

Talbot Primary School Newsletter

Dec 2024



Head Teacher's Message

Dear families,

We have come to the end of the Autumn term and 2024. It has been yet another, fun-packed term with lots going on, not least in this busy final, festive week!

The children settled very well into this new academic year due in no small part to the two-week transition period. We have seen continued improvement in attitudes to learning, accuracy and pride in work. If over the Christmas Holidays you wish to do anything to support their ongoing education, then take time to enjoy a story or two in a relaxed and enjoyable shared experience.

If you have not yet seen our wonderful Christmas song for 2024, then please watch it on the school Facebook page. If you could give it a like after watching that would help us in our quest to be the most popular song amongst our cluster of schools. You know how competitive I am on behalf of Talbot!

Thank you to everyone who has joined in and facilitated all the activities over this festive period. I was particularly impressed by the large number of families that braved the rain and joined in with the Christmas Sing-A-Long!

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th January 2025

Feliz Navidad

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Mrs Curtis

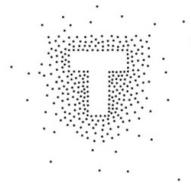


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Reception

This half term we have explored celebrations.

We have celebrated Birthdays, Halloween, Bonfire night and held Christmas celebrations too. We have rehearsed and performed our Nativity. Thank you for the wonderful costumes that were provided. The children worked incredibly hard learning the songs and lines and both performances were excellent and a joy to see.

We have had fun in Drawing club learning new vocabulary around the stories of Stickman, The Jolly Christmas Postman, David the Gnome and many more. We visited St Marks Church to meet Father Nicholas and learn about the Christmas story and had the chance to experience Forestry school with the Fresh Air club.

Next half term will be exciting as we explore Traditional Tales and new life.

Thank you again for all your support.

We hope you have a joyful yet restful Christmas Break.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The EYFS Team

Year 1

Year One has had a half term packed with exciting and enriching learning experiences!

In Phonics, the children have mastered new Phase 5 graphemes and 'tricky words' which is enhancing their reading and spelling skills.

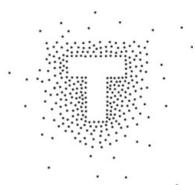
Our Maths lessons have focused on additive structures, where children learnt different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems involving 'first, then, now'.

In English, the children read *I Want My Hat Back* and *Billy and the Beast* and wrote creatively about their own imaginative beasts.

Our visit from Pavillion Dance gave the children the opportunity to take part in dance workshops that focused on a festivals theme. It was an absolute joy to watch all our children develop their dancing skills and perform a dance together.

We are all incredibly proud of the children's efforts and achievements this half term!

We are also excited to start swimming lessons in the spring term, adding another fun and valuable experience to the children's learning journey.



Year 2

It certainly has been another busy term in Year 2! The pupils have been learning about the physical and human features of beaches and coastlines in Geography and they were able to put this knowledge into action during a fieldwork trip to Bournemouth Beach. The weather was glorious for a December morning, and it was fantastic to see the pupils being able to identify the man made and natural features of our local coastline as well as discussing their impact on tourism. In preparation for the trip, we also welcomed the RNLI to the school who gave the children an interactive session on beach safety.

A highlight for me this term, has been our Art lessons, the children have learned all about creating tints and tones using paint and this culminated in the pupils creating some fantastic pieces of art based on the work of Swiss artist Paul Klee.

In English the children have created some phenomenal pieces of writing this term including a letter to our local MP, Jessica Toale, about endangered animals and a news report based on the book 'The House Held Up by Trees'. We have enjoyed the lead up to Christmas with the children and they are due a much-deserved rest over the break. We hope all the children and families of Year 2 have a peaceful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

Year 3

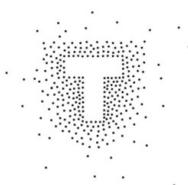
It has been a very exciting term for Year 3, filled with engaging activities and new learning experiences.

