



Newsletter



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W/C	Attendance
03/06/2024	
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	96.8%
Total	96.7%

Attendance at school has been good over the last week. Year 3 are very close to the TRJS target of 98% and are top of the leader board. Keep going guys! I wonder if any year group will manage 100% for a whole week? If the school manage to achieve 98% overall, there will be an extra playtime for everyone!

A reminder to all parents to check the attendance information at the end of this newsletter about penalty notices and the legal process for unauthorised absences from September 2024. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who ensure their child is at school and ready for learning by 8.50am each day. Every day, every session and every minute counts, as we all work together to help our children be the very best they can be. Remember: the more you attend school, the more you learn and the better you do! Simple!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Friday morning is my favourite time of the week, as my job is to award over 50 HTAs! I have been very impressed this week with the amazing work of all the children who are giving their absolute best and earning HTAs. It has been very encouraging to hear about many children “levelling-up” in Reading Plus and achieving great scores in multiplication tables. Parental support with learning at home with the basics is so very important, so thank you!

Each time children achieve 3 HTAs they get a special certificate in assembly. Well done, everyone. Keep up the great work!

KEEPING SAFE

As our children get older and move towards secondary school, it may be that parents consider when children can go out or stay at home on their own. However, it is important that we have a plan in place to keep them safe. This is a very informative booklet from the NSPCC which parents may find useful.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/3271/home-or-out-alone-guide.pdf>



MERIT AWARDS

Here are the Merit Award winners for this week. Well done, guys! Hot chocolate next week. 😊

Year 3	Andreas S, Annabel R
Year 4	Ted B, Sammy N
Year 5	Nat E, Josh W
Year 6	Seb D, Jodh S

Twycross Zoo Trip



On Tuesday 4th June, Year 4 visited Twycross Zoo. Children took part in a 'Life in the Rainforest' activity led by centre staff, in addition to exploring the zoo. During the visit, the children learnt about the habitats, food chains and threats to wildlife. I think those meerkats look familiar, don't they? Not sure I would be inviting that tiger for tea!



Everyone had great fun!



CHOIR

The choir from Y4,5,6 have started rehearsals after school in readiness to perform a few of their favourite songs at **MUSIC NIGHT** on Tuesday 9 July at 6pm. We still have space for a few Y3 children, so if Y3 want to join, book your place using the school interviews link and come along on Monday after school on 10 June.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/> Code: jxnew

A reminder that there is NO CHOIR on Monday 17 June, due to everyone being exhausted after Sports Day!

MUSIC NIGHT

On Tuesday 9 July at 6pm, we will be celebrating a music night to showcase the wonderful musical talents of the children at TRJS. HotHouse music staff will be performing with the children involved in various instrumental tuition lessons at school. We also welcome those children who may have instrumental lessons outside of school and would like to perform for us. It is a big step to play in front of an audience, so we suggest those who are at a Grade 1 standard or above. The strings gave us an amazing concert before Easter with Mrs Edwards, so we haven't included them in this one. The choir will perform a few of their favourite songs. A letter will be going out to interested children next week, so please return the slip if your child would like to be involved.

Y6 Residential

This afternoon, Year 6 have been given relevant information for the logistics, kit lists and communication regarding the residential visit to Standon Bowers on 26-28 June. A copy of the presentation will also be put up on the school website later this evening. Parents are asked to contact the school office, Mrs Vardy or Mr Emery if you have any questions.

SPORTS DAY

Apologies to our parents for the inconvenience caused due to postponing Sports Day. Not much we can do about the beautiful, unpredictable British weather! We do appreciate that many of you will have arranged time off work. With this in mind, the new date of Monday 17 June is planned to be half a day: Y5/6 from 9.30 and Y3/4 from 1.15. We do hope this helps with the work commitments of parents.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

We have updated the diary for the Summer Term. Please see the diary dates at the end of the newsletter, together with the term dates for next academic year. We urge all our parents to avoid planning any absence for holidays during term time.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

J Emery

School Attendance

Changes from September 2024

Thank you to all our parents who support their child's education by ensuring that your child attends regularly and on time.

The research around attendance is very clear:

“The more a child attends school, the better they do.”

Please be assured that the school will always be sensitive to children and families who are absent due to genuine health concerns. We always aim to work with our families and discuss support to overcome the barriers to attendance wherever possible.

Attendance is a national and a local concern. Since the days of COVID, the attendance figures for schools have dropped dramatically and the number of children who are absent for at least 10% of the time (“Persistent Absentees”) has increased. Therefore, the government have issued a document outlining how schools and parents are expected to work together to ensure that children attend school regularly and achieve their best (***Working together to Improve School Attendance 2024***).

The main changes from September 2024 include:

1. The requirement for schools to share their attendance data each day with the DFE and
2. Changes to penalty notices from this date.

The government will now receive data from all schools regarding attendance each day. This will enable everyone to monitor attendance and, as communicated with parents in previous newsletters, if a child is absent for unauthorised reasons (such as taking a family holiday in term time) for 5 days or more, they may currently receive a penalty notice of £60 per parent per child. In this instance, the school will inform Staffordshire County Council who may then issue the fine. At present, it is possible for some families to receive several fines even if this is not having a positive effect on attendance.

However, from the Autumn Term 2024, only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days. A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action will be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution or other legal routes regarding attendance.

At TRJS, we are proud of the high levels of attendance overall. However, we aim to work with all of our families to ensure that ALL CHILDREN attend school as much as they can. Please remember that the new approach is set by the government, not TRJS, and parents need to be fully aware of the consequences of unauthorised absence.

Thank you for your support.



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Summer Term 2024



Monday 10 June	Y6 Visit to Library
Tuesday 11 June	Y6 Trip to Cannock Chase
Thursday 13 June	Y5 Reading Café 3.30
Monday 17 June	SPORTS DAY (Y5/6 9.30-12.00 and Y3/4 1.15-3.30) Y3 Visit to Library am
Thurs 20 June	New Y3 Parents' Meeting 6pm
Friday 21 June	Burton Albion Football Tournament pm
Monday 24 June	Y4 Visit to Library Football Cup Final at Shobnall
Wednesday 26-Friday 28 June	Y6 Residential to Standon Bowers
Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 June	Y4 Bikeability
Monday 1 July	Y6 Library Visit
Tuesday 2 July	Transition Day (Y6 to JTHS, Y2/3 Transition Day)
Wednesday 3 July	Y3 to Rosliston
Thursday 4 July	School Art Exhibition (all day)
Tuesday 9 July	Music Night 6pm
Thursday 11 July	Y2 swimming/transition morning
Thursday 18 July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly- Performance to School (10am)
Friday 19 July (LAST DAY OF TERM)	Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Performance for Parents (10am)
Monday 22 July	INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)

TERM ENDS

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Dates for 2024/2025

Monday 2 September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4 September	AUTUMN TERM STARTS for pupils
Friday 25 October	INSET DAY
Monday 28 October-Friday 1 November	HALF TERM
Friday 20 December	AUTUMN TERM ENDS
Monday 23 December-Friday 3 January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 January	SPRING TERM STARTS
Monday 17 February-Friday 21 February	HALF TERM
Friday 11 April	SPRING TERM ENDS
Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 28 April	SUMMER TERM STARTS
Monday 26 May-Friday 30 May	HALF TERM
Friday 4 July	INSET DAY
Friday 18 July	SUMMER TERM ENDS
Monday 21 July	INSET DAY