



# Newsletter



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Year 3	98.6%	98.7%
Year 4	99.2%	97.7%
Year 5	99.8%	94.5%
Year 6	97.5%	95.9%
<b>TRJS Overall</b>	<b>98.8%</b>	<b>96.7%</b>

Well done to the whole school for being top HEROES last week and smashing the school target by achieving 98.8% attendance. Extra play and a treat for all!

## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** and has shared a cold drink and biscuits with Mr Emery. If you are a values award winner, don't forget to be ready to tell us all about your hobbies and interests out of school. Oh, and jokes are always good!

Year 3	Oliver C, Ethan K
Year 4	Jessica B, Elsie W
Year 5	Sophia H, Ada H
Year 6	Kian L, Noah C

## Leavers' Lunch

Next Thursday, Year 6 have voted for their favourite lunch. Well, the big news is that they have chosen chicken goujons and fries for mains and waffles for dessert. Everyone has the opportunity of booking a dinner for Thursday in the usual way through ParentPay. Why don't you join Year 6 for their favourite meal? 😊

## Wrap Around

The code for booking Early Birds and Night Owls for the Autumn Term will be open today at 6pm.

The codes are as follows: **Night Owls – 9ycw5**      **Early Birds- zhmqp**

A reminder that all accounts need to be in credit by the 3 September for the places to be confirmed.

## Non-Uniform Day

To support a local charity "Kid's Village", we are having a non-uniform day on Monday 14 July. Please either bring a donation to school or pop on ParentPay. If every child could donate £2, then we could achieve a total of £500 which would be fantastic.

## Year 5 Visit to Birmingham Museum

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Year 5 visited Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery to consolidate their learning about The Staffordshire Hoard. As part of our local history topic, we have been investigating the hoard e.g. where it was found, what it contained and who might have buried it.



During our visit not only did we get to see the hoard and learn more about the archeological process. We also spent time revisiting our understanding of life in the Anglo-Saxon era. During this activity we created our own village (5M's town translated as fort of the King's sheep!) We then looked at

the jobs that boys and girls would do in an Anglo-Saxon village before getting to handle, and try on, a variety of replica swords, axes, helmets and armour. The session finished with both classes

recreating an Anglo-Saxon battle (complete with loud battle cries) as the children fought each other before creating a whole class shield wall that the teachers had to try and knock down with plastic balls.

It was an excellent visit; the the best classes that they had



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museum staff remarked that TRJS were worked with all year.



## Clubs in the Last Week

The following clubs are still running in the last week. All other clubs have now finished for this term:

**Monday:** Dodgeball

**Tuesday:** Soccerstars

**Wednesday:** Golf

## Dinner Money

Due to rising costs associated with providing a hot lunch each day, school dinners will go up to £2.90 per day from September 2025.

## Ukelele and Keyboard Assemblies

A reminder that parents are invited to the assemblies next week

Tuesday 15 July (Y3 Keyboards) 3K 1.50pm 3H 3.00pm

Wednesday 16 July (Y5 Ukeleles) 5M 1.50pm 5P 3.00pm



## Music Concerts At TRJS

Over the last couple of weeks, TRJS musicians have been able to perform in front of the school and their families. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, the children who learn string instruments with Mr Partridge performed in assembly, showing an excellent range of musical talent as well as dance moves!

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, the children who have music lessons with Hot House music; the school choir; and a selection of children who learn an instrument outside of school were invited to perform in front of their families at our annual music night. During the evening, the audience were delighted by a range of performances including the drums, flutes, trumpets, piano and saxophone and the choir also performed a range of songs that they have learned including the Marley Medley from Young Voices. It was lovely to see what confident and capable musicians we have at TRJS and how much they have learned in their lessons. We even had an original composition performed by Ethan in Y4.



## Samba Drumming Workshops

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, each class took part in a samba drumming workshop with Issac "The Bossman." During the session, the children learned about a range of drums e.g.



snare drum, agogo bells, the surdo, tamborim, conga drum and how to play them. Each class then took part in increasingly difficult 'question and answer' rhythms as well as recapping their knowledge on pitch, tempo and melody and trying out each set of drums. To finish, the children put together all of the rhythms they had learned and "The Bossman" even encouraged those children who learn the drums outside of school to lead the final class performance.

Oscar in Y5 did a particularly good job at leading the final drumming session! The money that TRJS raised at the autumn disco paid for the children to experience such a wonderful enrichment session and hopefully inspired a few children to take up drumming in the future.



## After School Clubs for the Autumn Term

Please see the information below regarding clubs for the Autumn Term. Please check the information regarding how to book and pay for places.