The highlight of the term was undoubtedly Roman Day, where the children immersed themselves in the history and culture of ancient Rome whilst considering 'What the Romans have done for us'. The day was filled with activities and discussions. Thank you to Miss Broadway for organising such a fantastic day.

In addition to Roman Day, the children participated in a variety of Christmas-related activities, fostering a spirit of joy and celebration. A particular favourite was our class reading of Roald Dahl's classic, The BFG. The children thoroughly enjoyed crafting their own Snozzcumber recipes, allowing their imaginations to run wild. Furthermore, they developed their creative writing skills by composing their own versions of the story's opening, showcasing their unique voices and storytelling abilities.

In maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of numbers up to 1000, building a solid foundation for future learning. The progress the children have made is commendable.

Looking ahead to next term, we are excited about our swimming sessions, which will take place on Friday's (a timetable will be uploaded to ClassDojo and the Year 3 page of the school website). Additionally, we have a trip planned to the Church linking to our Religion and Worldview learning. We anticipate another term filled with fun, learning, and growth!



Year 4

Well done Year 4 for another great half term. We have really enjoyed learning more about Ancient Egypt. A particular highlight was mummifying a member of the class!

After Christmas we will be learning about the Tudors and Henry VIII, which ties in with our residential trip to Hooke Court from 5th-7th February.

Recently we have been studying perimeter in maths which has been great fun. We've loved reading four fantastic books in English: Farther, The Wild Robot, Until I Met Dudley and The Power of Flight.

Year 4 will continue to swim on a Wednesday next half term and have PE on a Monday. Please keep up the times tables practice - the children are making great progress!

Merry Christmas from all of us in Year 4. We can't wait to see you all in the new year!

Year 5

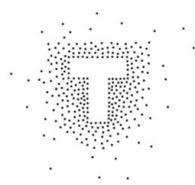
I cannot believe that we have finally made it to Christmas. The children (and adults) have worked tremendously hard this term, battling against many things, including a horrendous 8-week half term, flu, coughs, colds, Bonfire night on a Tuesday, a night on the floor in Winchester, and nearly freezing temperatures.

It was lovely to meet so many of the Y5 parents during the parents' consultations and we are looking forward to welcoming you back into school later in the year for our open classroom evening. Your children have worked hard and are now well settled in and adjusted to life in Year 5. I am so pleased with the general attitude to learning and positive behaviour that we see daily. I am looking forward to seeing many of you for our Soul Food Cafe performance and dining experience on 11th February 2025 - more to come on that soon.

Have a lovely, relaxing Christmas. Enjoy the precious time with your children, be safe, and we cannot wait to see you all in 2025!

A final message to the Year 5 children:

Please remember to be polite, kind and respectful at home...offer to help out as much as you can, say please and thank you, get outside as often as you can, and most importantly, have a great break!



Year 6

The wonderful Year 6 children have had a super busy but productive term. Many have been involved in musical extravaganzas as part of the Christmas festivities and we're so proud of those that took part and displayed their musical talents.

In class, we've written two narrative pieces based on the books 'The Arrival' and 'The Promise'. Some of the descriptive language used has really been beautiful. In maths, we took on the task of long division and ... We won! A very hard concept was approached with an open mind and we thank the children for their hard work with this, in particular!

For art, the children were treated to an art gallery in the hall where they analysed famous pieces of art from years gone by. From here, they then produced their own artwork on canvas. Many of their completed pieces wouldn't look out of place in the Tate Modern! In Geography, we looked at 'Farming and Food', whilst in Religion and Worldview sessions, we discovered the meaning behind certain Christmas traditions. Alongside all of this, the children completed another round of practice SATs. We can see excellent progress from Term 1 and have no doubt this will improve even further, as more of the curriculum is taught.

The Year 6 team would like to thank you for your continued support with TT Rockstars, AR, Spelling Shed and all things Year 6.

