a huge impact when he steadied the ship in 6W and led them calmly through SATs and the end of year celebrations. We wish them both all the best and my huge thanks for their fantastic efforts teaching at TJS.

After an exciting few weeks of celebrations and a wonderful performances, Year 6 leave us covered in signatures but they have left their mark on us too. We are so proud of them and all that they have achieved, and in particular their SATs results this year were some of our strongest ever performances which I know will stand them in good stead for secondary school. Absolutely every one of them should be so proud of what they have achieved and how much they have learnt and grown as young people during their time at TJS.

I know that you will want to join me in saying 'thank you' to our amazing staff team who have worked so tirelessly this year. They will all be having a well-earned break, ready to come back in September with exciting new ideas and experiences planned for the children.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing those who are returning in September. For those who are leaving us for the final time, I wish you all the best for the future and I look forward to hearing about your onward journeys.

Best wishes for a fabulous summer break

Mr Humphries



Wonderwall

Huge congratulations to our Wonderwall winners who were announced in assembly on Friday and chosen by their teachers for their hard work over the term. The recipients were as follows:

3F: Danny

3G: Bella

4OR: Izzy

4T: Sophia

5C: Renesmai & Tymon

5T: Fleur

6I: Brian

6W: Reggie

Sport: Ava B (6I)



End of Year Awards

Award	Recipient
Sports Boy of the Year	Peter
Sports Girls of the Year	Lily N
Boy Musician of the Year	Vlad
Girl Musician of the Year	Maisie
TJS Sports Values Award	Clarke
Boy Footballer of the Year	Archie H
Girls Footballer of the Year	Sienna G

Times Tables Rocks Final Leaderboard

Rank	First Name	Class	Overall Speed
1	Desandu	6I	0.45
2	Tawfiq	6I	0.46
3	Martin	6I	0.50
4	Kaci-Jai	5C	0.55
5	Jesaiah	5C	0.55
6	Jaivon	5T	0.55
7	Jimmy	6OH	0.56
8	Sophia	4T	0.60
9	Divino	5T	0.60
10	Bow	4OR	0.65



House Points

Throughout the half term, the children have enjoyed competing as a house and collecting house points by demonstrating the school's learning values and following the three school rules. They also gained points for TT Rock, Boom Read and Sports Day.

The winning house this half term was Ruby!

House	Total Points
Sapphire	4
Emerald	4
Ruby	5

Our Houses

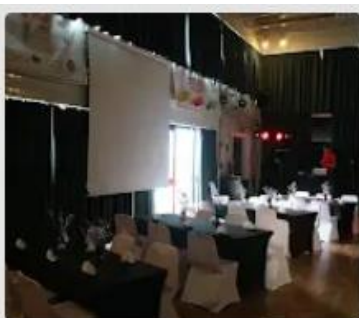


Year 6 Leavers Performance

On Tuesday evening, our talented Year 6 children performed their Leavers Show to a packed audience at the Sarah Moore 6th Form Theatre thanks to the support of staff at Bitterne Park. They put on an incredible show with a mixture of acting, dance and singing and deservedly got a huge applause from the audience. They also showed it to the rest of the school on Monday and tears were certainly flowing after each emotional performance.



Year 6 Prom



On the last Friday of term our Year 6 children got to enjoy their Prom whilst being dressed in their finest outfits. Taking place in the transformed school hall, they got to enjoy the photo booth, candy floss, popcorn and Domino's pizza. They even had goodie bags with treats and personalised cakes to

enjoy. This was all made possible by the help and hard work of our wonderful School Fundraising Committee who were determined to give this fantastic year group the perfect send off.

Ice Cream Treat

Year 6 finished the term with a treat from an ice cream van. This is what they decided to invest their profits into following their successful 'Grow £5' challenge. The ice creams went down very well and the children saw the value of working hard to come up with money making ideas.