## Multiplication Tables Check Year 4

This term, Y4 have done their MTC. Wow! We have achieved an amazing 46% of pupils getting full marks, which is significantly above the national. Thank you to all those parents who support their child at home to learn times tables by the end of Year 4. This will really help their fluency in Maths in the years to come.

## Y6 SATs 2025

Please see a breakdown below of the achievement of our Year 6 children in their SATs. The cohort have done remarkably well and we are very proud of them! We also note that SATs are only a tiny part of who we are and we celebrate all the other achievements over the year. Being kind, brave and showing integrity is every bit as important as our academic achievement.

## Biking and Performing

Trinity Williamson competing at Rd 4 of the Welsh MTB Championships on 6 July in Llangollen. Trinity has been competing in various Championships since March this year and regularly trains each week on Cannock Chase with her club friends from Stafford Road Club MTB. Trinity has one more round, which is the National Championships.



Orla Chubb in 3K would like to share that last weekend she was lucky enough to perform on stage at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham with Vicky McClure's 'Our Dementia Choir' as part of her Stagecoach group. She had a wonderful time. The event was a great success.

By promoting music's therapeutic benefits, the charity is raising awareness about dementia and its effects on mental well-being. Music has been shown to positively impact not only those living with dementia but also their caregivers, family, and friends.



## Term Dates for 2025-2026

Please find the term dates below. We ask all families to avoid booking family holidays during term time. Wishing everyone a good weekend. Be Sun Safe!

What Club	Club Organiser	Dates	Year Group	Cost	Information How to book
Dodgeball	Soccerstars	Mondays 08/09, 15/09, 22/09, 29/09, 06/10, 13/10, 20/10	Y3-6	£38.50	<a href="http://www.soccerstars.co.uk">www.soccerstars.co.uk</a> Soccerstars also accept childcare vouchers
Rugby	Mr Tolley	Mondays 08/09, 15/09, 22/09, 29/09, 06/10, 13/10, 20/10	Y4-6	£21	<a href="http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk">www.schoolinterviews.co.uk</a> Code:f9jwv Pay on parent pay please.
Football	Soccerstars	Tuesdays 09/09, 16/09, 23/09, 30/09, 07/10, 14/10, 21/10	Y3-6	£38.50	<a href="http://www.soccerstars.co.uk">www.soccerstars.co.uk</a> Soccerstars also accept childcare vouchers.
Woodland Warriors	Mrs Veevers	Tuesdays 09/09, 16/09, 23/09, 30/09, 07/10, 14/10,	Y3-6	£36	<a href="http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk">www.schoolinterviews.co.uk</a> Code: f9jwv Pay on parent pay please.
Keyboard Club	Hot House Music	Tuesdays 09/09, 16/09, 23/09, 30/09, 07/10, 14/10, 21/10	Y3-6	£3 Weekly	<a href="https://hhmusic.co.uk/school/burton/">https://hhmusic.co.uk/school/burton/</a> Scroll to the bottom and click on TRJS Extra Curricular
Table Tennis Club	Mr Kerr	Wednesdays 10/09, 17/09, 24/09, 01/10, 08/10, 15/10, 22/10	Y3-6	£17.50	<a href="http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk">www.schoolinterviews.co.uk</a> Code:f9jwv Pay on parent pay please.
Drama Club "Annie"	Mrs Thompson	Thursdays 11/09, 18/09, 25/09, 02/10, 9/10, 16/10,23/10	Y4-Y6	£14	<a href="http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk">www.schoolinterviews.co.uk</a> Code:f9jwv Pay on parent pay please. (Performance planned for Easter 2026)

*Booking for clubs will open on Thursday 17 July at 6pm.*



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### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check 2025

There are no national thresholds for this test. However, we have national comparisons in various aspects of the data, which was published in November 2024.

The test is out of 25, done via iPads through the DFE website.

#### Summary

- Overall, TRJS are over 0.6 above the national in terms of average scores.
- TRJS 2025 are well above TRJS 2024 in children attaining full marks
- TRJS are significantly above national for those children achieving 25.
- TRJS are just above national for those children achieving 20 or more and 24 or more.