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Updates from around Talbot

TT Rockstars

Wow! Wow! Wow! As you will have seen our social media channels, Talbot did fantastically well in the national TTRS tournament back in November.

A quick recap of results:

Talbot finished 1st out of 392 schools in the South West, according to total points.

Talbot finished 22nd out of 4,168 schools nationwide, according to total points.

We're super proud of all the children for their hard work during this week. Once again, thank you to you at home for continuing to motivate your child to complete their games.

Mr Brown
TT Rockstar Lead



Talbot Carol Concert

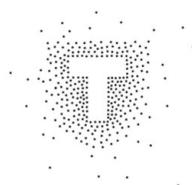


We are thrilled to share that our school's Christmas song is now live and part of an exciting competition!

Please like, share, and watch our video to help us win. We're competing with other local schools, and the video with the most likes and views will take the top spot!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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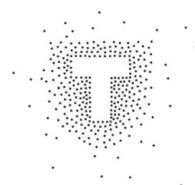
English

As another jam-packed term ends, it is good to have an opportunity to reflect on all of the hard work our pupils have put in over the last seven weeks. As English Lead, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to get into all classrooms and watch our marvellous teachers inspire our pupils, but this also means I get to look at the writing of our pupils across the entire school. I have been blown away by some of the writing I have seen this term – wonderful recounts of The Promise in Year 6, letters to MPs in Year 2, fantastical information texts in Year 4 and even some love letters in Year 5! It has been great to see how engaged the children have been in their writing and how thoroughly they have enjoyed exploring the texts that they have written in response to.

In the final week of term, we were fortunate to have Tola Okogwu (author of the Onyeka and Daddy Do My Hair series of books) visit the school for some interactive workshops with some of our pupils. This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils, and we hope it will have inspired them! A massive thank you to Mrs Wood for arranging this.



This term also saw the introduction of The Primary Periodical, an opportunity for our pupils to express themselves freely as writers. We have already received some fantastic submissions for this and look forward to sharing some of these on Dojo next term!



PTA

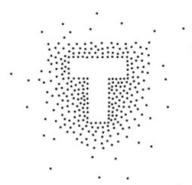
We are very grateful to the PTA who have supported the school enormously this Autumn Term. They have helped with our Little Wonders event, Tea and Cakes assembly's, wrapping Christmas presents and preparing, counting and helping to run Bonfire Night amongst many other things!

We wish them all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to more events in the New Year.

Proposed HAMWIC Admissions 26—27 Policy

Hamwic Education Trust are now consulting on the admissions policy for 2026 – 2027. The consultation ends on Wednesday 29th January 2025. If you have any comments you would like to make about the policy, please send them to Claire Shaw, Education Access Officer, at claire.shaw@hamwic.org

See the Talbot Primary website for full details on this website.



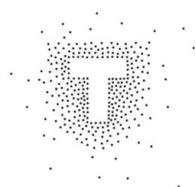
Sports in Talbot

Our PE lessons have been a great success this term, with Year 1 and Year 2 students showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm!

Year 1 students embraced the excitement of a festival-themed dance, learning vibrant movements and expressing themselves through a variety of rhythms and fun activities. Meanwhile, Year 2 students took part in a festive advent-themed dance workshop, bringing festive cheer to their performances as they practiced coordination, teamwork, and choreography.

In addition, the whole school Commando Joe's programme has been a huge hit, helping to develop leadership skills among our students while encouraging physical activity during playtimes.

The children have enjoyed taking part in the exciting challenges, supporting each other, and staying active, making the playground a fun and more engaging environment for everyone. Keep up the great work, everyone!



Important Reminders

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

SPRING TERM 2025

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

SUMMER TERM 2025

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

The Talbot website calendar is regularly updated with trips, events and other information.

Please check it as often as you can.



