

# Tipton St John Bulletin

BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE



Friday 13th February 2026

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## Dear Parents

Another half term done and what an eventful one it has been! As you may have seen (photos below) we have had the insurance people in cleaning lots of items, and throwing others that are not salvageable. It has been sad but we are hopeful we will have lots of things replenished soon. We're very grateful for the offers of help with cleaning, and contributions for replenishing our resources.

The children have as always been adaptable and resilient. A huge thank you to the staff who have continued to keep calm and carry on in the face of disruptions, especially for Willow and Maple classes. We are hoping it won't be too long before we can have some kind of normality restored! Half term has come at an opportune time. Speaking of which, we are hoping to have new playground markings done next week so that should be something nice for the children to return to.

Animals 2 U South West visited us this week which was a lovely highlight to end the half term on. The children loved seeing, handling and meeting the exotic animals that came in, although some of the staff were not so keen!

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	96.30%
1	98.89%
2	96%
3	100%
4	99.22%
5	98.13%
6	98.46%
Whole School	97.94%

Our Collective Worship this week has focussed on Achievement. There are many Bible stories linked to this, like the story of Gideon who battled the odds against a much bigger army but came out victorious. Quite an inspiration for us all, and a great model to focus on for our children.

Mr Pete Button  
Head of School

## Dates to Remember :

Monday 23rd February—Back to school!

Tuesday 3rd March—additional Swimming date (added due to flooding). Plus Oak Girls Football Tournament at Kings (pm)

Wednesday 4th March 2026—PTFA Wonka Bar Golden Ticket Event

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

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

Friday 27th March 2026—PTFA Mufti Day

Wednesday 1st April 2026—PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 2nd April 2026—Last day of term and Easter Service 2pm

# Heart Values Awards



**Oak—Daisy P—Achievement** - Consistently outstanding behaviour and attitude to school, a wonderful personality that lights up the classroom. This week Daisy was part of the choir singing at Exeter Cathedral, demonstrating her talents and continuing to fly the vocal flag of the Piper family.

**Willow— Gwen—Achievement**—Great result in her spellings test and working so hard on her phonics.

**Maple— Huxley—Thankfulness and Hope**—Positive attitude to learning and great focus and concentration.

**Hazel— Lucy—Achievement** - Being able to write her own name independently and believing and achieving at home and school.



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**



### **Flood Clear-Up**

We are making progress! The insurance company has arranged for specialists to be on site to clean Maple classroom and they make the final decisions about the furniture and resources that have to be thrown out. The carpet has been taken up and industrial heaters are drying the room. We hope to lay a new carpet in about 3 weeks time.

We have been grateful to everyone for their offers of help. It has been tricky to say yes to this because we have needed to follow insurance processes, but we have appreciated the offers! We are keen for the children to return to their own classrooms as quickly as possible and staff are working really hard to ensure the children are settled and learning is not impacted. They will continue to do this at the start of next half term. A lot of PE and nursery play equipment that we store in the sheds has been lost. This is covered by insurance but will take some time to replace. Amongst the losses are a plastic bubble car and a selection of plastic scooters /trikes for our 3-5 year olds (see photos). If you have any in good condition that you are looking to rehome, please contact the school office with a photo.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and understanding.

Mrs Fulford

## Celebration Assembly

Daisy Piper spoke about being in a choir in Exeter. We listened to a song she sang, and heard about how often she practises, and how much she enjoys it! Well done



Daisy!



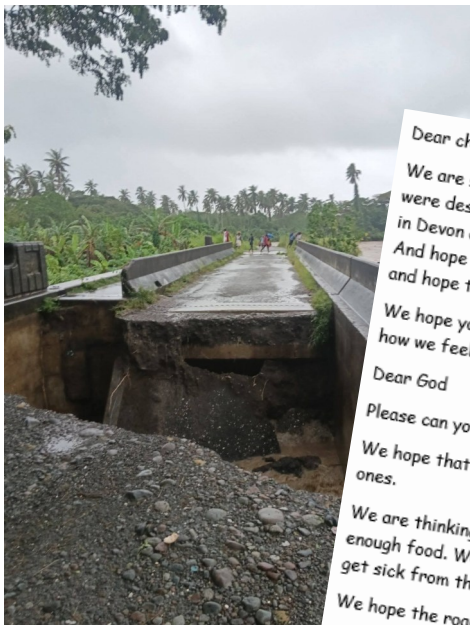
Animals 2U South West visited us on Wednesday this week. The children had a lovely time and really enjoyed meeting the different animals. Photos below!!



