

# Talbot Primary School Newsletter

October 2024

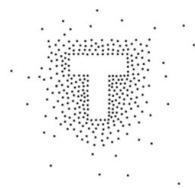
## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an absolute joy to welcome your children back to a new school year this term. We saw them respond so well to the induction fortnight at the beginning of the term, and feel that the children have settled really well into their new classes as a result. This includes our wonderful reception year who have adapted so well to school. We have been delighted to start the year with some really exciting events including trips, visits from musicians and road safety experts. We have had our bookfair and Year Two have presented their tea and cakes assembly to parents (best cakes and homemade biscuits ever!).

I have been wholly impressed by the attitude of our Year Six pupils this year. They have taken their responsibilities as role models and facilitators to another level. Many children are providing additional clubs for other children in the school, this includes sports, crafts and activities to develop their learning, such as reading and writing clubs. I am so proud of them all.

Next term we are enhancing our playtimes with 3 initiatives, Sports Leaders, Let's Play Commando Joes and quiet play. We are developing play and social interaction, to increase physical health, interpersonal skills and general happiness. I would like to extend a massive thank you to all the Year 5 and 6 children who came into school this morning to train alongside our staff.





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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the very generous donations you have made towards our Harvest Festival food bank and our Bonfire Extravaganza prizes.

I hope that you can all make it to Bonfire Night. It is on a Tuesday this year, but fingers crossed it will be equally as successful. We have been assured by our firework display team that we are in for a spectacular display on November 5th! Thank you as always for supporting our school. We look forward to seeing all our children and their families after the half term break, may it be healthy and happy for you all,

Sincerely

Mrs K Curtis

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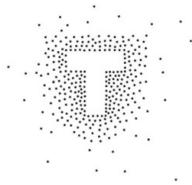
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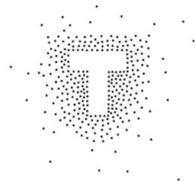
### Staff Updates:

Mrs MacDonald, our SENCO, has now started her maternity leave. She will not be returning until next academic year. In the interim, we have a Hamwic SEND support advisor called Mrs Jane Clark who will be joining us for one day a week, until Mrs MacDonald's return. Mrs Clarke will be fulfilling all the legal and statutory duties of the SENCO. Our SEND team with the addition of Mr Ross Browne, who is our interim named SENCo, will support her other duties. Mr Browne will be writing you a letter advising you on processes and procedures.

Mr Cox welcomed a baby boy and Miss Lewis a baby girl in September. Everyone is well and excited about the additions to their families. Mr Cox will be returning after half term and Miss Lewis will also be returning in the new academic year.

### Julia's House Great Tail Trail

Talbot Primary School is part of the 2025 charity event, the Great Tail Trail. We have received our tail and will now start the process of designing our final piece which will then be exhibited as part of the Trail. Please look out for our design competitions, fundraising events and fun activities for this worthy cause.



## Reception

In reception we have had a fantastic term getting to know each other. We have found out about all our different families and learnt the routines of our new school. We have started to learn to read and have been exploring numbers to 4. We captured 'Evil Pea' using strawberry jelly that we made ourselves and welcomed duck home by making Pumpkin soup.

We are looking forward to the next half term and the adventures that we are going to have, when we celebrate bonfire night, help stick man get safely home to his family and perform our nativity.

Have a restful half term break

## Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic first half term! The children have settled into their new classes really well and have been enjoying our exciting topics. We have been impressed at how they have picked up daily routines and how much more independent they have become.

The highlight of the term has been our trip to Corfe Castle. We all had a lovely day seeing a castle in real life and talking about all the things we have learnt. Mr Cox has become a proud father to baby Arlo and we look forward to welcoming him back after half term.

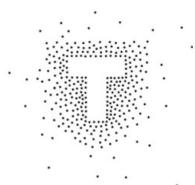
Thank you for all your support and have a lovely week off.

