

# Talbot Primary School Newsletter

April 2025

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot quite believe we have come to the end of another term, and we are now two thirds through the school year! Reflecting on the past three months we have had some wonderful events and successes. Some highlights have been the Year 5 Soul Food Cafe and our Year 4 Tudor Banquet. Our fabulous pantomime - Treasure Island, a visit from creature teachers and the continued success of Commando Joes.

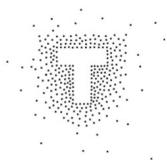
The children have been on many trips and sporting events, and we continue to ensure that the 'whole child' Thrives.

Yesterday our PTFA hosted the Eggstravaganza, there were so many fantastic entries it was so hard to judge. Please see below for a list of the winners and a photograph of their winning entries. Thank you to all those families that donated cakes for the Bake-Off and allowed us to sell them off afterwards. It was a great success, raising over £600 towards our community reading bus project. If any of you would like to get involved in the PTFA or developing any of the community reading bus project, please get in touch.

The reading bus will be based on a book swap basis where any books can be donated and borrowed for children and parents alike. We will also introduce a reading area outside of the bus where you can stay and share a book with your children, or you may want to have a book recommendation group to share books among our families.

We have some children that have been reaching excellence outside of school that should be noted, both are in Year 6. Thomas has achieved his Grade 5 violin with distinction and Burga has competed in 'Bournemouth Grand Chess Congress' competition and came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 30 adult competitors. Both outstanding achievements.

I have been very grateful of the intervention of BCP traffic division and Dorset Police for their support of the school as a high-risk area of BCP for child safety. This is due to irresponsible and illegal parking along Talbot Drive and Julianne Avenue, which puts our children at serious risk of injury from vehicles. Thank you to all our parents that adhere to our requests and park responsibly every day.



The agencies have agreed to continue their support and have suggested other resolutions which include shutting the visitor's carpark to parents and installing a street safe parking system which only allows residences access to the roads around the school during peak drop off and collect times. They are also consulting on adding further parking restrictions around the school to ensure the safer line of site for drivers in and out of our carpark should it continue to remain open.

Can I also take this opportunity to reiterate that the visitor's car park is not to be used as a play area for children and that smoking is prohibited on any of the school grounds. Failure to supervise your children or act in accordance with school policy will result in a ban from the parking facilities in our school.

I am sure you have seen the new mini buildings that have been put into the school playground. These will be our toilets for children on outdoor play. The current changing room toilets will then be closed, and the building will be repurposed.

This has resulted from a pupil survey which indicated that children feel the least safe when they are in there. Particularly when children congregate out of sight from adult supervision. Hence the individual toilets to resolve this issue. They are currently a bit of an eyesore, but we are committed to the idea of beautifying the exteriors and blending them into the landscape soon. The interior of the toilets are very nice.

We have been delighted by the response we have had for our Julias House Tail trail and fund-raising initiative. The trail that we submitted was fabulous and will now be installed in the Julia's House charity shop in Wallisdown Road. Please do take a moment to go and see it. If you are interested in seeing even more of the Tail Trail you can download the app for £1.99 and follow the trail around Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. The app is available from the App Store and Google Play and there is also a download link on The Great Tail Trail website at [www.greatailtrail.co.uk/app](http://www.greatailtrail.co.uk/app)

Our community were fantastic at raising the pledged amount of £750 by selling treats and hosting Mufti days. We even exceeded the amount and raised £875 in total.

Julia's House invited four children to take a tour of the hospice, consequently Miss. Pollock and I took our Head and Deputy girls and boys to see it. We were in awe of the facilities they have and the sensitive way the staff described the care the children who attend there receive. We also presented them with an enormous cheque! If you are interested in the virtual tour please watch the link below. If you are watching the clip with your children, please be mindful that they discuss the end of life facilities this is from 4.15 mins in the video, so you may want to stop the video at that point, but please watch the video first to make that judgement. [A tour of our Dorset Hospice - YouTube](#)

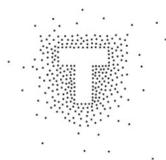
Julia's House is a fantastic charity and a very worthy cause whilst we were there we found out that the Government only contributes 8% of their total costs per year the rest is raised through fund raising and will bequests.

Thank you for all the help and support you have given the school this term. I always look forward to the breaks in the year, but I equally look forward to seeing and working alongside the children when we return. I wish you all and very safe and happy Easter Break and we will see you all on Tuesday 22nd April.

Happy Easter!



