



Talbot Primary School Newsletter

October 2025

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this first half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly positive and productive start to the academic year.

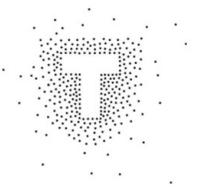
It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into their new classes. Their enthusiasm for learning, kindness towards one another, and growing independence have been a joy to witness. Across the school, children have been engaged in a wide range of exciting learning opportunities, and we are proud of the progress they are already making.

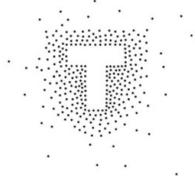
We've also welcomed several new members of staff and pupils to our Talbot community. I'm delighted to say that they have all made a fantastic start, and it's been heartening to see how warmly they've been received by both children and staff alike.

I would also like to thank all families for supporting our uniform policy. The children have looked incredibly smart and ready to learn each day, which helps to foster a strong sense of belonging and pride in our school.

A special thank you goes to our wonderful PTFA for their help with preparations for our upcoming bonfire event, and for providing such a warm welcome with Year 2 tea and cakes. Your support continues to enrich our school community in so many ways.

Speaking of which, **please don't forget our Bonfire Night celebration on Wednesday 5th November**. Gates open at 5:30pm, with the bonfire lighting at 6:00pm and fireworks shortly after. There will be refreshments, stalls, and plenty of fun for all the family. We hope to see many of you there!





As we begin to look ahead to the festive season, we are preparing for Christmas Jumper Day, which will take place on Wednesday 17th December.

We're absolutely thrilled to announce that both our Girls' and Mixed football teams have triumphed in their qualifying matches and are heading to the heading to the County Finals to represent Poole! This incredible achievement is a testament to their hard work, teamwork, and determination — and we couldn't be prouder. We cannot wait to cheer them on as they prepare to represent our school on the big stage!

Finally, a big thank you to **Mrs H Triplow** for her work as our HR Officer over the past seven years. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 3rd November**, ready for another exciting half term ahead.

Warm regards,

Mrs K Curtis
Headteacher





Important Reminders

Christmas Jumper Donations

To help ensure every child can take part, we are kindly asking for donations of clean Christmas jumpers in all sizes. If you have any at home that your child has outgrown or no longer wears, we would be very grateful to receive them.

Donations can be handed in to the school office from Monday 3rd November onwards. We'll make sure they are available to children who may need one in the lead-up to the event.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support in helping us make this a joyful and inclusive celebration for all.

Upcoming Dates for your diaries:

5th November 2025—Bonfire Night

12th November 2025—Flu Immunisations

12th November 2025—Reception 2026 starters open evening

25th November 2025—Year 6 Bird Watching Trip

27th November 2025—Year 5 Winchester Science Museum Trip

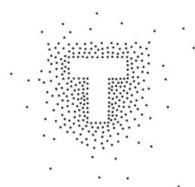
28th November 2025—Year 6 Bird Watching Trip

11th December 2025—St Marks Christmas Carol Concert

15th/16th/17th December 2025— Breakfast with Santa

17th December 2025— Christmas Jumper

17th December 2025— Christmas Lunch



Talbot Primary School Firework Display & Bonfire

Wednesday 5th November 2025

Tickets bought in advance: Adults £6.00, Children £3.00, Family Ticket £15.00 (2 adults & 2 children)

On the night - Adults £7.00, Children £3.50, Family £17.50 (2 adults & 2 children) Under 3's free

Tickets available from school office between 8am - 10am or 2pm - 4pm or buy on the night

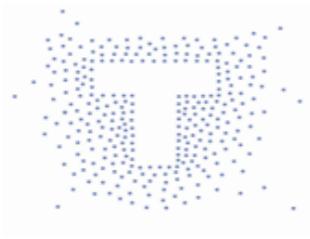
Lots of family fun including BBQ, Candy floss, refreshments, Guy competition, stalls and games

Under 16's **MUST** be accompanied by an adult

Please do not bring alcohol, sparklers or your own fireworks

Tickets available in advance from Talbot Primary School Office

CASH ONLY, NO CARDS ACCEPTED



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24th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know that we are delighted to be able to invite you in for a catch up and conversation about your child with their class teacher.

We structure this set of appointment times, to try and provide a bit of extra flexibility for you.

There are 3 options:

- a) Book a time during the afternoon/evening slot on Monday 17th November 2025. Appointments will be 10 minutes long and are available from 3.20pm to 6.50pm.
- b) Book a time in the morning slot. Each year group has a designated morning in the week beginning 17th November and appointments will be available from 8am to 9.30am
- c) Book a slot in the 'pick-up sessions' on Tuesday 18th November. Appointments will be available from 3.20pm to 4.30pm.

There is a table overleaf, which gives you the specific information for each year group.

We hope that these options will give you a wide range of times to choose from that may work around pick-up times, childcare arrangements, or work commitments. The morning appointments provide an opportunity for some parents to meet the teacher before heading to work or may tie in with drop-off times.

For parents with more than one child, you can select a combination of the options above to best suit your situation. We hope that by this varied range of times that it will enable as many of you as possible to come in to school to have these important discussions with the teachers and find out how your children are doing in school, socially, emotionally and academically.

The process for booking your slot is conducted online using your My Child At School Account and will be available for booking from 4pm today.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible across the week.

Kind Regards

Mrs K Curtis - Headteacher



Parent Meetings Timetable
Week beginning 17th November 2025

You can book a time in any of the available options shown below.

Option	Afternoon/Evening Slot	Monday Monday 17 th November
a	Appointments available between 3.20 – 6.50pm	All Year Groups

Option	Morning Slot	Monday 17 th	Tuesday 18 th Nov	Wednesday 19 th Nov	Thursday 20 th Nov	Friday 21 st Nov
b	Appointments available between 8.00 – 9.30am	Reception	Year 2 & Year 1	Year 4 & Year 6	Year 3	Year 5

Option	Afternoon Slot	Tuesday 18 th November
c	Appointments available between 3.20 – 4.30pm	All Year Groups

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)