Parent Newsletter November 2026

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Message from Mrs Penney

Dear Tany's Dell Families,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break. The weather was good to us most of the time so I hope you were able to get out and about. After two weeks, I am confident that the staff and children of Tany's Dell are refreshed and ready to resume learning mode!

We held a phonics workshop this week and only one parent attended, so we will schedule another event in the new year. For parents of Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 parents, it is a key event to put in your diary. In the mean time, we will send out the slides, so that you can have a look at home. We hoped for more people to attend, not only to explain the new Read, Write, Inc

resources, but to emphasise the importance of reading in general, especially with our youngest learners. Here is a useful link for understanding phonics Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics - Oxford Owl[1].

I am a parent who works full time, so I do understand the difficulties of juggling everything and that attending events can be tricky to squeeze in. The main message from us is always to keep reading with your child each day (for children of all ages) and make it part of your routine at bedtime. Read anything! Find out what interests your child - If they don't like the book from school, read something else, but just keep reading. Research shows that children who are read with regularly when they are young, are more likely to perform better in tests at age 16, so thank you for supporting your child at home and improving their chances later in life.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend. I hope you get to see some fireworks.

Mrs Jennifer Penney

Headteacher

Notices

- *Welcome to our new Nursery Teacher, Mrs Jessica Vogt. Jessica comes to us with lots of experience of working in nurseries. I am sure you will all join us in giving her a warm Tany's Dell welcome.*

- *Please remember that the weather is getting cooler and children need their appropriate coats, hoods, gloves etc. to stay warm at break and lunch.*

- *Appeal for Christmas gift donations. As usual we will we running our project that supports families who might struggle to buy presents for their children. An email will be coming soon, with more details, but in the meantime please save any good quality new or nearly new items that would be suitable as children's gifts.*

- APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL SPACE RECEPTION 2026-27*: Do you have a child that is due to start Reception in September 2027? We have a tour on Wednesday 6th January at 10am,*

[1] https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/

please let the office team know if you would like to book to join. Applications for a primary (reception) school place starting September 2027 can be made between 9 November 2026 and 15 January 2027, please use the following link to apply via Essex online Primary school places | Essex County Council[2]

- PTA and school fundraisers: *The dates calendar has been sent to you in an email. As the year progresses, we would love to add more fun events to the diary, so that we can raise money for projects in school. We now need to set up a proper PTA to move forward. One parent has made me aware that she is interested in officially starting a PTA, so that is a great start. There is a coffee morning 9th December at 9am specifically to talk about this, so do attend if you can seriously commit to setting up a new PTA. If there is enough interest, we can set up an AGM to 'vote in' members before Christmas and plan some exciting events for the Spring and Summer term. Looking forward to seeing you there.*

- ***We have made the school a mobile phone free zone. Thank you for helping us by conducting all calls, messaging, emailing, use of socials and browsing off site.***

- *Snacks: Please remember that a free snack is provided for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All other children are welcome to bring a fruit or veg snack from home into school each day if they wish. Also, please remember that your child needs a refillable water bottle every day.*

- *PE days this term are:*

Year 3 - Monday and Thursday

Year 4 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 1 Amber - Tuesday and Friday Year 1 Coral - Wednesday and Friday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 Navy - Monday and Thursday

[2] https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-school-places

Year 5 Indigo - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday and Friday

Reception - Scarlet - Monday and Wednesday Ruby - Thursday and Friday

Please remember to remove any earrings on the morning of your child's PE day if your child is not able to do this themselves.

Attendance Updates



1 - Attendance matters

Thank you to those of you who are making an effort to arrive every day on time. We are seeing some great improvements to our attendance.

Inclusion

Bowling

Our children from the Resource Base are excited to be taking part in a ten-pin bowling event organised by the charity Panathlon on Friday. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their teamwork, communication and sportsmanship skills while enjoying a fun and inclusive sporting experience. We are looking forward to cheering each other on, celebrating successes and representing Tany's Dell.

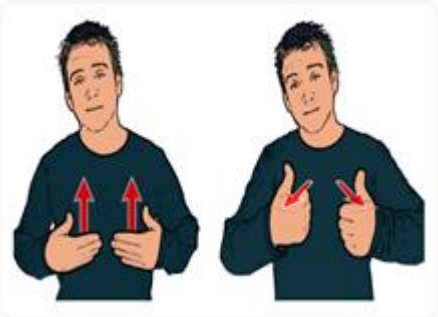
BSL

This month, we have been focusing on developing conversational skills in BSL. The children have learnt how to sign, "How are you?" and have explored different emotion signs to help them respond. So far, they have learnt the signs for "happy" and "excited". We look forward to building on these skills over the coming weeks.

This link will take you to a video that shows you how to sign "How are you?" Fletch@BSL “How Are You” BSL[3]

This link will take you to a video that shows you how to sign "happy"Happy (in BSL)[4]

This link will take you to a video that shows you how to sign "excited" Excited - #VoiceOff, Sign it![5]



2 - How are you?



3 - Happy

[3] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cIQ-Aw6QjA
[4] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Id3W0m-IOY
[5] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yfb2w3qdj04



4 - Excited

Dates for your Diary

November

School Photos - Wednesday 11th

Christmas Panto - Thursday 19th

Nursery Christmas Art Day - Friday 27th

December

Catch up Flu immunisations - Thursday 3rd

Coffee Morning 9am Fundraising and PTA - Wednesday 9th December PLEASE COME ALONG IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SETTING UP A NEW PTA.

Christmas Dinner Day - Wednesday 9th December

KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm Thursday 10th

Reception Christmas songs - Friday 11th

Christmas Carols at St Mary's At Latton Church - Friday 11th at 7pm

Merit Assemblies - Monday 14th

Nursery Nativity 10:45 and 2.30 - Tuesday 15th

End of Term - (**Children finish school at 1.30pm)** - Thursday 17th December

January

INSET DAY - Monday 4th

Children return to school Tuesday 5th

Reception Tour - Wednesday 6th 10am

Essex road safety AM reception PM Year 5 - Monday 11th

Coffee Morning 9am 'How can I help my child at home?' with Mr Whitbread, Mrs Clifton and Mrs Monrowe - Tuesday 12th January

Phonics Event Reception and KS1 - Wednesday 20th 9.30am (more details to follow)

February

NSPCC Number Day - Friday 5th

Parents Evening 1.45-7.30 - Thursday 11th **(Children finish school at 1.30pm)**

Spring Half Term - 15th-19th

Children return to school - Monday 22nd

March

World book WOW day - Friday 5th

Science week - 8th-14th

Merit Assemblies - Monday 22nd March

Easter Bonnet Parade EYFS and KS1 - Wednesday 24th

Y3-Y5 Music Concert - Wednesday 24th

2026-27 Full Term dates can be found here: Term Dates | Tany's Dell Primary School[6]

Contact Us

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[6] https://www.tanysdell.essex.sch.uk/news-events/term-dates

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For all queries please contact parents@tanysdell.essex.sch.uk[7]

All emails will be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff (please note that we do receive a high volume of emails daily and endeavor to respond within 48 hours).

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Visit our website at Tany's Dell Primary School[8]

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[7] mailto:parents@tamysdell.essex.sch.uk
[8] https://www.tanysdell.essex.sch.uk/