Mrs Curtis



## Reception

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of our second term in Reception, we are excited to share some of the wonderful learning experiences the children have enjoyed. It has been a term filled with exploration, creativity, and growth.

**Creature Teacher Visit:** One of the highlights was the visit from the 'Creature Teachers.' The children had the opportunity to meet and learn about various fascinating creatures. This hands-on experience sparked curiosity and excitement, as they explored the unique characteristics and habitats of these animals.



**Forestry School:** Our forestry school sessions have been a fantastic way for the children to connect with nature. They have engaged in outdoor activities that promote teamwork, problem-solving, and a love for the environment. From building shelters to identifying plants and wildlife, these sessions have been both educational and fun.

**Pavilion Dance Workshop:** The Pavilion Dance workshop was a wonderful opportunity for the children to express themselves through movement. They participated in creative dance activities that encouraged physical coordination, rhythm, and imaginative play. It was delightful to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine.

**Maths Parent Workshops:** We were thrilled to host Maths parent workshops, where parents joined their children in exploring mathematical concepts through interactive activities. These workshops provided valuable insights into how we teach maths and offered practical tips for supporting your child's learning at home.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. We look forward to more exciting learning adventures in the coming term.

Warm regards,

Miss Woodford

EYFS Lead

## Year 1

Dear Parents,

As we wrap up the Spring term, we are filled with pride and joy reflecting on the incredible progress and achievements of our Year One cohort. The children have truly shone, and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and enthusiasm.

One of the highlights of this term was the swimming sessions. The children found these sessions exciting and thoroughly enjoyed every moment in the pool. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow with each splash and stroke.

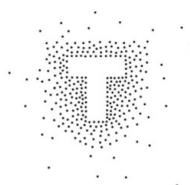
We also hosted a Maths parent workshop, which was a fantastic experience. It was heartwarming to witness both children and adults engaging in mathematical games together, fostering a love for learning and collaboration.

Our Science topic on 'senses' brought many memorable moments, especially the green food taste test. Many children bravely tried new foods, expanding their taste horizons and making the activity a delightful success.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating our upcoming trip to the Bournemouth Oceanarium in the Summer term. It promises to be an educational and fun-filled adventure for everyone.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your children's learning journey.

The Year One Team



## Year 2

Dear Parents,

As always, it has been a busy term in Year 2 with so much packed in! A highlight was our trip to Brownsea Island. The children represented the school well and thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity. In the build up to this, we had been learning about islands and the habitats and wildlife of Brownsea itself. As part of this topic, pupils designed their own islands which they edited as they learned more about the advantages and disadvantages of island life. It was great to see these evolve from islands that consisted of doughnut shops and theme parks to communities where housing, farming and transport links to the mainland were included.



We also embarked on an exciting DT project this term. Pupils have learned about different mechanisms and incorporated these into nature displays which will be available to view at Arts Evening in the Summer Term. We were impressed by how pupils carefully designed these and thought creatively about the moving elements.

Well done to all the pupils in Year 2 for another successful term. We wish the families of Year 2 a peaceful Easter Break and we look forward to seeing you again in a few weeks!

Regards,

The Year Two Team

## Year 3

Dear Parents,

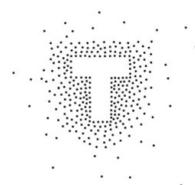
Year 3 have had yet another wonderful term filled with exciting learning experiences! We have particularly enjoyed writing news reports about the eruption of Vesuvius and exploring the tea-making process. The children's enthusiasm for learning about both mountains and volcanoes has been fantastic to see.

In addition to our classroom adventures, the children have continued to develop their swimming skills and have earned new certificates—well done, everyone! I must also mention the fantastic engagement in Accelerated Reader; it's brilliant to see the children quizzing so keenly and diving into a variety of books.

Our excitement doesn't stop here! We have begun rehearsing for our Tea & Cakes performance and are all looking forward to showcasing our hard work in May. Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a thrilling end to the term!

Best wishes,

Ms Voden



## Year 4

Dear Parents,

What a busy term it has been Year 4!

We have absolutely loved learning all about the Tudors. We made lots of fantastic memories at Hooke Court, and the children truly shone in their Tudor Banquet performance. We were so proud of them. We have been reading *The Lion and the Unicorn* in English and thinking about what it was like to be an evacuee in World War II.

Next half term, we will be learning all about the Smugglers in the local area and designing our very own boxes to smuggle things in. We will be very busy preparing for the Multiplication Times Table Check in June, so please do keep up the times table practice; the children are making great progress.