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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 Spring 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 13th January 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 Spring 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)

Creative Kids Winter Activity Planner



DATE	8:00 -10:00	10:00 -12:00	12:30 -14:00	14:30 – 16:00	16:00 - 18:00
SATURDAY 21 st December	CLOSED	Mosaic & Ukulele Workshop Spend some quality Christmas Family time making art and music together.	UKULELE BANDSTAND PERFORMANCE	Special Christmas Lunch with Burb's Kitchen *By invitation only for children in need	*Santa Visit Gift Giving Kid's Disco
MONDAY 23 rd December	Registration, colouring & games.	Willow Workshop Visiting Artist Mahtab Grimshaw will teach you how to build a Willow House	LUNCH BREAK PLAYTIME FILM	Winter Wonderland Workshop Build and decorate a Willow House for our Winter Wonderland Window Scene.	Free Time Rewards iPads
TUESDAY 24 th December	Registration, colouring & games.	Drama Workshop A Christmas Carol Instant theatre play around this Christmas tale.	LUNCH BREAK PLAYTIME FILM	Christmas Crafts Workshop *Tis the season for giving. Make & Take cards / gifts and sweetie filled baubles	Free Time Rewards Close @ 17:30
FRIDAY 27 th December	Registration, colouring & games.	Manga Drawing Workshop Learn the basics of manga drawing to create your own character with Luke.	LUNCH BREAK PLAYTIME FILM	Minecraft Sculpture Workshop Be inspired by digital artists and create your own Christmas sculptures in Minecraft App	Free Time Rewards iPads
MONDAY 30 th December	Registration, colouring & games.	Illustration Workshop Meet contemporary artist Lucanart and create your own stylised illustrations.	LUNCH BREAK PLAYTIME FILM	Christmas Stories / Poetry Workshop Create Magical Christmas tales and rhymes & share your work with everyone.	Free Time Rewards iPads
TUESDAY 31 st December	Registration, colouring & games.	Podcast Workshop Learn Podcasting skills and record your wishes for the New Year with Jo Tyler.	LUNCH BREAK PLAYTIME FILM	NYE Disco / Karaoke Get glittered and glammed for our very special NYE Kid's Karaoke Party.	Free Time Rewards Close @ 17:30
THURSDAY 2 nd January	Registration, colouring & games.	Film Workshop Learn iMovie app to create your own Christmas Movie trailer	LUNCH BREAK PLAYTIME FILM	Coloured Foam Clay Workshop Create and learn how to sculpt your own trinket dishes and pinch pots	Free Time Rewards iPads
FRIDAY 3 rd January	Registration, colouring & games.	Arts Award – Digital Portfolios Learn how to use the Seesaw app to create a digital portfolio in 2025	LUNCH @ THE STABLE PIZZA BOMO	COACH TRIP Jack & The Beanstalk @ Bourne-mouth Pavilion Theatre & Winter Wonderland.	Free Time Rewards iPads

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What's on in December

Fri 6	2pm	Seasonal Poetry with Richard Join us for a fun session to hear some seasonal poems, with themes including winter, nature and, of course, Christmas. We will also be talking about how to learn poems by heart. For all poetry lovers. Booking required.
Fri 13	10 – 12noon	Bake Sale In support of Bone Cancer Research Trust.
Fri 20	10.45 – 11.15	Wriggle & Rhyme Christmas Special Our usual Wriggle & Rhyme singing with a Christmassy twist! For ages 0 – 5.
Mon 23	10 – 4.30pm	Make Your Own Christmas Tea Light Holder Drop in to decorate your very own Christmas ornament. For all ages!
Tues 24	10.45 – 11.15	The Night Before Christmas Party Join us for a special themed story time and Christmas party! Booking required, for ages 7 and under. *Please note there will not be a Wriggle and Rhyme on this day*

Our Christmas opening hours

24 December	9.30 – 1pm
25 & 26 December	CLOSED
27 – 31 December	open usual hours
1 January 2019	CLOSED
3 January	9.30 – 5pm



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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.

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:
