

Talbot Primary School Newsletter

July 2025

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of yet another successful year at Talbot Primary, and what a marvellous year it has been. There are some real highlights including: the success of Bonfire Night, our Tea and Cakes Assemblies, the Soul Food Cafe, Tudor Banquet, our various trips and residentials, singing at the O2, Arts Night, Sports Day, a funded trip to London, hosting and winning the Olympics and all the celebrational activities the cohort have enjoyed. There are so many highlights, and alongside all that fun we have continued with the strong teaching and learning ethos that threads through everything that we do. Our SATs outcomes for this year were again very good, with exceptional progress from start points, and throughout the school every benchmark has been successful. All our wonderful academic outcomes will be published on our website in the new academic year.

There will be a lot of teaching changes in September, we welcome:

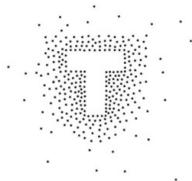
Mrs Couling: Year 5 Leader and class teacher

Miss Antrobus: Year 3 class teacher

Miss Mayne: Year 4 teacher

Mis Bentley is going into Year 2, Mrs Wood into Year 3, Mrs Voden into Year 4, Mrs Carver and Mr Saunders into Year 6, Miss Katirai returns to Year 4, Mrs Phillips to Year 1.

We have many new teaching assistants who are joining us in September who our children will get to know, and a new receptionist called Mrs King.





Head Teacher's Message

We are saying goodbye to some wonderful staff:

Mr Johnstone who has taught here from 2008 is retiring along with Mr Tatham, who has taught here since January 1994, (with the exception of a year when he taught in New Zealand). They have both been cornerstones of the school and we will miss them enormously.

Miss Lewis will not be returning from maternity leave, after 13 years (with the exception on one year in another school)

Mr Cheng, who has taught IT throughout the school is starting a new career.

Mr Clarke has taught year 3 and 4 over the past 18 months and has secured a job in a local secondary school.

Miss Pollock is embarking on a sabbatical and will hopefully return September 2026

Miss Smith and Miss Teixeira, are leaving to start teacher training in September

Mrs Alhendi supported year 1 as a teaching assistant and we wish her all the best for her next adventure

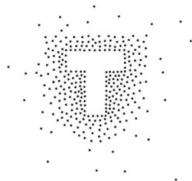
Miss Rushton starts her maternity leave and is expected to return September 2026

Miss Spuffard joined us this academic year and is very excited to start her maternity leave

Mr Duncan, site assistant, starts a new job in another local school in the very near future

And finally Mrs Barrett, who has been working in our school office since 2018, is also retiring.

We thank them all, sincerely for all they have done for Talbot Primary School and the children. They will all be missed and we wish them all the very best.



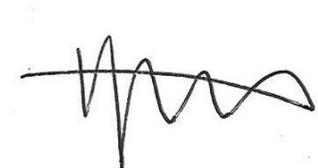
I would like to thank all of you for your help and support this year. A special thanks to those families that have been associated with the school for many years and their youngest children are leaving this year, one mum told me she will stop coming to Talbot to leave and collect her children after 18 years!

It will be such a wrench to see our Year 6 pupils leave and go onto secondary school. It has been a pleasure having you here. We are very proud of you and what you have achieved and wish you all every success in the future.

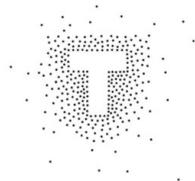
We are looking forward to our new reception children joining us in September, when once more the cycle starts again. I would like to thank all the lovely staff here at Talbot, doing a myriad of different roles, for all your hard work, dedication and for going above and beyond, to make our school a wonderful place to be.

We wish you are very safe and summer holiday. Enjoy yourselves, rest, play and read! See you all on Thursday 4th September, we are looking forward to it already!

