



Newsletter



Issue No.17

Headteacher: Mr J Emery

Friday 13 February

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

Further to the information sent out last week regarding Safer Internet Day, please see this useful Parents' Guide for the safe use of AI.

Term Dates for 2026-2027

Term dates and INSET days are being finalised and will be confirmed after half term. The first day back in September for the children will be:

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

We ask that all parents plan family holidays outside of term times. The first few days back at school are always vital to help children settle back into school and make the best possible start. Thank you for your support.

Clubs

Please see the booking details for the clubs for next half term on page 6 below. Please note that we now use MCAS

for some of the bookings; for others, parents are asked to book directly with the provider (such as Soccerstars and HotHouse Music). The booking system via MCAS is now live.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. Would you like to spend an hour and half each day helping to supervise the lovely children at lunchtime? Please see the information on the school website under Our school > Vacancies. Please contact Mr Emery at school via the school email or phone. We would love to hear from anyone who is interested.

Y5 Residential to Laches Wood

A reminder to parents that the final balance for the trip is due to be paid by the beginning of March. We understand that parents may plan to pay after the end of the month, so would ask that this is processed by Monday 2 March. Further information on the trip can be found on the school website under > Parents Information > Residential Visits. This includes the kit list. Further information about the centre can be found here: <https://www.entrust-ed.co.uk/services/pupil-skills-and-development/outdoor-education/centre-residentials-day-visits>



Calmness Crew



The school recently received several FREE Calmness Crew resources which help children deal with their little worries. Some of our children have really enjoyed using these resources. The company have offered our school a 10% discount (for a limited time only) on their resources, so please head to their website if you are interested:

www.thecalmnesscrew.com

School Crossing Patrol Vacancies

We have been informed that there are several vacancies for Crossing Patrol Wardens in Barton. This role is so important to ensure the safety of our children. Anyone interested, please follow this link:

<https://careershub.staffordshire.gov.uk/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=3974>



Healthy Relationships

Free support

Finding things difficult at home? You're not alone – and support is here.

Whether you parent together, apart, or co-parent, this space helps you strengthen communication, lower tension, and create a calmer, more connected family life.

Even when disagreements feel small, children can feel the impact. Small changes can make a big difference.

A referral is needed – please complete a Family Hub Referral Form to book.

Booking required through referral only. Please complete a 'Family Hub Referral Form' to book your space.

Click to complete a Family Hub Referral Form

Family Hub Staffordshire

- Right help.
- Right time.
- Right place.

Search Family Hubs Staffordshire to get the support you deserve

Healthy Relationships

If any parents are finding managing the behaviour of children at home somewhat tricky, you are not alone! Please see the details on this flier. Please use the QR code to complete a referral form.

Year 6 Writing

Year 6 have been working really hard to produce setting descriptions for Bear Island based on our class text, “The Last Bear”, by Hannah Gold. As you can see from the examples below, the children have challenged themselves to use ambitious vocabulary, similes, metaphors and personification. Mr Emery and other headteachers from local schools were very impressed with the standard of all our Y6 writing. The children are working so hard and taking such pride in the editing process to produce some beautiful writing, both in terms of content and presentation. I’m sure you will agree that these descriptions wouldn’t be out of place in a published story!



Stepping off the boat, April cautiously walked towards the rocky, bleak shores of Bear Island. Biting winds covered her body from head to toe, sending shivers down her side. Small, sand-yellow stones crunches beneath her regulation wellies, as she stared out at the land. The island was guarded by crashing waves-which could reach up to triple April’s size – and penetrating, cold sea water, that could potentially swallow you in a matter of seconds. As far as her eyes could see, huge, hostile mountains loomed ahead, their dull, snow-capped peaks not yet in sight,

Making her way across the pebbled bay, she watched the dense fog swirl in front of her, whipping round trees and caves like ominous shadows. Frost covered her body, clinging onto her knitted hat like icicles hanging off a dead tree branch.

By Isabel |

Stepping off the ship, April felt the firm rocky shore beneath her insulated, black boots, Miniature stones ground under her shivering feet while she trudged across the bay. In the distance, she saw the three bleak, perilous peaks of the mountains that were split, carved and cracked by the magic of nature. Moaning like a roaring dragon, the wind howled that it was unsafe to be on Bear Island. The penetrating cold seeped into the depth of her bones. The razor-sharp, murderous rocks had created a path of shimmering pillars and arches that led to the summit of the treacherous mountains.

Moving closer to the harsh, unyielding grass covered in snow, all she could see was the bleak, desolate landscape ahead of her. The fog was like a murky blanket of smoke, inhaling the gloomy island.

By Eleanor



Children's Mental Health Week



This week was Children's Mental Health Week led by the charity Place2Be. The theme this year is 'This is my Place'. That means feeling like you're part of something, such as your family, your school, your group of friends or a team. These happy moments help us feel connected, valued, and accepted. When we feel like we belong, we feel happy, safe, and ready to learn and play. It helps us grow strong in our minds and bodies, and it makes it easier to make friends, do well in school, and feel good about ourselves.

WHY DOES BELONGING MATTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH?

Our mental health flourishes when we feel connected and valued. When children and young people have a strong sense of belonging, they:

- Feel more confident** to be themselves and try new things.
- Develop resilience** to cope with challenges and setbacks.
- Build stronger relationships** and communication skills.
- Experience less anxiety and loneliness.**
- Have better self-esteem** and understand their own worth.
- Feel motivated** to contribute positively to their communities.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we'll be using the Place2Be learning resources to talk

about how we can help everyone feel like they belong. We'll explore how to be kind, include others, and make sure no one feels left out. Everyone deserves to feel like they have a place where they are accepted, cared for, and loved.

FOSTERING BELONGING IN YOURSELF

TOP TIPS FROM OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:

- 'Playing games with friends'
- 'Finding a place where you feel valued and welcome or people that make you feel this way'
- 'Doing things we enjoy'
- 'Try and make friends'
- 'Having an adult to talk to when not happy'
- 'By being more kind to people try new things and meet more people'
- 'By talking to people about feelings'
- 'Being around people you enjoy being with'

Eyes down, look in... it's Bingo time!

We welcome all our school community to join in with Chocolate Bingo.

Monday 16th March in TRJS School Hall

3.45pm to 5pm

Families welcome (and Night Owls children welcome)

£3 entry per person - payable on **ParentPay**. Please pay by Monday 9th March.

All money raised will go towards our new school library.

Refreshments available for a donation.

Chocolate and Easter prizes for a line, two lines and full house!

Monday 16th March TRJS School Hall
3.45pm to 5pm
Families welcome
 (and Night Owls children welcome)
£3 entry per person payable on **ParentPay** - all money raised will go towards our new school library. Refreshments available for a donation.
Chocolate and Easter prizes for a line, two lines and full house!

Spring Term: Dates for the Diary

HALF TERM	Monday 16 - Friday 20 February
Monday 23 February	Y6 Library Visit
Thursday 26 and Friday 27 February	Pickleball Workshops in school
Monday 2 March	Y5 Library Visit
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
Friday 6 March	School Nurse to talk to Y6 (girls and boys) and Y5 girls
Monday 9 March	TRJS Governors visit school
Wednesday 11-Friday 13 March	Y5 Residential to Laches Wood
Monday 16 March	Y3 Library Visit
Monday 16 March	Community Fundraiser event (Chocolate Bingo at 3.45pm)
Friday 20 March	Reading Ambassadors meet (3.30pm)
Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March	Parents' Evenings (4pm-6.45pm)
Wednesday 25 March	ALL DAY rehearsal for Annie (in school)
Thursday 26 March	Annie - Performance to the school (10am)
	Annie - Performance to parents (6pm)
Friday 27 March	LAST DAY OF TERM

Summer Term Dates

Term Starts:	Monday 13 April
May Day:	Monday 4 May
Sports Day:	Tuesday 19 th May
Half Term:	Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May
Inset Day (School closed for pupils):	Friday 3 July
Term Ends for Pupils:	Friday 17 July
Inset Day (School closed for pupils):	Monday 20 July
Holiday:	Tuesday 21 July – Monday 31 August

What a damp, dark half term that was! However, the enthusiasm of the children and the positive approach from all our staff have kept us going. I wish all our families a pleasant half term and (hopefully!) some dry weather!

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 23 February for another exciting instalment of life at TRJ!

J Emery

What	Provider	When	Year Group	Cost	Information
Dodgeball 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Soccerstars	Mondays 23/02, 02/03, 09/03, 16/03, 23/03	Y3-6	£27.50	www.soccerstarsuk.co.uk Soccer Stars also accept childcare vouchers. Bookings will be open from the 2 nd February 2026
Rugby 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Mr Tolley	Mondays 23/02, 02/03, 09/03, 16/03, 23/03	Y3-6	£10	Available to book on the MCAS App from 6pm on Friday 6th February 2026
Football 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Soccerstars	Tuesdays 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03	Y3-6	£27.50	www.soccerstarsuk.co.uk Soccer Stars also accept childcare vouchers. Bookings will be open from the 2 nd February 2026
Woodland Warriors 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Mrs Veevers	Tuesdays 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03	Y3-6	£35	Available to book on the MCAS App from 6pm on Friday 6th February 2026
Keyboard Club 3:30pm- 4:15pm	Hot House Music	Tuesdays 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03	Y3-6	£3 Weekly	Contact support@hhmusic.co.uk directly to register interest
Cooking 3:30pm – 4:45pm	Cook Stars	Tuesdays 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03	Y3-6		Places to be offered to children on the waiting list.
Table Tennis Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Mr Kerr	Wednesdays 25/02, 04/03, 11/03, 18/03, 25/03	Y3-6	£12	Available to book on the MCAS App from 6pm on Friday 6th February 2026
Drama Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Mrs Thompson	Thursdays 26/02, 05/03, 12/03, 19/03, 26/03		£5	Children have already signed up for this. Payment of £5 for this half term to be paid on ParentPay.