Tipton St John Bulletin

BELIEVING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE

Friday 16th October 2026

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Dear Parents

This week we've had a visit from Rev Mark Ward to Willow Class to talk about

Christenings. Oak class have been at Kings for a Boccia tournament, and Maple and Hazel had their Forest School sessions. This week in our Collective Worhip time, we looked at 'Love is…. sacrificial ' - and Rev Carys helped us think about this, especially about Jesus' sacrifice for the world. A huge well done to Jack in Oak class who shared with everyone at our Friday Collective Worship about his swimming competitions.

A reminder again about 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. We have done one session this week and I plan some more next week. More info here: The ultimate guide to 500 Words 2026/27 - BBC Teach . A reminder too about the children's **Science Hexagons** on the theme of Space. These are on display at **Kennaway House in Sidmouth** (10-4pm until Sat 16th Oct).

Attendance

Class	Attendance
R	100%
1	86%
2	99.09%
3	95%
4	91.43%
5	98.13%
6	85.88%
Whole School	94.59%

Parents evenings have mostly been this week—do make contact with the office or your child's teacher if you haven't already met or arranged a time to meet. **Tempest Individual Photos** were not today—apologies for the miscommunication—it is booked for **Friday 27th November**.

Have a lovely weekend!

Pete Button, Head of School

Dates to Remember :

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

Monday 23rd November—Oak Dance Show in Exeter (evening)

Tuesday 24th November—Willow Class Sports event at Kings (pm)

Heart Values Awards



Oak : — Harley— Hope and Achievement—fantastic attitude in his Maths, and Empathy—helping others who are stuck.

Willow: — Ellisia—Hope and Achievement—Great attitude and achievement in her Maths, including helping others as well!

Maple: — Elsie—Achievement—making great progress in Year 2, especially in her writing.

Hazel — Sophia— Reflection - excellent at what she has achieved and explaining what she wants to get better at.

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 …. Lions!

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

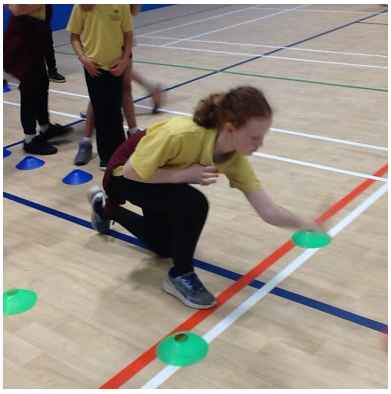
PTFA update.

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 via the QR code below. It's also a great way to meet new families and give something back to the school.

Rachel FW

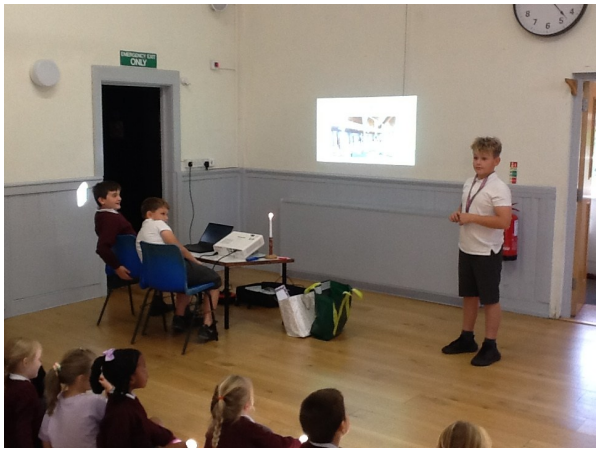
Photos from Oak's Boccia Tournament on Tuesday at Kings







Jack's presentation on Friday about his swimming competitions and life saving:



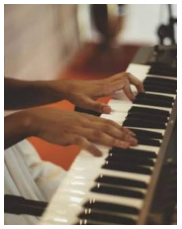
Hexagons—Sidmouth Science Fair







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.

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26th – 29th

8.30am – 5.00pm every day

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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)
Morning Activities: Board games, card games, Lego, darts, pool, ice hockey table, puzzles, colouring and more!	**Morning Activities:** Board games, card games, Lego, darts, pool, ice hockey table, puzzles, colouring and more!	**Morning Activities:** Board games, card games, Lego, darts, pool, ice hockey table, puzzles, colouring and more!	**Morning Activities:** Board games, card games, Lego, darts, pool, ice hockey table, puzzles, colouring and more!
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**

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