

Spring Term 2

BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday 23rd February

KAPLA STEM DAY
Monday 23rd February

(No hot meals this day)
The deadline has now passed to order a baguette. If you haven't ordered a cold option, please send your child with a packed lunch.

U11 Warwickshire Small Schools Quater Final vs St Benedict's Catholic School
Monday 2nd March

KS2 Fire Safety Talk
Tuesday 3rd March

World Book Day
(dress up as a word)
Thursday 5th March

Boys Football Fixture (Year 5/6) at Studley C of E Primary School
Monday 9th March

Girls Football Fixture (Year 5/6) at Studley C of E Primary School
Thursday 12th March

SEN Coffee and Chat
(9.30am -10.30am)
Wednesday 18th March

Upcoming PTA Events

PTA Meeting at The Golden Cross
Thursday 26th February

Chocolate Bingo
Thursday 20th March

Trips
Year 5 & 6 Residential
Monday 15 June- Wednesday 17

Stars of the Week:

Class 1: Edward
Class 2: Isabel
Class 3: Maple
Class 4: Harriette



Sports Award
Class 1: Harpy
Class 2: Harry
Class 3: Thoren
Class 4: Joseph



Message from Mrs Yorke

As we reach the end of this half term, I remain incredibly proud of the many ways our children continue to demonstrate growth, kindness, and maturity in their daily school life.

Throughout Spring 1, our Christian value of Truthfulness has been at the heart of our collective worship. The children have engaged with a range of inspiring stories that have encouraged them to reflect on honesty, integrity, and the importance of being true to ourselves and others.

These themes have prompted thoughtful discussions and it has been wonderful to see pupils making meaningful connections between our worship and their own choices and relationships.

We have been very fortunate to share worship with Rev Helen this half term. She has led a number of assemblies, including a recent one helping the children to understand the significance of Lent as a time of reflection and preparation. Rev Helen has also worked closely with and supported our children's assembly leaders, who continue to grow in confidence and presence. It is always a pleasure to see our pupils taking on these responsibilities with such enthusiasm and maturity.

Last week, the whole school took part in Number Day in support of the NSPCC. The children thoroughly enjoyed the mathematical challenges and activities, and we are delighted that, through the generosity of our school community, we raised over £440 for this important cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed – your support is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU
SO MUCH

This week's focus on Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day has provided valuable opportunities for pupils to reflect on wellbeing, emotions, and online safety. The children have approached this learning with great thoughtfulness and maturity. We were also excited to launch the My Happy Mind programme this half term, which will further support pupils in understanding their mental health, building resilience, and developing positive habits.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. These conversations are such an important part of our partnership with families, and we truly value the opportunity to share your children's achievements and progress. As always, my sincere thanks go to our dedicated staff team for their unwavering commitment and care, to our families for your continued support, and most importantly to our wonderful children, who bring such positivity, curiosity, and joy to our school each day.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Mrs Yorke



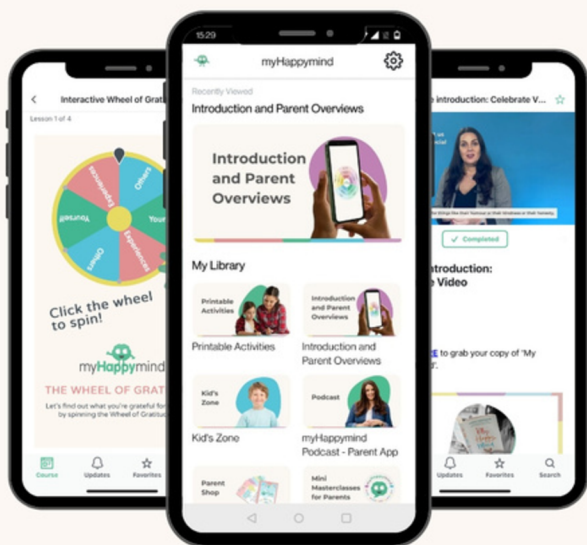
myHappyMind is now running across all year groups to help children understand their brains and build positive habits.

Teachers deliver short, interactive lessons, and children use what they learn throughout the day.

You can explore the same ideas at home through the Parent App, which includes activities, a Kids Zone and more. Visit <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create a free account using code **145712**.



Download your FREE myHappyMind Parent App



...An online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappyMind to support your child.

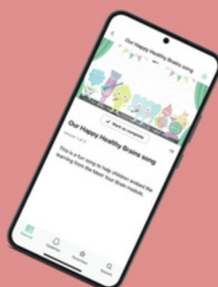


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What a fantastic half term it has been at Temple Grafton CofE Primary School!

Silent Disco Success

Our recent PTA Silent Disco was an absolute hit! The hall was filled with laughter, dancing and some very enthusiastic singing - so not exactly silent! It was wonderful to see pupils of all ages letting their hair down, enjoying time with friends and making special memories together. Events like this don't just raise funds - they build community, confidence and joy. A huge thank you to everyone who supported and helped make it such a success.

