

# Tipton St John Bulletin

BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE



Friday 1st May 2026

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Dear Parents

I can't believe we are already two weeks into the new term! It's been great to see so much sunshine and the children have really enjoyed being back on the field more at lunchtimes! We have now had two weeks back in Maple Classroom which means we are almost back to normal—a few items of furniture to install. A huge thank you to Mrs Davies for all her work over the holidays to set things up, and to both her and Mr McKenzie for working so hard to keep things as normal as possible for the children over the last half term. Our Collective Worship theme this half term is heroes of the Bible that inspire us—the children voted for their favourites last week with Noah coming out on top (!!), which Maple helped us reflect on this week.

A couple of reminders this week:

Willow drop off—a reminder please that we are not able to supervise children until 8.50am when a member of the Willow team will open the door and children are welcome to come in. Please don't leave them before this time.

Please remember sunscreen, sunhats and water bottles this term—the weather looks set fair for the foreseeable!

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	94.55%
1	88.89%
2	98%
3	96.67%
4	100%
5	95%
6	96.92%
Whole School	96.02%

Panthers were the winning house in week 1 - well done to them and Leopards this week!

Have a great weekend!

Pete Button, Head of School

### Dates to Remember :

Monday 11th May—KS2 SATS week

Tuesday 12th May—Willow Class out at Kings - Multi-Skills event (leave at 12pm)

Monday 18th May—Field Studies day and beginning of Creative Arts Week

# Heart Values Awards



**Oak** : — **Harley - Hope and Thankfulness**—A great start to term socially and academically. Demonstrating a mature attitude outside of the class room and plenty of effort in his English.

**Joe**— **Hope, Achievement & Thankfulness** - Joe has over the last term demonstrated a mature attitude to his work and whole school experience, making great progress in both Maths & English. In addition he has been outstanding in the recent sporting events representing the school and showed a deeper understanding when applying his skills to our new sport of Ultimate Frisbee.

**Willow**: — **Kuziwa - Achievement** - For showing a positive attitude in his learning since being back at school

**Evelyn**—**Achievement and Hope**—For challenging herself to do the trickier sheet in her maths this week and giving it a really good try.

**Maple**: — **Thomas PP—Hope**— for much improved attitude to learning and great work in maths

**Maggie**—**Hope**— For having a positive attitude to learning and making excellent progress with her writing and handwriting.

**Hazel**— **Ollie—Achievement** - For making excellent progress in his reading and participating in family reading games at home.

**Clemmie**—**Reflection**— For being excellent at talking about her feelings and explaining the meaning of 'reflection' in our circle time.



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 have 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 housepoints 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 housepoints over the weeks and half terms—extra playtime and treats.

The children have been working hard to earn housepoints this week and have enjoyed the challenge!

## Winners this week were ... Leopards!

Leopards

Lions

Panthers

Tigers



196 house points



150 house points



132 house points



157 house points

### House Captains:

*Harrison and Annabelle—Leopards*

*Reuben and Jessica—Lions*

*Kobi and Rosie—Tigers*

*Ted and Ammara—Panthers*

## **Breakfast and After School Club**

**An update—we are delighted to say that this has had a successful first week! Do make contact if you would like to make use of it for your children.**

## **VOSRA Presentation of Cheque for Forest School!**

**We have just met to present the cheque for the money raised for Forest School at Tipton from VOSRA. The money has been spend on a new wood store, a fire pit and other items of equipment. Huge thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to this.**

**Mr Button**



## Replacement Furniture for Maple and Hazel

We are putting together the finishing touches on the flood-damaged equipment across school. A huge thank you to James Morris who assembled lots of items this morning in super quick time! It's much appreciated by everyone at the school! Also big thank you to Amy Kerr & Calum Rogers who took some items home to build.



## Family Miniature Garden Project - for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

To start our Field Studies and Creative Arts Week we would love every family to make a miniature garden. When we have done this in the past, we had many creative designs in containers from wellie boots to unused toilets!

Your garden could have a particular theme or just fill it up with flowers to brighten up the school. Please can you bring your container to the lower site with your child's name on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please collect your creation on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May or you can leave it at school. Hope you enjoy working together as a family and we really appreciate your support.

Mrs Garrick

# Piano lessons

**£11**  
PER LESSON



Join in with weekly piano lessons for 20 minutes, during school hours.

## LESSON INFO

- 1:1 lessons
- Experienced teacher
- Learn for fun or exams
- Term time only

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me, Helen Alford, via the email address below.

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## FOR ALL GIRLS AGED 3 - 6

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