Speech Competition

At the beginning of the last full week, we had our TJS Speech Competition Grand Final. After all the children in the school had performed their speeches, the final four children were chosen with a winner from each year group. The standard was extremely high with four high quality speeches on a range of subjects, followed by four very different surprise one minute speeches. The decision to select a winner was very difficult, but our guest judge Donna Tandy, Director of Education for the Local Authority, was very impressed and after totalling her scores choose Brian as this year's winner of the annual trophy.



Dance Festival



Our fantastic street dance team took part in the School Games Dance Competition in St Mark's School Dance Studio. Their energetic and impressive performance saw them win the award for best music and all our dancers represented the school fantastically.

Summer Reading Challenge



The children spent the last few weeks of term completing the Summer Reading Challenge from Southampton Library Service. They also provided a fantastic selection of books for the children to keep. Well done to all those who were presented with their medals in assembly.

Parent / Carer Survey

There is still time to complete our end of year survey if you have not done so already. Please use the link below to submit your answers:

[TJS End of Year Parent / Carer Survey - July 2026 - Fill in form](#)

School Attendance News



Attendance Statistics

Whole School Attendance this week 93.4%	Whole School Attendance this year to date 94%
Number of children with over 97% attendance this week 177	Number of children with over 97% attendance this year 98



Class Attendance for this week:

Weekly Attendance	3F	3G	4OR	4T	5C	5T	6I	6W
Attendance Percentage	100%	90.7%	89.7%	98.5%	96.2%	99.2%	90.1%	94.1%
Progress	+3.4%	-4.2%	-6%	+2.7%	+3.6%	+4%	-3.5%	+1.7%

Every School Day Counts

0 Days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned
5 days absence over the whole year 97% - 100% Good chance of success and progress	20 days absence over the whole year 90% Less chance of success and harder to make progress	20+ days absence over the whole year Under 90% Deterioral to success and progress

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to encourage children to play in lifeguarded areas, as they will be trained to respond rapidly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.

2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new swimming area, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signs and flags entering the water. If visiting the beach, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.

3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water alone, and that they know what could cause serious injuries.

4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Hypothermia arises when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.

5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatable toys seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more restricted and supervised environments.

6 SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, removing lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of bathtubs, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and wait for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. The RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, over and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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- ★ WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST – WORDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
- ★ THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST – HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Step into a magical world inspired by your favourite characters with exciting dance routines, games, and themed activities!



SWIFTY DANCE DAY & BRACELET MAKING

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- ★ FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST – WORDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Calling all Swifties! Dance to your favourite Taylor Swift hits, make friendship bracelets, and enjoy a day full of music, fun, and creativity.



10:00AM - 2:00PM DAILY
£100 PER CHILD

20% SIBLING DISCOUNT

Create, rehearse, and perform your very own musical! Children will learn songs, dances, and scenes throughout the week, finishing with a special mini performance for parents on Friday. Every dancer will also receive a T-shirt!



DATES:

10TH - 14TH AUGUST –
WORDSWORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

17TH - 21ST AUGUST –
HIGHFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

TO BOOK
FOLLOW THIS LINK:



<https://team-spirit-all-stars-dance-academy.pembee.app>





'Kids go free by bus this August'

As part of a government initiative, children aged 5 to 15 will travel for free on any participating local bus in August. This offer runs in addition to the £3 single fare cap and the £1 after 6pm single fare.

Now there's even more reasons to get out by bus to local attractions this August. For example, a family of 2 adults and 2 children, can travel from Southampton to Paulton's Park on the X7/X7R for only £6 each way!

Southampton also has wealth of great things to see and do this August. Whether it's a spot of retail therapy at West Quay, a bite to eat at the many restaurants, to catch the latest films at Showcase Cinema or walk the historic city walls, in addition to kids go free, adults can travel by bus for only £2.60 single within the Southampton zone or £1 after 6pm.

Leave the car at home this August and catch the bus instead, it's much less fuss by bus!

For further information, see bluestarbus.co.uk, firstsolent.co.uk or southampton.gov.uk

INSET Days: 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 22nd February 2027

Friday 18th June 2027



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