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Kate Curtis', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mrs Kate Curtis



EYFS

As the Reception children's first year of school comes to an end, we're delighted to reflect on the joyful moments, magical milestones, and marvellous memories made in our Early Years Foundation Stage. It's been a whirlwind of discovery, creativity, and growth — and we couldn't be prouder of our wonderful children! December brought festive cheer as our children performed a heartwarming Nativity play. With star costumes, angel wings, and plenty of proud smiles, it was a beautiful reminder of the magic of storytelling, teamwork, and tiny voices singing big songs.



Springtime had a furry, feathered twist with a visit from Creature Teachers! The children met reptiles, birds, and mammals — learning about habitats, diets, and showing incredible bravery and curiosity. There were gasps, giggles, and even a few “ewws” as they touched scales and fur!

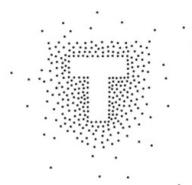
Our summer outing to Farmer Palmers was full of muddy boots and big grins. From tractor rides to animal feeding, the children explored farm life hands-on. Their questions showed growing confidence and excitement — we may have inspired a future farmer or two!



We ended the year in fairy-tale fashion with our Prince and Princess Ball. There were gowns, crowns, dancing and storytelling — and lots of twirling! A magical celebration of friendship, imagination, and self-expression. As teachers, we are bursting with pride at the growth we've witnessed. From learning to write their name, to sharing kindness with others, every child has shown resilience, wonder, and joy. They've made friendships, found their voice, and taken their first steps on a lifelong learning adventure.

Thank you to our families for your support, encouragement, and partnership this year. We wish everyone a restful summer and can't wait to see what the next chapter holds.

The EYFS Team



Year 1

As the academic year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful summer term in Year 1. The children have continued to amaze us with their enthusiasm, curiosity, and resilience, and all the staff are incredibly proud of the progress each child has made—not just this term, but throughout the entire year.

This term has been packed with memorable experiences and joyful learning. One of the highlights was Sports Day, where the children showed fantastic team spirit, determination, and plenty of smiles. It was a delight to see them cheering each other on and celebrating their achievements together.



We also ventured out on a Heathland Walk, exploring the local plants and wildlife. The children were brilliant nature detectives, spotting insects, identifying flowers, and asking thoughtful questions about the environment around them. Their excitement and wonder made the walk a truly special experience.

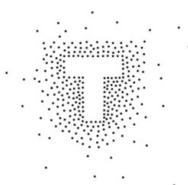


In Design and Technology, the children had great fun making cucumber and cream cheese sandwiches. They practised their cutting skills carefully and confidently—many for the first time! It was lovely to see their pride in creating something delicious and sharing it with their friends. As we look ahead to September, we want to wish all our Year 1 children the very best as they transition into Year Two. We know they will continue to thrive and grow, and we're excited to see all that they will achieve in the next stage of their journey.

To all our families, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you a restful and joyful summer break, and we hope the children are looking forward to returning in September, refreshed and ready for their new adventures in Year Two.

Warmest wishes,

The Year 1 Team



Year 2

We have had a wonderful Summer Term in Year 2.

The children have been enjoying the sunny weather we have had and this has linked to our learning in a few ways.

Firstly, the pupils have been learning about the difference between 'weather' and 'climate' - this has seen them keep a weather diary which included looking at rain fall. Each class made a rain gauge but sadly there hasn't been much rain to note down, instead this has led us to conversations about evaporation and what happens to water when the weather heats up. We also studied plants earlier this term and noted the impact that warmer weather can have on plants.



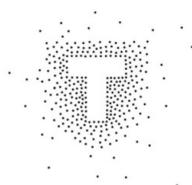
A huge success this term has been our Food Tech lessons that we have done in DT. These lessons have seen the children make sandwiches, fruit kebabs, lemonade and humous amongst other picnic items. I have been really impressed by their knowledge of different foods and willingness to try foods like physalis and edamame beans.



We have enjoyed teaching this cohort of children this year and wish them and their families a safe and restful summer break!

We look forward to seeing you all again in September!

The Year 2 Team



Year 3

Wow! What a fantastic year we have had in Year 3!