PE will remain on Mondays and Wednesdays, and we are really looking forward to doing a dance project next half term.

A very Happy Easter from all of us in Year 4. Have a lovely break, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Regards,

Year 4 Team

## Year 5

Year 5 have had an excellent half term: they have worked very hard and have really matured this term - it has been a pleasure to teach them.

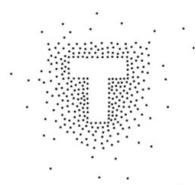
Year 5 have been learning about printing in art, designing and creating collagraphs with the outcome of making wall-paper prints. In science, we have been continuing with our Materials unit of learning, and the children have participated in several experiments, including testing materials' abilities to act as insulators for potatoes; making casein plastic from milk and vinegar (looking at irreversible changes); investigating how to make solids dissolve in water; separating materials using sieving, filtering and evaporation.

We have also looked at natural disasters, learning about the Ring of Fire, where approximately 75% of the world's volcanoes and 90% of earthquakes occur. This is particularly relevant now with the recent earthquake in Myanmar, and our thoughts go out to all families affected.

There will be swimming boosters for some of our Year 5 children in the summer term, alongside a trip to the Jurassic Coast - more to come on both of those. Please keep an eye on the Year 5 page on the school website, which will be updated imminently to provide more information about the summer term.

We wish all of our lovely children and families a very enjoyable break. Be safe, stay active and let's hope that we can enjoy some sun too!

Mr Saunders - Year 5 Lead



## Year 6

Dear Parents,

Where does the time go? It seemed barely five minutes ago we were welcoming the children to Year 6! It's been a full-on term of maths, writing and reading, with the children completing their final practice SATS. We can see how hard the children have worked, applied taught skills and been motivated to do the best they can. We really do want to thank them for their hard work.

In our history learning, we have learned about how India gained their independence and looked at key figures in recent Indian history such as Gandhi. Following on from our book-based learning on India, we then had a chance to sample some Indian-style cooking; we hope the children enjoyed their vegetable curry and soup!

Although the forthcoming summer term does include the SATS, it does include so many different opportunities such as the residential, leavers events, trips, performance and spending the last few months of primary school, enjoying time with friends.

Well done, Year 6. We're proud of all you've achieved so far. Have a restful holiday.

Regards,

Year 6 Team

### Checkmate!

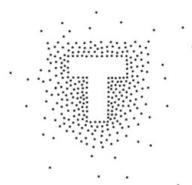
We wanted to celebrate the success of one of our Year 6 pupils.

Bugra recently joined Talbot, having spent much of his life in Turkey. When Bugra joined the school, he modestly told the staff that he was good at chess.

Well, this was an understatement! He is immensely talented and earlier this academic year, he spent some time in Turkey competing against children his age, even progressing in a regional event to a national event! More recently, he competed in the Bournemouth Grand Chess Congress tournament against players of all ages.



In his ranking ability range, Bugra finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 30 competitors. What an incredible achievement. This 2<sup>nd</sup> place finished earned him a substantial cash prize too! Super work, Bugra!



## Reading Across Talbot

We had a terrific World Book Day this term with the children getting to immerse themselves in the world of comics and graphic novels.

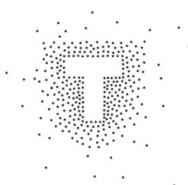
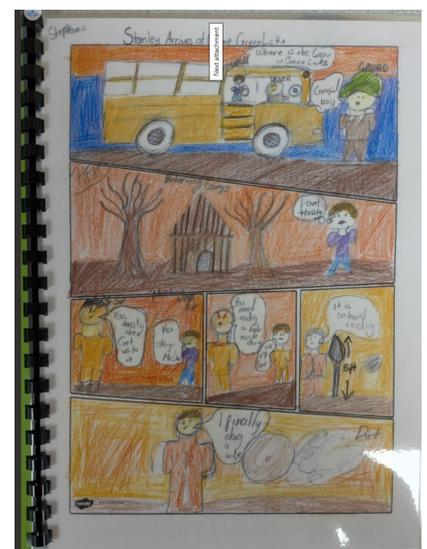
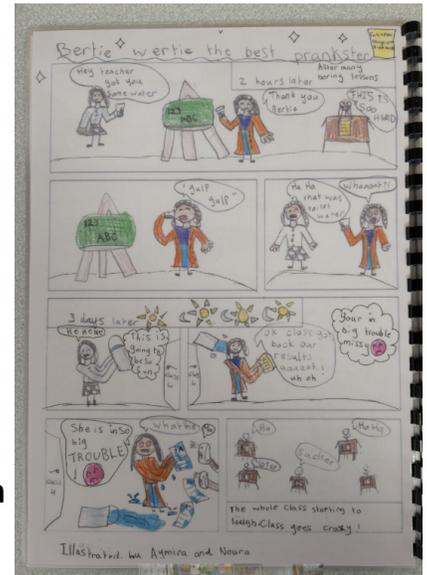
On the run up to the day, all classes were bought a graphic novel to enjoy and take inspiration from.



