

Tipton St John Bulletin

BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE



Friday 27th February 2026

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you had a good half term week. We have been thinking about thankfulness this week and I am certainly thankful for some sunnier weather! Good news that Maple Classroom has dried quicker than we expected, so we are waiting on insurers to give the go ahead to complete repairs. More from Mrs Fulford below.

We are introducing Houses today, and the children have been told their houses this afternoon. We are going with a big cat theme—Lions (Yellow), Tigers (Red), Panthers (Blue) and Leopards (Green)!

More details below.

A few heads up—we will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday so children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring the book with them to read. We are also being visited by the Bishop of Exeter that day who will be telling us about his favourite book.

We are hoping to celebrate Comic Relief on Friday 20th March—more details to follow.

Please also note some key dates from the PTFA below as well—Wonka Chocolate and Book event the day before World Book Day, a mufti day on Friday 27th March and an Easter Egg hunt on April 1st.

Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	88.64%
1	94.44%
2	96.67%
3	91.67%
4	98.08%
5	96.09%
6	100%
Whole School	95.63%

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Pete Button

Head of School

Dates to Remember :

Tuesday 3rd March—Willow Swimming and Oak Girls Football Tournament at Kings

Wednesday 4th March 2026—Wonka Golden Tickets after school (PTFA)

Thursday 5th March 2026—World Book Day

Friday 20th March 2026 -Comic Relief

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

Friday 27th March 2026—Mufti (PTFA)

Wednesday 1st April 2026—Easter Egg Hunt (PTFA)

Heart Values Awards



Oak— Seb— Hope, Reflection, Achievement—for making an excellent effort to increase his pace in problem solving in Maths, and making good playtime choices!

Willow— Clara—Empathy—for being a great friend to others and role model in the class

Maple— Ellisia—Achievement—for showing a great attitude to her learning and trying her best.

Hazel— Freya—Achievement—for excellent progress in Maths and growing in confidence to take on new challenges!



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

Houses and House Points

We are introducing today a House System at Tipton.

There are four houses: Lions (Yellow), Tigers (Red), Leopards (Green) and Panthers (Blue).

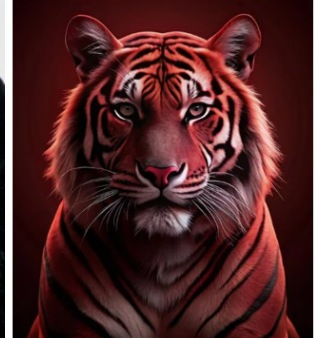
There are Y6 House captains for each house who will be counting up the house points earned each week by children in each class. These will give us a winning house who will be presented with the trophy on a Friday afternoon. We will be giving rewards for the most house points over the weeks and half terms—extra playtime and treats. The children were enthusiastic about it this afternoon, so do ask them about it when they get home!

Leopards

Lions

Panthers

Tigers



House Captains:

Harrison and Annabelle—Leopards

Reuben and Jessica—Lions

Kobi and Rosie—Tigers

Ted and Ammara—Panthers

Flood Latest

A big thank you to the staff and children who continue to be inconvenienced by the necessary flood repairs. The good news this week is that Maple classroom is dry and the industrial drying equipment has been removed!

We have submitted our inventory of lost resources to the insurance company which totals £13,500. The next step will be for the insurance company to validate this. Contractors have also visited site to quote for the building repair works and carpet laying and this will be included in the wider insurance claim too. We will keep you updated on the timeline for these works and when we hope the children can return to their classrooms.

The state of our school field is also becoming a concern. It is extremely muddy and the grass is sparse. If you know anyone who can advise us on the best way to proceed with remedial work to improve its condition, that would be a massive help - thank you.

Amanda Fulford

Executive Headteacher
Otter Valley Federation



Celebration Assembly

Olivia told us about Karate that she does outside of school. She showed us a punch and a kick and explained what happens each week really well. Her powerpoint was really good too—well done to her!



Collective Worship This Week—Thankfulness.

Ethos Team led our Collective Worship this week looking at our Heart Value of Thankfulness. They read the story of the feeding of the 5,000 and got everyone thinking about the importance of being grateful. They challenged the school to say thak you to ten different people this week, so hopefully you may have received some more



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!

WORLD BOOK DAY
5 MARCH 2026

WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME SWAP

DONATE, SWAP OR REHOME PRE-LOVED COSTUMES!

SIDMOUTH LIBRARY

16TH FEB- 8TH MARCH

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

COMMUNITY FUND

Libraries Unlimited

Recycle Devon

The poster features two cartoon characters: a boy on the left dressed as a pirate with a yellow and black striped shirt and a black eye patch, and a girl on the right with glasses and a green dress. The background is light blue with a yellow banner at the top right and a yellow box for the dates. The bottom section is dark blue with logos for Community Fund, Libraries Unlimited, and Recycle Devon.



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.**





HAF HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

EASTER HOLIDAYS

 St John's School
Sidmouth

 Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th
April 2026

 9am - 1pm
12.30pm - 4.30pm

AGES 5 - 12
INCLUDES A HOT LUNCH
MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP



WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Saturday 28th March 2026
Starting at 9:30am
Register via www.maynard.co.uk



JOIN US AT THE MAYNARD... ANYTIME!

FLEXIBLE ADMISSIONS
We welcome applications throughout the school year, depending on availability in each year group. Whether you're looking for an immediate entry or planning ahead, we're always happy to discuss your options.

PERSONAL TOURS AVAILABLE
We offer individual tours during the school term by prior appointment. Come and explore our facilities, meet our amazing staff, see our students in action and get a real feel for life at Magical Maynard!

COME AND MEET US
There's nothing we enjoy more than talking with families and sharing what makes The Maynard such a warm, inspiring, and ambitious community.

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