It has been a year full of adventure, featuring Forest School, a memorable trip to Stonehenge, a thrilling Roman Day, and three exciting half terms of swimming.

The children have just completed their end-of-year assessments and truly relished the learning experiences along the way. They excelled during

transition day and seem eager for Year 4, where even more adventures await, including our Smugglers Trip around Kinson, Hooke Court (details to follow ASAP),

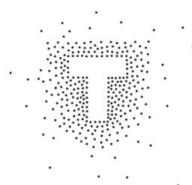
and our splendid Tudor Banquet, to which you will all be invited!



Thank you for your unwavering support this year, and we wish you a fantastic summer break. I look forward to seeing everyone as Year 4 pupils in September!

Best wishes

The Year 3 Team

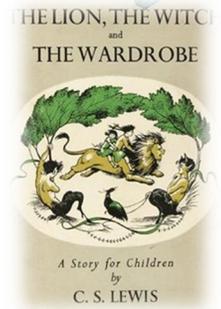


Year 4

Well done Year 4 for a truly fantastic end to the year.

We are so proud of all the Year 4 children for all their efforts with the Multiplication Tables Check; they have made such brilliant progress this year. Sports Day was a real highlight, with all the children being so sensible and supportive of each other.

We have absolutely loved reading *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, a very challenging text that the children have coped brilliantly with. If they want to continue reading the Narnia series, *The Magician's Nephew* is the next one!

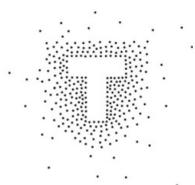


We have also really enjoyed learning about the local Smugglers and having a tour of all their hide-outs in Kinson. Recently we have learnt all about the Amazon Rainforest and done some beautiful leaf and animal prints in art.

We have loved every minute with you Year 4.

Have a fantastic summer!

The Year 4 Team



Year 5

Year 5 have had such a brilliant year. It seems like a long time ago when they entered our classrooms for the first time in September 2024, and, thinking back, we have shared so many great memories together.

The Winchester Science Centre sleepover is already a firm favourite in the Year 5 calendar, and I know those who came were absolutely thrilled by the experience—though calling it 'sleeping' might be a stretch, considering they were surrounded by a whirlwind of hands-on, interactive fun. Let's just say they rested enthusiastically...

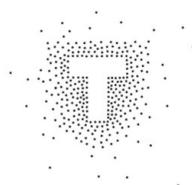
Another event which seems to be a lifetime ago is the Soul Food Café evening, in which we invited you, the parents and guardians, to watch our class performances which were a culmination of several units of work: a Year 5 history topic about Civil Rights in the USA; a Blues unit in music; a book called Hidden Figures, studied in English lessons.

We have also enjoyed several other great experiences, including the trip to St Mark's church, the Old Harry Rocks trip – my personal favourite of all the trips we do at Talbot, and the Bourne Academy Visit.

I would like to thank the Year 5 children for their brilliant attitudes: they have really grown up as the year has progressed, and we send them up into Year 6 knowing that they are well prepared for their last year in primary education.

I wish you all great summer.

Mr Saunders – Year 5 Lead.



Year 6

Year 6 SATS

I am delighted to be able to share our Year 6 SATS results. The Year 6 children worked so incredibly hard, and we're proud of them all.

For those unfamiliar with the % scores below:

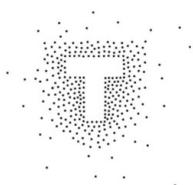
- **EXS+** is the % of students in the year group **working at or above** the expected standard for Year 6.

GDS is the % of students in the year group **working above** the expected standard for Year 6.

Students sit a maths (x3 paper), reading and SPAG paper. Writing is internally moderated.

