

Tipton St John Bulletin

BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE



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Dear Parents

A shorter bulletin this week given the excitement we've had!!

Here's what I wrote last week ('famous last words!')-

I am glad to report that the school has been more or less unscathed which is a relief. Oh dear! Well on the plus side, the clear-up has begun with our front playground being pressure-washed as I write, and several of the contractors coming in are saying they expected it to be worse than it is... Also we hope a positive is the amount of media coverage we received that highlights our need for a rebuild (I didn't expect us to make the National news!) We're hopeful that the outside areas will be more or less back in action next week. We'll await a verdict on Maple Classroom next week. Meanwhile, I wish you a safe and drier weekend, and we'll go again on Monday. A big thank you to everyone who's offered help—we will log those offers and let you know when we can make use of them.

A few housekeeping points to note:

Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	XXX
1	XXX
2	XXX
3	XXX
4	XXX
5	XXX
6	XXX
Whole School	XXX

* Parent meetings—if you were due to meet your child's class teacher on Tuesday or Wednesday this week, teachers will be in touch to rearrange these.

* We will keep a close eye on the weather forecast and update parents via My Child At School if we need to close the school. Do make sure you check this app routinely, especially in circumstances as we've had this week.

Mr Pete Button
Head of School

Dates to Remember :

Tuesday 3rd **February** CANCELLED—afternoon—Cross Country at Kings—Oak Class (now Tuesday 10th February)

Tuesday 3rd and 10th **February**—Swimming for Willow Class

Tuesday 10th **February**—Hazel Class Animal day and Oak Cross country (12-3pm)

Friday 13th **February** 2026—end of first half term

Monday 23rd **February** 2026—start of second half term

Thursday 5th **March** 2026—World Book Day (more details to follow)

April Thursday 2nd April 2026—End of Spring term

Heart Values Awards



No certificates this week due to flooding! Normal service will resume next week. Instead here are some photos of what we came back to on Tuesday...!



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





Tipton St John
Primary School

VOSRA

With the proceeds from their Summer
Charity Auction, VOSRA are proud to present

Tipton St John Primary School
and their Forest School
with a large fire pit and store for equipment

Chris Cole is kindly manufacturing the Wood Store

Devon Logs is kindly supplying the logs



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Venn Ottery & Southerton Resident's Association




A huge thank you to VODRA, Chris Cole and everyone who donated to the fundraiser. The woodstore, extra storage and the fire pit will be well used by the children. We look forward to using them next half term.

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) ▾

Parent Class Reps

Hazel—Angela Hay

Maple—Nicola Archer

Willow—Julie Griffin

Oak - Ali Williams