	National 2023	TRJS 2023	National 2024	TRJS 2024	TRJS 2025
Score of 25	29%	38%	34%	33%	46%
Score of 24 and above	41%	50%	38%	57%	58%
Score of 20 and above	63%	70%	60%	73%	75%
Score of 15 and above	85%	88%	77%	87.3%	86%
Score of less than 10	4%	4.8	7.0%	3%	4.6%
Average score	20.2	21.2	20.6	21.4	21.2



## KS2 Teacher Assessment and Test Results Comparative Report 2025

We are required to provide parents with a report, which shows the comparison between school and national achievement. The numbers below are percentages and may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

### Teacher Assessments

	Writing		Science	
Result	School	National	School	National
Greater Depth	3	13	---	---
Expected	81	72	84	81
Working Towards	13	23	14	19
Pre-Key Stage	5	3	---	---

### Test Results

Subject		Below	Working Towards	Expected	Greater Depth
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	School	3	13	84	44
	National	4	23	72	32
Reading	School	3	3	94	50
	National	4	23	74	29
Mathematics	School	3	14	83	38
	National	3	23	73	24

### Summary

At TRJS, 78% of children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined. (The national in 2024 was 61%). This figure has improved at TRJS: 2023 (69%) and 2024 (77%)

At TRJS, 3% of children achieved greater depth in Reading, Writing and Maths. (The national in 2024 was 8%)

Overall, I am sure you will agree, these are excellent headline results.

In SPAG, TRJS is 12% above the National at Expected and 12% above the National at Greater Depth.

In Reading, TRJS is 20% above the National at Expected and 21% above the National at Greater Depth.

In Maths, TRJS is 10% above the National at Expected and 14% above the National at Greater Depth.

We are incredibly proud of the children, not only for the results they have achieved, but their hard work and the way they conducted themselves in the lead up to, and during, SATs Week. Thank you to all our parents for your support with learning at home over the last four years. We work in partnership with you and couldn't achieve such high standards without your support. These results show our Y6 children are ready to move up to high school and are well equipped to achieve their very best in the years ahead.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these results throughout the children's time at TRJS.



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## Term Dates 2025 -2026

### Autumn Term 2025

<b>Inset day</b> (School closed for pupils):	Monday 1 September
<b>Inset day</b> (School closed for pupils):	Tuesday 2 September
<b>Term Starts for pupils:</b>	Wednesday 3 September
<b>Inset Day</b> (School Closed for pupils):	Friday 24 October
<b>Half Term:</b>	Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October
<b>Term Ends:</b>	Friday 19 December
<b>Holiday:</b>	Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January

### Spring Term 2026

<b>Term Starts:</b>	Monday 5 January
<b>Half Term:</b>	Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February
<b>Term Ends:</b>	Friday 27 March
<b>Holiday:</b>	Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April
<b>Easter Sunday:</b>	Sunday 5 April

### Summer Term 2026

<b>Term Starts:</b>	Monday 13 April
<b>May Day:</b>	Monday 4 May
<b>Half Term:</b>	Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May
<b>Inset Day</b> (School closed for pupils):	Friday 3 July
<b>Term Ends for Pupils:</b>	Friday 17 July
<b>Inset Day</b> (School closed for pupils):	Monday 20 July
<b>Holiday:</b>	Tuesday 21 July – Monday 31 August

 New Clubhouse Fundraiser

# JASE'S 'ALL IN' 120 MILE RUN AROUND BARTON!

23-25 JULY '25

Jase Rollins - Barton Rovers



▶ EQUIVALENT OF HOLLAND SPORTS CLUB TO WEMBLEY  
▶ JOIN THE CHALLENGE FOR 1 MILE OR ALL 120!

**SUPPORT HIM EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!**

SCAN TO DONATE!



[www.hollandsportsclub.org.uk/new-club-house](http://www.hollandsportsclub.org.uk/new-club-house)



# QUIZ NIGHT

Gina & Jamie Gratton are raising funds for an incredible challenge – a **Vietnam to Cambodia Bike Ride**, all in support of **Kids Village**, a local charity creating the UK's first holiday village for children with critical illness.



▶▶▶ **FRIDAY JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>** ◀◀◀  
7PM - 11PM  
**BARTON**  
VILLAGE HALL

£10 PP  
INCLUDES PULLED PORK BAP  
TEAMS OF 4-6



FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT  
GINA - 07716383886

QUIZ | RAFFLE | BAR | PRIZES



# WOW

Thursdays 9.15am  
Tatenhill Village Hall, Tatenhill

Join us for ● play, ● laughter,  
● chatter, ● singing, ● dancing,  
● friendship, ● informal worship,  
● tea & coffee and ● homemade cake.

Spread the word - open to all ages from newborns to great grandparents.

No need to book!  
Turn up and just enjoy the fun!  
Donations 😊 welcome.



BARTON ST. JAMES CHURCH INVITES YOU TO:

# TRIBE AT ST JAMES

Every Sunday Morning!

## COME JOIN US!

**10:30 TRIBE**

Tribe runs during our 10:30am service – 30 minutes of crafts, games and fun for children, while adults enjoy the service!