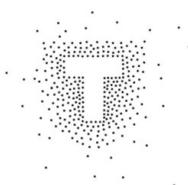
SPAG:	76% EXS+	34% GDS
Reading:	80% EXS+	38% GDS
Maths:	84% EXS+	39% GDS
Writing (internal)	72% EXS+	10% GDS

Combined data: 64% (the % of children who reached EXS in reading, writing and maths)



Year 6 Performance

Year 6 children performed the wonderful 'What a Knight' at the beginning of July. The children had limited performance time due the busy nature of Year 6, but they were absolutely superb. Under the guidance of Mrs Prentice and Mrs Rayner, the children delivered a fantastic performance. We are sure we will see many of our lovely Year 6 children on the West End in years to come.



Sports Day

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents, carers, and families for your wonderful support on Sports Day. It was fantastic to see so many of you cheering on the children and celebrating their efforts. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the various activities, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the day.

We're pleased to share the final results:

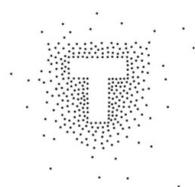
4th- Red House 869 points

3rd- Blue House 875 points

2nd- Green House 894 points

1st- Yellow House 902 points

Congratulations to all the children for their fantastic effort and team spirit!



Important Reminders

TERM DATES

2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Wednesday 3 rd September	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)
Thursday 4 th September	School Reopens
Friday 10 th October	SCHOOL CLOSED (HAMWIC INSET DAY)
Friday 24 th October	Break for half term
Monday 3 rd November	School Reopens
Friday 19 th December	Break for Christmas

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5 th January	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)
Tuesday 6 th January	School Reopens
Friday 13 th February	Break for half term
Monday 23 rd February	School Reopens
Friday 6 th March	SCHOOL CLOSED (HAMWIC INSET DAY)
Friday 27 th March	Break for Easter

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13 th April	School Reopens
Monday 4 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED (BANK HOLIDAY)
Thursday 21 st May	Break for half term
Friday 22 nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)
Monday 25 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED (BANK HOLIDAY)
Monday 1 st June	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)
Tuesday 2 nd June	School Reopens
Friday 3 rd July	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY) – SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Wednesday 22 nd July	Break for Summer

BANK AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2025 – 2026

Christmas Day - 25/12/2025

Boxing Day - 26/12/2025

New Years Day – 01/01/2026

Good Friday – 03/04/2026

Easter Monday – 06/04/2026

May Day Bank Hol – 04/05/2026

Spring Bank Hol – 25/05/2026

Summer Bank Hol – 25/08/2026

SCHOOL CLOSED / INSET DAYS 2025 – 2026

03/09/2025 - Training

10/10/2025 – Hamwic Education Trust Training

05/01/2026 – Training

06/03/2026 – Hamwic Education Trust Training

22/05/2026 – Training

01/06/2026 – Training

03/07/2026 – Training (subject to change)

Important Reminders

We do not want to start the new academic year on a negative, however, I would like to send this reminder before the summer to enable you to spend money efficiently on the correct uniform and resources for school.

Uniform:

One of them is clarity around uniform expectations, I am hoping this early announcement will help you to purchase the correct kit over the summer break.

PE Kit (Price of garments in Sainsbury):

Plain black or navy hoodie (£4-5)

Blue or Navy Joggers not leggings (£6-8 for two)

Navy Football shorts not cycling shorts, or smaller (£3 for two)

Talbot T-shirt or plain royal blue or white t-shirt

Plain white, black or navy trainer's

Please do not allow your children back to school with dyed hair and/or false nail extensions

If you borrow any swimming kit or towels, please wash and return asap. If you cannot do this, please return to the school immediately.

Please be aware when your children have Physical Education

School Uniform:

Grey Trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafore

Winter uniform: White shirt and tie, school jumper or cardigan

Summer Uniform: White polo shirt, no tie, blue and white gingham dresses or skirts.