## Year 2

Phew! Year 2 have packed so much into this first term back! There have been lots of exciting things going on including a trip from the fire brigade as part of our Great Fire of London topic. The local fire brigade visited and talked to the pupils about fire prevention and what to do in the event of a fire.

In Writing we have been reading different versions of Goldilocks, which the children have really enjoyed. They also had the chance to write their own versions and we were very impressed with the quality of the ideas and language that the children used in these pieces.

Most excitingly, we have been rehearsing our Tea and Cakes Assembly – the children are very excited to share this with you after all of the hard work that has gone into learning their lines and songs. We have really enjoyed getting to meet this cohort and we know that a fantastic year lay ahead after a quick rest over half term. We look forward to seeing Year 2 again for the next term which will involve a (hopefully dry!) school trip to the beach! See you next term!



## Year 3

What a fantastic term it has been for Year 3! The children have truly thrived, particularly in our art lessons where they've embraced drawing with enthusiasm. One of the highlights was creating cave painting-inspired artwork using charcoal and soft pastels; their creativity really shone through, and the results were fantastic.

In English, we delved into the book 'The First Drawing' and the children wrote their own retellings. It was wonderful to see them begin to incorporate more detailed description into their stories, bringing their narratives to life in such an imaginative way!

Additionally, our time at Forest School has been absolutely great. The children have been engaging with nature and learning new skills while having a blast outdoors.

Although we had to postpone our Stonehenge trip, the children's excitement hasn't waned, and everyone is looking forward to going later in the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and here's to more learning adventures in the next term!

## Year 4

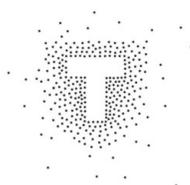
A big Well-done Year 4! What a great start to the year!

We have enjoyed learning about how important the River Nile was to the Ancient Egyptians. Next half term we will continue our Ancient Egypt topic, so if you would like to spend some time during the holidays doing some research, we'd love to hear what you've found out when we see you in November.

Recently we have been studying rounding in maths, which has been quite tricky, but the children have shown lots of resilience and done a great job.

We've loved reading four fantastic books in English: Zombierella, Varmints, The Undefeated and Tar Beach. We have just started a new book, The Wild Robot, which the children are very excited about as it's also a film currently in the cinemas. On top of all that, we've loved reading our special books in story time for Black History Month, and have enjoyed swimming, singing, sketching and more!

Have a wonderful half term holiday everyone; you deserve a good break after all that learning!



## Year 5

I don't think that I have ever taught an eight-week half term, and looking back to our transition fortnight at the start of September, it seems like a long, long time ago indeed.

The children have worked so hard throughout this half term, and we are very proud of the progress that they are making, not just academically, but also in terms of the behaviours that they are demonstrating in class and around the school.

This half term have been learning about The Mayans in history and studying forces in Science. We have introduced a new spelling scheme that children are really enjoying. Finally, we have also introduced Mastering Numbers, which is a 15–20-minute daily maths lesson designed to help children develop better number fluency and confidence in multiplication and division facts and number sense. The children seem to be enjoying this, too, and we are hopeful that it will have a positive impact on maths across the year group.

To find out more information about next half term, please visit the Year 5 Page on our website: [Talbot Primary School - Autumn 2](#)

We hope that you and your children enjoy a well-earned rest. Halloween doesn't usually fall within the October Half Term, so it is great that the children will really be able to enjoy that too.

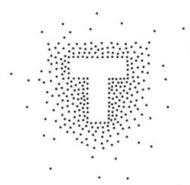
## Year 6

Where did those eight weeks go? What a busy but brilliant half term it has been. In writing, we have been creating information texts based on animals such as elephants, tigers, blue whales and mountain gorillas. For our reading lessons, we have been enjoying the excellent 'Beetle Boy' by M.G Leonard. We've not only been on an adventure with Darkus to find out what mysteriously happened to his father, but we've also learned a lot about ... Beetles! With maths, we have just completed a unit of work looking at addition and subtraction. Next up is multiplication and division!

