

Tipton St John Bulletin

BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE



Friday 6th February 2026

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Dear Parents

Well, a relatively normal week. No flooding in school - tick. No interviews with radio or TV—tick. No days of a closed school - tick! Although this morning was a close call so a big thank you to everyone for making the effort to get your children to school in very challenging conditions. A reminder though please not to take any unnecessary risk in doing so. If the weather is challenging on a given morning, we would much rather that you delay coming in by a few minutes to travel safely.

The children have done so well with the interruptions and have adapted really well. We had insurance people in last Friday to do a clean-up which was great—our front playground has never looked so bright. They are completing the job this coming week. Thank you to everyone for your offers of help, support and donations. It is gratefully received. Once we have full clarity on what will be covered through insurance, we will be in touch!

What has been great to see, as mentioned above, is how quickly everyone adapts and keeps things as normal as possible. A huge credit needs to go to the staff for this—especially Willow and Maple teams who've had to cope with temporary relocations and done it so well.

Hopefully you will by now have met with your child's teacher, or have the time scheduled next week. Do get in touch if that is not the case as this meeting and the report issued are a really important part of our co-working with parents to ensure children thrive in their learning and development.

Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	99.07%
1	93.33%
2	94%
3	100%
4	93.85%
5	98.13%
6	96.92%
Whole School	96.26%

This week's Collective Worship theme has been Reflection, so we will take time to reflect on all that has happened, being thankful for all the good things we have, and remembering others less fortunate. We were told this week about flooding in the Solomon Islands recently that looks much more severe than what we've experience.

Mr Pete Button

Head of School

Dates to Remember :

Tuesday 10th February: Ability Counts Festival (am) at Kings - select Y4,5,6 children
Swimming for Willow Class. Hazel Class Animal day, Oak Cross Country **POSTPONED.**

Wednesday 11th February—Hazel and Maple—Animals 2 U (am)

Friday 13th February 2026—end of first half term

Monday 23rd February 2026—start of second half term

Tuesday 3rd March—additional Swimming date (added due to flooding)

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

Tuesday 24th March 2026—pm—Tag Rugby Festival Willow Class

Heart Values Awards



Oak—Sam—Achievement and hope—Sam has had a great attitude and this week in particular has overcome many of anxieties about his learning. Demonstrating positivity and determination to achieve and reach his potential.

Willow—Lewis—Fantastic recall of RE facts this week regarding the 5 pillars of Islam and their meanings.

Maple—Lottie—For good focus and concentration with her learning, especially in maths adding two -digit numbers.

Hazel—Imogen —For being very caring towards others and being a wonderful role model to other preschool children.



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

Celebration Assembly

This Friday, we had Archie talking about Beavers. He showed us his badges and talked through how he earned them. He had some fantastic photos too that have inspired lots of children with an interest in joining if the show of hands was anything to go by! Well done Archie—you spoke really confidently and well.



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★ Friday 20th February

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 Multi Activity • 8:30am - 4:30pm • £34.49

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Easter at Buckfast Abbey

Help pupils to learn about Easter by taking part in one of our seasonal workshops

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 £5.25 full day

Threads of Easter (KS2)
 Learn about the events of Holy week and why Easter is so important to Christians.
 Explore the Abbey Church and grounds.
 Create an Easter craft to take away.
 Each pupil will make their own key chain of the Easter story to take home.

A Donkey's Tale (KS1)
 Learn about the events of Holy week through the eyes of the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem.
 Explore the Abbey Church and grounds.
 Create an Easter craft to take away.
 Each pupil will take home a donkey toy.

A Journey Through Lent (KS1/KS2)
 Learn how Christians use Lent to prepare for Easter and why it matters.
 Explore Lenten traditions the Abbey Church and grounds.
 Create a Lent/Easter craft to take away.
 Each pupil will take home a mini labyrinth.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU THIS EASTER
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