Tipton St John Bulletin

BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE

Friday 9th October 2026

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Dear Parents

This week we celebrated our Harvest Festival—a huge thank you to everyone who contributed—we and St Petrock's were touched by your generosity.

This week in our Collective Worhip time, we looked at 'Love is…. patient' - a challenge everyone can relate to! Hazel Class helped us reflect on this.

We are encouraging children to enter the BBC 500 words competition this year (deadline Friday 6th November). If your child is interested, please let me know or ask them to let me know. I will be offering some sessions to support them with their

stories if keen! More info here: The ultimate guide to 500 Words 2026/27 - BBC Teach

On Thursday afternoon, we had a visit in Church from the 'POSITOV' singers who were doing a pilgrimage walk along the Otter Valley visiting churches along the way. They sang two songs to Willow and Oak, who then joined in and sang two songs they have learnt, and finally the Pilgrims taught a couple of new songs as well. It was a great time! Finally, the children all decorated Hexagons on the theme of Space. These are all on display at Kennaway House in Sidmouth (10-4pm until Sat 16th Oct).

Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	94.44%
1	86%
2	96.36%
3	98.75%
4	98.57%
5	98.75%
6	86.47%
Whole School	94.07%

Next week are our Parent Meetings—do make contact with the office or your child's teacher if you haven't

already met or arranged a time to meet.

Also next Friday is individual photos for the children.

Another reminder about our PTFA—do please get in touch to lend a hand. The more we have the smaller the tasks are!

Have a lovely weekend!

Pete Button, Head of School

Dates to Remember :

Tuesday 13th October - PM—Oak Class to Kings for Boccia Tournament

Friday 16th October—Tempest Individual Photos

Tuesday 20th October—Whole School running challenge

Friday 23rd October— Last day of first half term

Monday 2nd November —First Day back after half term

Heart Values Awards



Oak : — Joshua—Love—for being an excellent role model, working hard and taking care with presentation, and being very polite at all times.

Willow: — Hector — Achievement—For a fantastic effort in his Science, handwriting and general attitude at school - a big well done!

Maple: — Hudson—Empathy— for always showing our school values and being a good friend to everyone in our class. Also for his great writing

Hazel — Harry— Love—For having a great love of animals and a wonderful knowledge about elephants.

Houses and House Points

We have a House System at Tipton. There are four houses: Lions (Yellow), Tigers (Red), Leopards (Green) and Panthers (Blue). House points are earnt for good work, effort, good behaviour and demonstrating our values in school. There are Y6 House captains for each house who will be counting up the house points earnt 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 have been working hard to earn housepoints this week and have enjoyed the challenge!

Winners this week were …. Tigers!

Leopards	Lions	Panthers	Tigers
			
Captains: Daisy and Rex	Seb and Louisa	Maddie and Joe	Wiki and Max



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

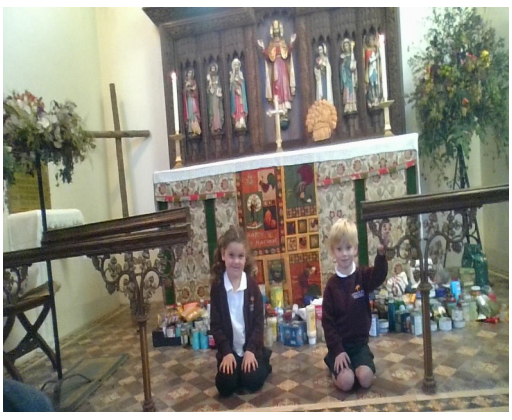
PTFA update.

Last week the PTFA held their annual meeting and we're excited to share that the PTFA has a new chair, Francesca Bradbury. We also have some great fundraising ideas for the year to come, including some exciting events for parents and children. As ever, the more parents involved the lighter the load for everyone else, and the more fun can be had. If you would be happy to support the PTFA, even if your time is very limited, please do join our Whatsapp group. It's also a great way to meet new families and give something back to the school.

Rachel FW

Please see PTFA newsletter & Whatsapp group QR code on page 5.

Harvest Festival Photos!





POSITOV SINGERS VISIT IN CHURCH WITH WILLOW AND OAK





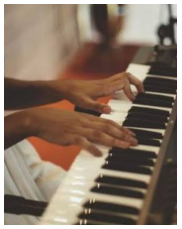


Hexagons—Sidmouth Science Fair





Piano Lessons!