During the day, classes worked together to devise and create their own comics which are now available in our library for our pupils to read.

We have also started a subscription to The Beano and The Phoenix – pupils are loving reading new copies of these comics each week at Library Club.

We also had a very successful Book Fair this term – our most successful ever! This has earned us a good amount of rewards money which we will be able to invest in new books for our classroom – a huge thank you to all who came and made purchases!

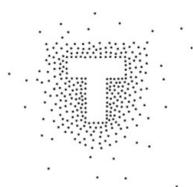


## Sports in Talbot

This half term as usual has been filled with exciting sporting events! Our year 5/6 pupils have shown great teamwork and enthusiasm in a Netball Tournament and Interhouse Football competition. Year 5 and 6 took part in an exciting football match against Ferndown Middle School, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship.

A special mention goes to our Year 3 and 4 teams, who were crowned champions in their Tag Rugby Tournament—well done! Year 5 and 6 also did really well at their tag-rugby tournament getting to the final rounds.

We are also looking forward to the upcoming **Sports Day on Tuesday 24th June**. Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be competing in the morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, while Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 will enjoy their events in the afternoon from 1:15 PM to 3:00 PM. There is also a backup date as Wednesday 25th June in case of bad weather. Put the dates in your diaries and we can't wait to see everyone there cheering on our budding athletes!



# Important Reminders

**We do not want to start the new academic year on a negative, however, I would like to send this reminder before the summer to enable you to spend money efficiently on the correct uniform and resources for school.**

## **Uniform:**

One of them is clarity around uniform expectations, I am hoping this early announcement will help you to purchase the correct kit over the summer break.

## PE Kit (Price of garments in Sainsbury):

Plain black or navy hoodie (£4-5)

Blue or Navy Joggers not leggings (£6-8 for two)

Navy Football shorts not cycling shorts, or smaller (£3 for two)

Talbot T-shirt or plain royal blue or white t-shirt

Plain white, black or navy trainer's

Please do not allow your children back to school with dyed hair and/or false nail extensions

If you borrow any swimming kit or towels, please wash and return asap. If you cannot do this, please return to the school immediately.

Please be aware when your children have Physical Education

## **School Uniform:**

Grey Trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafore

Winter uniform: White shirt and tie, school jumper or cardigan

Summer Uniform: White polo shirt, no tie, blue and white gingham dresses or skirts.

Black school shoes, no trainers or boots.

## **Snack and water:**

Children can have fruit or vegetable snacks at morning break. Please do not provide additional sandwiches and biscuits.

Please provide a water bottle for school. Only fill with water.

I really wish you have a wonderful summer, filled with fun and adventures. Keep up reading with your child, not only is this a wonderful experience for you and your child, but it will also enable your child to start back with ease.

# Important Dates

## TERM DATES

### 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

#### **AUTUMN TERM 2024**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School Reopens
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Break for half term
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School Reopens
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break for Christmas

#### **SPRING TERM 2025**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School Reopens
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Break for half term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	School Reopens
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break for Easter

#### **SUMMER TERM 2025**

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	SCHOOL CLOSED (BANK HOL)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Reopens
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED (BANK HOLIDAY)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break for Half Term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED (BANK HOLIDAY)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Reopens
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Break for Summer



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# THEATRE KIDZ

## Theatre Kidz After-School, Mondays 3.15 - 5.15pm @ Talbot Primary School

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news! Talbot Primary School will be continuing with the popular Theatre Kidz club for the Summer term.

TPA Academy provides both curriculum support and after-school lessons in many primary schools. All our teachers are qualified specialists with extensive experience in both performing and teaching. Our goal in the Theatre Kidz classes is to encourage children to embrace their individuality and celebrate their achievements through learning in a fun, nurturing environment.