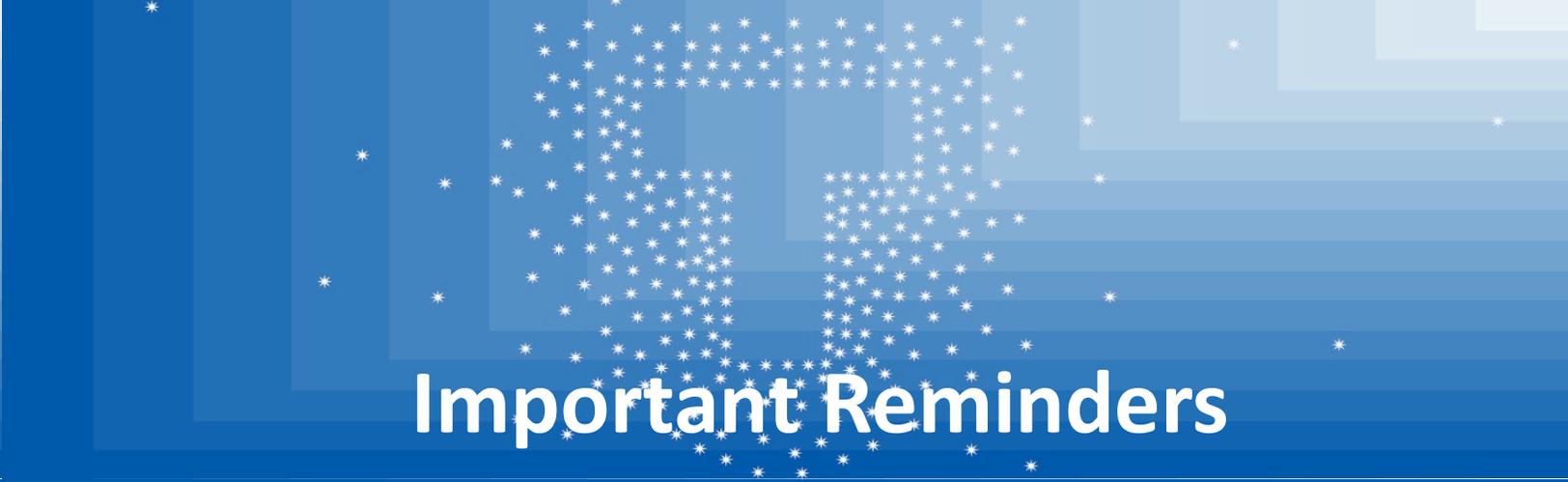
Black school shoes, no trainers or boots.

Snack and water:

Children can have fruit or vegetable snacks at morning break. Please do not provide additional sandwiches and biscuits.

Please provide a water bottle for school. Only fill with water.

I really wish you have a wonderful summer, filled with fun and adventures. Keep up reading with your child, not only is this a wonderful experience for you and your child, but it will also enable your child to start back with ease.



Important Reminders

Transition Fortnight, Little Wonders, and Meet the Teacher

When we return to school in September, we will begin with a transition fortnight—a two-week period focused on welcoming all students and helping them settle in before the full daily learning timetable starts in Week 3. During this time, children will engage in a range of activities across art, design, PSHE, literacy, and maths, designed to support their adjustment to new classes and routines. The work they produce will be used to decorate our classrooms and shared spaces, creating a welcoming and personalised learning environment.

We believe this transition fortnight will play a key role in helping our pupils feel confident and comfortable in their new year groups, easing any anxieties and setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

There are some important dates for your diary that will be coming up early on in September.

Monday 8th September sees the return of our Early Years Festival – ‘Little Wonders’. This is an opportunity to showcase the provision available here at Talbot for our youngest children and encourage more families to come and join our school community.

Monday 15th September, we will be welcoming you all into school to our ‘Meet the Teacher’ event. This will give you the opportunity to come in and spend some time with the adults who will be supporting your children, discuss how they have settled in and enjoy the artwork and displays they have created during their two-week transition. It is also a chance for you to share any concerns or raise any questions that you have to your child’s class teacher.



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WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY – THURSDAY 4TH SEPT

DODGE
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8.30AM – 12.30PM

OR

12.30PM – 4.30PM

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