My name is Helen Alford and I I have been a piano teacher for over 20 years. I have been teaching in Tipton primary school for the past two years, and as my older students are moving on to secondary school, I now have space to accommodate new students in year 3 or above to either begin to learn playing the piano or continue their piano studies. Lessons would occur during the school day, the time and day to be confirmed. Each lesson will last 20 minutes and will cost £11. If your child is interested in starting piano lessons with me, please contact me at helen.alford1@gmail.com.

PTFA Newsletter

Last day of half term
Friday 23rd October: non-uniform day
Donations for Christmas raffle hampers

Last day of autumn term
Friday 18th December: PTFA sweet shop
Pick up time, cash only

WELCOME

Welcome to the first PTFA newsletter of 2026! We are very excited to share our plans for this term with you, with events and activities that will help us raise funds for our lovely school and contribute to providing unforgettable experiences for our children.

JOIN THE PTFA WHATSAPP GROUP:

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT



THIS TERMS'S ACTIVITIES

Christmas wreath-making evening

An evening for grown-ups to gather, unwind and make a beautiful wreath to take home!

School Christmas Fair

All the Christmas fun and festive spirit from the PTFA! This is sure to be a wonderful family event!

Christmas movie afternoon

An afternoon for children to share a Christmas film with their friends...and popcorn!

PTFA SPOTLIGHT

The PTFA is a friendly team of parents who work together behind the scenes to organise fundraising events and activities that help enrich school life. We're always grateful for support from our school community, whether you can volunteer regularly or simply help out from time to time. If you'd like to be part of making these fantastic events happen, please get in touch. Together, we can achieve great things.

SAVE THE DATE!

2 Dec	Wreath-making evening
9 Dec	School Christmas Fair
TBC	Christmas movie

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

On the last day of half term, it's non-uniform day, yay! In exchange, we ask for donations of luxury chocolates, festive drinks and pamper treats, which will be lovingly put together into beautiful hampers for our Christmas raffle!

Thank you!

KIDS HOLIDAY HEROES
Run by teachers

OCTOBER TIMETABLE

FENITON SCHOOL
26th – 29th

8.30am – 5.00pm every day

★ **Free** breakfast and afternoon snack included ★

MONDAY 26th	TUESDAY 27th	WEDNESDAY 28th	THURSDAY 29th
Welcome Chat and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal)	**Welcome Chat and Breakfast Club** (Fruit, toast or cereal)	**Welcome Chat and Breakfast Club** (Fruit, toast or cereal)	**Welcome Chat and Breakfast Club** (Fruit, toast or cereal)
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Warm up games	**Warm up games**	**Warm up games**	**Warm up games**
Break	**Break**	**Break**	**Break**
Football or Arts & Crafts	**Cricket/Football or Arts & Crafts**	**Tennis or Arts & Crafts**	**Football or Arts & Crafts**
Basketball or Arts & Crafts	**Dodgeball**	**Football or Arts & Crafts**	**Archery & Axe Throwing**
Lunch	**Lunch**	**Lunch**	**Lunch**
Axe throwing & Archery	**Parachute Games**	**NERF GUN WARS! or Arts & Crafts**	**Orienteering and Scavenger Hunt**
Baking Biscuits	**Making Slime**	**Making Rocky Road**	**Chocolate Cup Cakes**
TBC Animal Workshop Children will learn, touch and hold 3 different types of species.	**Outdoor Art Activity and Woodland Games**	**TBC FUN SCIENCE EXETER** Chemical Reactions Workshop	**Benchball or Arts & Crafts**
Home time 5.00pm	**Home time 5.00pm**	**Home time 5.00pm**	**Home time 5.00pm**

What we offer:
- Ofsted registered
- DBS registered staff
- Fully trained first aiders
- Safeguarding certificates

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Tax Free Childcare:
Check if you are eligible for universal credit and tax credits which can contribute significantly to the cost of your childcare with us!
Save 20%

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Alternative activities:
Each day, children can participate in a range of arts and crafts activities.



CAFÉ CHURCH



A service with a difference brought to you by Tipton Church and the theme is walking Jesus' way

Sunday 18th October

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
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Everyone is very welcome – for transport call 07743325380



