



Newsletter



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Staffordshire County Council

HERE EVERY DAY READY ON TIME

Little Heroes Assemble

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Year Group	w/b 20.01.25	w/b 27.01.25
Year 3	94.4%	97.7%
Year 4	96.6%	96.6%
Year 5	94.2%	94.2%
Year 6	94.1%	95.5%
TRJS Overall	94.8%	96%

We do appreciate that there have been some bugs going around. Please be assured that we do understand if your child is genuinely poorly. Well done to those children (and staff!) who have soldiered on even when you are not feeling on top form. Well done to Y3 for your top attendance. 😊

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** during the last two weeks and enjoyed hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery. Yum!

Year 3	Luna H, Arthur G, Zaki Y, Charlie B
Year 4	Rhys H, James T, Olivia H, Nancy M
Year 5	Niamh S, Isabella A, Oscar O, Leo W
Year 6	Cecelia H, Imogen P, Joseph K, Lacy-Grace O

Book Recommendations

The Book Trust have published a guide to the best books of 2024-2025. The guide is split into age categories to make it quick and easy to find your next read. Scan the QR code or follow the link for more information. 😊

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/great-books-guide/>



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Getting children reading

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BookTrust's
Great Books Guide
2024-25

WallArt, Soft Copy, Browns Books

Dove Valley Girls' Football Tournament

On Tuesday 21 January TRJS took part in the Dove Valley Girls' Football Tournament. The team played four games in their group stage, showing resilience and growing in confidence as the tournament went on. TRJS won three out of their four group stage matches, scoring some excellent goals and defending well as a team. Unfortunately, TRJS missed out on the final by one point! An excellent night of football, well done ladies!



Dove Valley Football Festival

On Monday 27 January, two of the Thomas Russell football teams took part in a football festival at Burton Albion. Both teams played incredibly well, showing amazing teamwork, and both attacking and defending brilliantly. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and children enjoying football. Well done to all of the children involved.



Y3 Biscuithenge

Y3 have been learning all about Stonehenge in their history and art lessons. As part of their homework, they have made their own versions of Stonehenge out of biscuits, Lego, Jenga or anything they could find at home!

Well done Year 3, we LOVE LEARNING!





What a night! On Friday 17 January, 60 children and TRJS staff went to perform at the NEC as part of the Young Voices Choir of 2025. Over 5,000 children sang



along with various artists (including Tommy from Strictly Come Dancing). After a long afternoon of rehearsals with the Young Voices band, they entertained thousands of supporting parents and relatives to rapturous applause. Thank you to Mrs Ovenden for making the TRJS



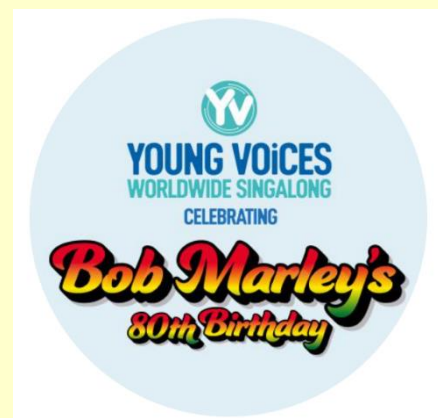
banners, which looked great and were raised aloft by the proud children. Thank you to all the parents and families for your support. Thank you to all the staff who gave up a Friday night with their own families to help supervise the children for this musical extravaganza! A special thank you to Mrs Patrick, who sorts all the logistics and ensures that the event runs like clockwork. She has performed this role for many years and is our queen of Young Voices. Thank you, Mrs P!



Marley Magic

In assemblies this week, we have been practising some of the great songs by the legend of reggae, Bob Marley. If he was alive today, he would be 80 years old. We are using the Young Voices resource, called Marley Magic, which is a medley of some of his most famous tunes. The whole school will be joining a huge Young Voices singalong next Thursday 6 February at 3pm. If you would like to sing along at home, then see the link below. The children will show you the cool dance moves, so why not have a go?

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/young-voices-worldwide-singalong-resources>



Wishing everyone a good weekend.

J Emery



TRJS

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 (School closed to pupils)
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 (School closed to pupils)
Friday 18 July	SUMMER TERM ENDS
Monday 21 July	INSET DAY