During our afternoon sessions, we have explored Ancient Greek society: discussing democracy, Alex the Great, the origins of the Olympics and then delved into law and order. We've completed some yoga activities in ... Spanish lessons, discussed role models in religion and worldview lessons, drawn some superb perspective pieces in art, whilst in Science, we've researched how important the organs are in our body and how we can keep ourselves safe and healthy.

And finally, the children have just completed their first practice SATs tests and all of the Year 6 staff are incredibly proud of their effort and progress. Through these tests, we can see areas for development to ensure our wonderful pupils are continuing to make good progress in all aspects of their learning.

We wish you a lovely and restful half term.



## Updates from around the Talbot

### TT Rockstars & Accelerated Reading

Firstly, thank you for your continued support with AR and TT Rockstars. As you know, being a fluent reader and knowing your times tables really helps in classroom learning!



In Key Stage 2, children continue to have at least 30 minutes of dedicated reading time per day to aid them with their reading. When they finish their book, they will then take a 'quiz' on the AR system. We try to encourage pupils to have 85% accuracy on their quizzing and the targets they're set, are always designed to be achievable whilst aspirational.

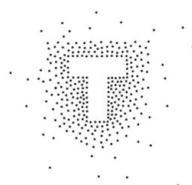
At the time of writing, we have 42% of Key Stage 2 children achieving over 85% accuracy on their quizzing. Normally, we are around 50%-55%. In addition to this, just over 65% of children have reached their AR target. We know both of these percentages will increase as the year progresses. If you would like to check your child's progress, you can do this via AR home connect. Please visit the Talbot website and click on Accelerated Reader for more information.

With TT Rockstars, the expectation is 15 minutes per week (roughly 2 minutes per day). Naturally, some children would rather do more than their 15 minutes and that is brilliant, but doing their minimum 15 minutes is vital. If your child becomes very confident with all of their times tables, they can be set harder times tables. In Year 4 last year, there were some pupils mastering their 13 - 19 times tables! Currently, some Year 6s are attempting to master their 30 and 60 times tables!

A date for your diaries - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - 14<sup>th</sup> November. This is a two day national times table competition!

Thanks.

**Mr Brown (Year 6) - Accelerated Reader and TT Rockstars Lead**

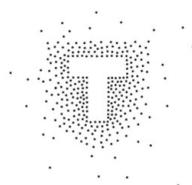


## English

In our first term we have had a big push on using the library and all classes now have the opportunity to visit the library regularly and allow pupils to take books home. We have also successfully started Library Club three times a week thanks to the initiative of our wonderful “Library Legends”, Kaycie and Olivia in Year 6. The girls have also been running a writing club at lunch as part of a competition which has also been very popular.

We have also launched our ‘Talbot Tales’ bookshelf which has a different theme each month and is full of books that classes can borrow to read during Story Time each day. This term, our theme was Black History Month.

The penultimate week of the term saw many visit our Book Fair, which raised lots of money that the school can use to buy more books for our pupils. A huge thank you to all who came and made purchases – it really does make a difference!



## PTA

The PTA have had a busy half term helping with preparations for Bonfire Night. They have visited local shops for raffle donations, put up posters and stuffed envelopes with raffle tickets.

They have also been into school to count stock and fill sweetie cones. We are so grateful for all their support. The PTA are also helped with the Year 2 Tea and Cakes assembly.

# Firework Display & Bonfire

## Tuesday 5th November 2024

at Talbot Primary School, Talbot Drive, Poole

Gates open at 5.30pm, Bonfire 6.30pm & display 7.00pm

Tickets bought in advance

Adults £5.00, Children £2.50,  
Family Ticket £12.50 (2 adults & 2 children)

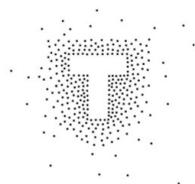
On the night - Adults £6.00, Children £3.00, Family £15.00  
Under 3's free

Tickets available from Talbot Primary School

**Please do NOT bring alcohol, your own sparklers or fireworks**

**Under 16's MUST be accompanied by an adult**

Lots of family fun including  
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Refreshments, Guy Competition, Stalls & Games.