**Dance** helps children improve coordination, fitness, and foster an incredible sense of emotional well-being. In these lessons' children will enjoy learning dances in a variety of styles including Street, Commercial Pop and Contemporary.

**Drama** is an essential skill to take with you wherever you go, learning about social interactions and working as part of a team. Children develop self-awareness and confidence whilst exploring Drama techniques such as Improvisation, Mime, Script Work & Plays. In these lessons' children will explore their own emotions and creativity through the power of Acting.

### Please see class details below;

- **When:** Every Monday 3.15 - 5.15pm commencing **Monday 28th April 2025**
- **Where:** Talbot Primary School
- **How to register:** Visit the registration link: <https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/tpa>. If you already have an account, please log in to the portal. Otherwise, create a new account by providing the necessary information. **If you are already registered with us you will automatically get a place for the Summer term.**

Follow the instructions to set up your payment details and sign up for auto pay. This will simplify the payment process for you.

After setting up auto pay, you can select the "Talbot Primary School - Theatre Kidz" option to enrol your child in Theatre Kidz.

- **The cost:** The cost for Theatre Kidz is £37.00 per month, automatically charged on the 7th of each month. Payments are prorated and spread across the year, ensuring that your child will receive the correct number of Theatre Kidz classes for the rest of the school year. The fee works out to approximately £5.75 per hour.

Please note that payments are collected each month (on the 7th), excluding August. **If you decide to cancel your child's place at any time, the monthly payment will be terminated accordingly.**

If a class is cancelled we can add another class at the end of the term/school year or we add a credit to your account.

- **What to bring:** Please send your son or daughter with a drink & a snack (no nut products please) and inform their class teacher they are coming along.
- **Emergency Contact Number for Parents:** Stacey - 07930 980038

### What other parents say about us:

*"My Son has been attending Theatre Kidz for several years now. It is his favourite activity of the week and we can see how much it is helping his confidence. He always comes home excited to show us what he has learnt that week. Friendly and professional teachers. Would highly recommend"* Laura (Southampton)

# Holy Week Crafternoons

You're invited to come along to any, or all, of these drop-in sessions, where we will be making things to help prepare for Easter. No expertise required and all resources provided. A gentle space for all ages who enjoy being creative.

**Monday 14th April 1-3pm -**

Glass painting / clay

**Tuesday 15th April 1-3pm -**

Sewing / embroidery / finger knitting / loom bands

**Wednesday 16th April 1-3pm -**

Natural junk modelling / stone painting

Free - donations always welcome



## Holy Week at St Marks

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April

1-3pm Crafternoon - Glass Painting

7.30pm Compline

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

1-3pm Crafternoons - Sewing/loom bands

7.30pm Compline

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

1-3pm Crafternoons - Natural junk modelling /Stone painting

7.30pm Compline

### Maundy Thursday

11am Chrism Mass, Salisbury Cathedral

7.30pm Communion with feet washing

### Good Friday

10.30am Celebration Service

12pm Good Friday devotional





# EASTER SUNDAY

St Mark's

TALBOT VILLAGE

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CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

## 5.30am Easter dawn service

Join us at our Easter bonfire as we light our Easter candle - followed by breakfast.

**9am & 10.30am Easter Communion**

# Palm Sunday

**10.30am Palm Sunday Communion**

**6pm Palm Sunday Devotional**

St Mark's

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# SOUTHERN KARATE ASSOCIATION

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Area Head Instructor Sensei R.Stone 4th Dan

## TALBOT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 5:00PM-6:00

The Southern Karate Association teaches traditional karate based on the principles of Wado Ryu karate in schools to children of all ages and abilities. Classes are led by professional instructors with enhanced DBS certificates, first aid training and full professional insurance. In class children will learn karate, developing discipline, self-control, fitness in a fun and safe environment.

Classes cost £6.00 per session. Classes normally paid half termly but can be paid weekly for the first few weeks. Details of payment arrangements will be available from the instructor.

Please be aware that it is a legal requirement that all students have insurance/licence to train in karate which will cost £25 per year. Information on this will be available from the instructor. If you would like your child to continue with us the insurance/licence must be completed online within the first 4 weeks.

The class is open to all year groups.

Please ensure children have a PE kit or similar clothing and a drink for the session.

**To book your child/children's place in the class or for more information and payment details contact the instructor on 07518181669, so your child/children's names can be added to the register.**

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PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE INSTRUCTOR. ALTERNATIVELY, CALL/TEXT TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Contact  
Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_