

# Tipton St John Bulletin

BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE



Friday 16th January 2026

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Dear Parents

Well—our first full week back completed and already the children are in the swing of school again. It is great to see so many of them coming in each morning smiling and enthusiastic!

In the next week or so, Interim Reports and Parent meetings will be happening (for most in the week beginning Monday 26th Jan). Look out for appointments being offered by your child's teacher at which you will receive their report. This is a brief update report to give you a guide as to how they are progressing in core subjects and their attitude to learning. EXS means they are working within the expectations for a child of that age, GDS means they are secure in that level and able to apply it across a range of areas, and WTS means they are working towards being able to achieve age related expectations (just below). WBS means working at a level below the expectation for that year group (usually around two years below). Do take the opportunity to ask any questions and celebrate the successes as well as thinking about their next steps.

In our Collective Worship this week we have been looking at Hope. Hazel Class explored the zones of regulation brilliantly with the rest of the school! Hope is such an important value to preserve especially at a time when challenges can be overwhelming, so my prayer for our whole school community this week is that everyone will experience hope, whatever they are facing.

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	93.52%
1	97.78%
2	98%
3	96.67%
4	97.69%
5	98.75%
6	93.85%
Whole School	96.74%

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards

Mr Pete Button

Head of School

Dates to Remember :

### January

Monday 19th January 2026—Maple Class (Year 1 and 2) Multiskills at Kings (am)

Tuesday 20th January 2026—Swimming for Willow Class (afternoons)

### February

Friday 13th February 2026—end of first half term

Monday 23rd February 2026—start of second half term

**April** Thursday 2nd April 2026—End of Spring term

# Heart Values Awards



**Hazel** - Clemmie - Achievement and Hope - For growing in confidence to challenge herself to have a go at new activities.

**Maple** - Archie P for excellent reflection with his learning to improve his skills, especially his reading comprehension and writing.

**Willow** - Violet - Achievement - For producing some amazing English work and really focusing on her presentation.

**Oak** - Isabella - Achievement & Hope - Issy this week has been noticeably positive within class and is taking more of an active role. Issy is by nature a very quiet and shy girl and this week has taken on the challenge set by Mr H to speak and act aloud in class and generally be more vocal and confident. This she has done in Guided Reading, PSHRE & English stepping out of her comfort zone.



We are happy to speak to any person at any time with regard to the safety of children. If you have any concerns please contact:

**Designated Safeguarding Lead for Otter Valley Federation:**  
Amanda Fulford, Executive Headteacher

**Safeguarding Governor:** Mark Humphries

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Pete Button, Head of School

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Richard Hatswell,  
Teacher

**Alternatively you can contact MASH on 0345 155 1071**

## World Book Day—Thursday 5th March 2026

We are busy planning this at the moment, but as requested in an email sent yesterday, we are on the lookout for any local children's authors who might be willing to come in to inspire the children in their reading and writing. Please do get in touch if you know of anyone who might be suitable for this!

### The **ZONES** of Regulation®

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
			
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

### Parking

A reminder please to park safely and sensibly and avoid the road below Willow steps (upper site). We had had several mornings where this has caused some problems for other road users. Please use the car park, or find another safer spot in the village. I do appreciate it is difficult especially at busy times, but hope you appreciate the safety of our children (and others) is more important!

We are expecting some yellow lines to be painted at some point soon to act as a reminder of this expectation.

## Could You Be Our Next Otter Valley Federation Governor?

We are looking to recruit new governors to join our federation. Could this be you—or do you know someone who might be interested? If so, please share this information!

The role of **Parent Governor** can be fulfilled by a **parent or grandparent** of a child at the school. This is an incredibly valuable role offering you the chance to make a real difference by providing practical support and contributing to strategic decision-making.

Each governor takes a lead in a specific area, and we are currently seeking someone to serve as our **SEND and Inclusion Lead Governor**.

Governors can give as much time as they wish, but as a minimum, you would:

- Attend one full governing board meeting each half term (One meeting at Tipton St John Primary and one meeting at Feniton Primary, 6.30pm, Mondays)
- Meet with the Head of Schools once a term for about an hour to champion the needs of our most vulnerable children, contribute to the development of our SEND Policy and monitor the effectiveness of our Behaviour and Attendance Policies. (This time can be negotiated for a time in the school day that suits you).

Full training is provided for all aspects of governance as required.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact the school office on **01404 812943**.

Not keen on SEND and Inclusion? No problem! We have flexibility in how responsibilities are shared across the Board, so please get in touch—we'd love to hear from you.

Kind regards,

**Amanda Fulford**  (Ctrl) ▾

A huge thank you to VOSRA, a local charity who fund raised for this magnificent woodstore and forest school container. A big thank you to Chris Cole as well who gave his time and skills for free! More to follow next week.



## **Parent Class Reps**

We had our first meeting this week which was a very useful, constructive time. I will update you on a few actions we will be taking as a result of this.

We are always looking for ways to improve communication, so do let them know if you have ideas, or feedback (good or bad).

Hazel - Angela Hay

Maple - Nicola Archer

Willow - Julie Griffin

Oak - Ali Williams