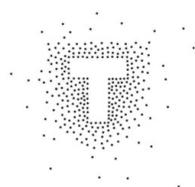


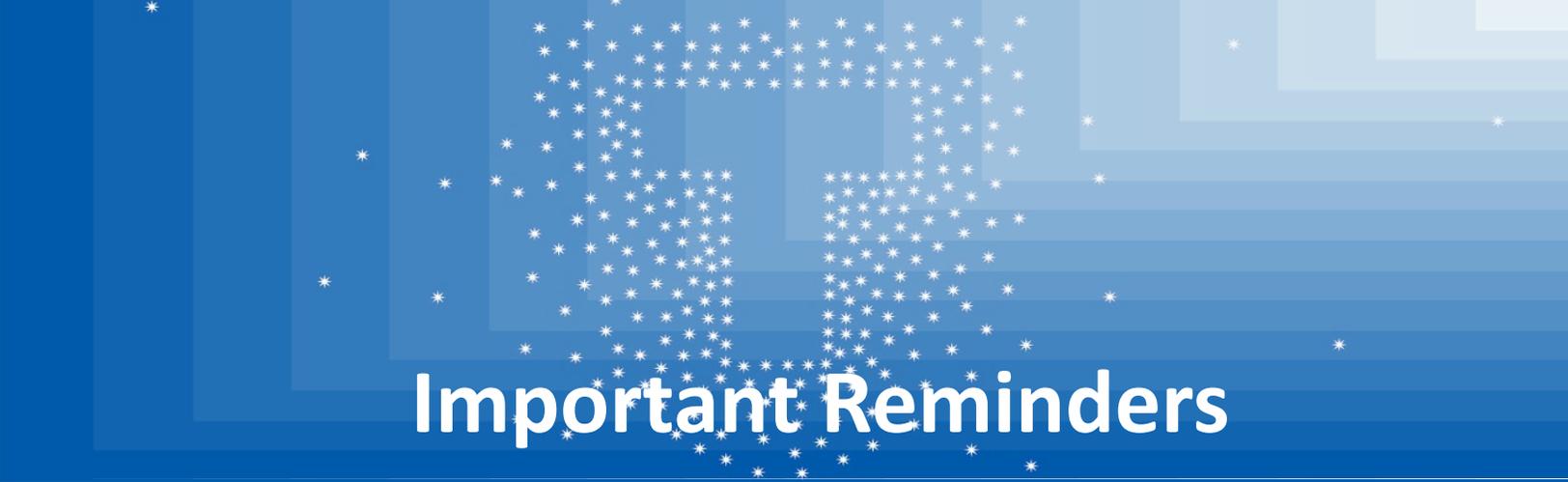
## Sports in Talbot

A big well done to the year 6 football team who participated in the Dorset 7-a-side football tournament on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024. In very wet conditions, Talbot performed Extremely well, winning and drawing one game.

A Big Well done to the year 5 and 6 girls who in the same tournament managed to get through to the semi-finals and narrowly losing to Baden Powell.

Moving forwards, fixtures have been arranged for both year 6 boys and girls. The year 4 team will also be participating in a local tournament on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.





# Important Reminders

04/11/24—Flu Immunisations

05/11/24—Bonfire Night

07/11/24—Reception NHS Height and Weight Checks

28/11/24—29/11/24—Year 5 Winchester Science Museum Trip

16/12/24—Reception and Year 1 Breakfast with Santa

17/12/24—Year 2 and Year 3 Breakfast with Santa

18/12/24—Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Breakfast with Santa

18/12/24—Christmas Jumper Day

18/12/24—Christmas Lunch

20/12/24—School breaks for Christmas Holiday

# 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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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:**

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**Child's Class:**

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**Your Contact  
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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 from September.

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 9th September 2024**
- **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 in September.

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)