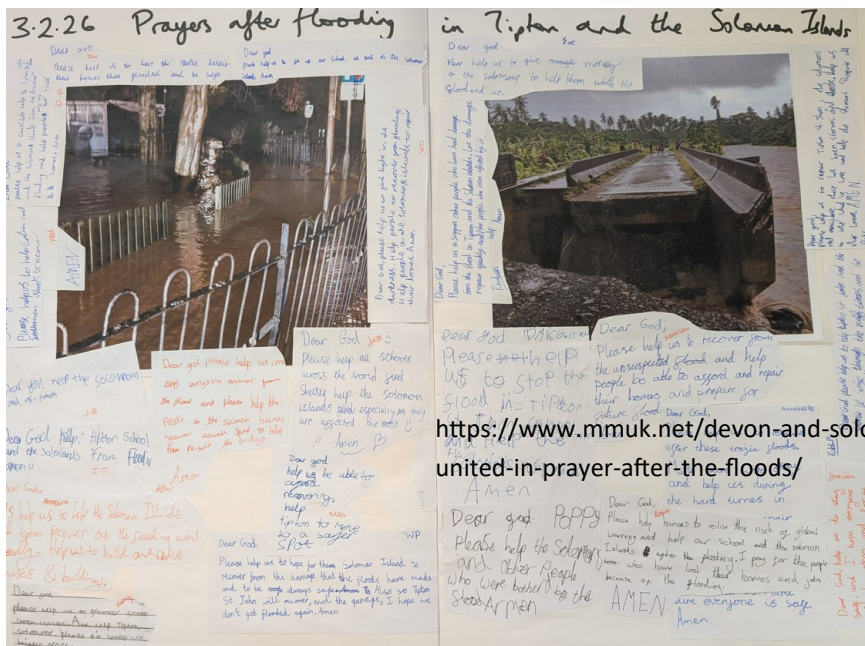
# Flooding in the Solomon Islands

Our prayers featured in a news article about flooding both in Tipton and the Solomons. The link is here if you are interested to read about it:

[Devon and Solomon Islands Schools United in Prayer After the Floods | MMUK | Melanesian Mission](https://www.mmuk.net/devon-and-solomon-islands-schools-united-in-prayer-after-the-floods/)



Dear children of the Solomon Islands  
We are sorry you have had a flood. We were sorry to see that so many plants in Devon and our school in Tipton St. John was flooded. We also had a flood and hope that you can get back to normal soon. We wonder about the animals and how we feel.  
We hope you are now safe and warm. We have written you a prayer to show you how we feel.  
Dear God  
Please can you help the children of the Solomon Islands.  
We hope that if their toys are broken or damaged, you can help them get new ones.  
We are thinking about the animals and hope that they can recover and get enough food. We ask you to look after all the people and make sure they do not get sick from the flood.  
We hope the roads are fixed soon so everyone can get around.  
In the name of Lord Jesus Christ  
Amen  
We are thinking about you  
Love from Maple Class



<https://www.mmuk.net/devon-and-solomon-islands-schools-united-in-prayer-after-the-floods/>

**World Book Day—Thursday 5th March 2026**

We are planning some fun activities on the day, but advance notice that we will continue the theme of dressing up as our favourite book characters. Note the poster from Sidmouth library below though before planning or buying any outfits!

The poster features a light blue background with a yellow banner in the top right corner. The main title 'WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME SWAP' is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below this, the text 'DONATE, SWAP OR REHOME PRE-LOVED COSTUMES!' is in dark blue. The 'Sidmouth Library' name is in yellow, and the dates '16TH FEB- 8TH MARCH' are in dark blue on a yellow rounded rectangle. At the bottom, the 'REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE' slogan is in dark blue. Two cartoon characters are shown: a boy on the left dressed as a pirate and a girl on the right dressed as a schoolgirl. The bottom of the poster contains logos for 'COMMUNITY FUND', 'Libraries Unlimited', and 'Recycle Devon'.

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
5 MARCH 2026

**WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME SWAP**

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**SIDMOUTH LIBRARY**

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# Will you find a golden ticket?

**4 March 2026**

To celebrate **World Book Day** on the 5th, the PTFA will be holding a chocolate and second-hand book sale after school on **Wednesday 4 March.**

**£1 per bar  
2 Golden tickets  
and fantastic book-related prizes kindly donated by Winstones, Sidmouth to be won!**

**We'll also be hosting a second-hand book sale. If you have old books you'd like to donate, please bring them to the office by 4 March.**

# SHINE JESUS SHINE



## CAFÉ CHURCH

A service with a difference brought to you by Tipton Church

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February

In the Community Hall

- Breakfast served from 10.30am (coffee and pastries)
- Service starts about 11.00 (don't worry you can carry on eating and drinking!)
- Singing, Activities and Worship designed for all age groups

Everyone is very welcome – for transport call 07743325380

## SIDMOUTH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB



Is your child interested in joining our junior surf lifesaving sessions?

We are now opening new member sign-ups and invite **7-12 year olds** to join our swim trials.

### 2026 SWIM TRIALS

Sunday 22nd March  
Saturday 28th March  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Sidmouth Pool



**FIND OUT MORE, EMAIL:**

[membership@sidmouthsurflifesaving.co.uk](mailto:membership@sidmouthsurflifesaving.co.uk)



### WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- Lifeguard training **Saturday mornings** from May to Sept
- Competition training **Wednesday evenings**
- Pool training all year round