Chess Fever

The children have been thoroughly enjoying the new chess sets recently introduced in school. It has been brilliant to see pupils across year groups developing their strategic thinking, patience and resilience - and even more lovely to see older pupils supporting younger ones as they learn. Rain soaked lunchtimes have been full of concentration, friendly competition and lots of "checkmate!" moments!

Dates for Your Diary:

PTA Meeting - Thursday 26th February, 7.30pm at The Golden Cross
Everyone is welcome - we'd love to see some new faces!

Chocolate Bingo - Friday 20th March at School

Rags to Riches - Tuesday 22nd April

And finally, keep an eye out for information coming soon about ordering our Self-Portrait School Tea Towels. These are always such a special keepsake and make lovely gifts too.

Chair of Temple Grafton PTA



Support Temple Grafton C of E Primary School - School Lottery

We're inviting families to support the school by joining the School Lottery, run through yourschoollottery.co.uk.

For just £1 per ticket per week, you'll be entered into a weekly draw with the chance to win cash prizes, while also helping raise valuable funds for the school and PTA.

📺 What can you win?

- A weekly jackpot of up to £25,000
- Plus additional cash prizes every week
- Winners are notified automatically

📄 Good to know:

- Tickets cost £1 each per week
- You can choose to have more than one ticket
- You can cancel at any time
- The lottery is run securely by yourschoollottery.co.uk

👉 Join here:

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/temple-grafton-cofe-primary-school?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=cause-page&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink

Thank you for your continued support - every ticket helps make a difference for our children 🌟



Small Monthly Donations. Big Difference for Our Children. ❤️

Did you know you can support Temple Grafton PTA with a small monthly donation? Even the price of a coffee each month helps us do amazing things for the school 🌟

Your regular support helps fund:

- 🌳 Forest School sessions and equipment
- 📖 Accelerated Reader (AR) and reading resources
- 🎭 Non-curriculum resources that bring learning to life
- 🚀 Enrichment projects that go beyond the classroom

Monthly donations give us reliable funding so we can plan ahead, respond to what the school needs most, and keep investing in opportunities that help every child shine 🌟

👉 Setting it up takes less than a minute:

<https://donate.stripe.com/cNidR95HR5f12z88mc2Z000>

Thank you for supporting our school, our children, and everything we do together ❤️



SPORT NEWS

Cross Country Success

Despite a very wet cross-country season with only 1 race out of 3 going ahead- Oakleigh in year 3 has been selected to represent South Warwickshire in the County Finals on Saturday 6th March at The Pingles Stadium, Nuneaton. Her selection was guaranteed after finishing 3rd in her race back in October. Also a special mention to Harry C for being selected as a reserve for the Year 3 boys event after finishing 8th in his race. If a space becomes available he will also be invited to attend.

Well done both!

Intra House Sports Hall Athletics - Class 4

On Monday during PE, Class 4 took part in an intra-house sports hall athletics competition with the House Captains and Vice Captains leading the events. The whole class competed in at least 2 events cheering on their team members throughout the afternoon:

Results

- 1st: Beech (122 points)
- 2nd: Chestnut (118 points)
- 3rd: Sycamore (114 points)

well★done



Gymnastics

In PE this half term with Fit4Kids, all four classes have been exploring gymnastics, focusing on balance skills. Mr Askin has been delighted with the wonderful progress the children have made.

Class 1

On Thursday Class 1 had fun creating a dinosaur dance, stomping like a stegasaurus, roaring like a t-rex, flying like a pterodactyl and reaching high like the brochiosaurus.

They even looked like dinosaurs wearing the dinosaur masks!



South Warwickshire Sports hall Athletics Competition

On Wednesday 4th February, 9 boys and 9 girls from class 4 took part in the first heat of the South Warwickshire Sports Hall athletics competition. The team did amazing on the day with everyone taking part in at least 2 events (track and field). We scored highly in the field events (javelin, Standing long jump, Triple jump, vertical jump and speed bounce) and both the boys and girls relay teams finished first in their heat after a very fast race. 25 schools took part across 3 heats. We finished an amazing 3rd in our heat and a magnificent 6th overall.

Well done to Team TG!

Mrs Campbell-Davies





Class 1

This term, we have followed Neil Armstrong's 'The Book of Boc' and joined Bok the Rock on an exciting journey through time and space. We began our adventure in outer space, learning all about space and the planets, and even helped our class alien return to his home planet during a thrilling spaceship adventure.

Next, we travelled back to the Ice Age, exploring the polar regions and discovering how animals survive in cold climates. We especially enjoyed our science experiment investigating blubber and how it helps animals keep warm.

Our journey then took us to the Jurassic era, where we researched dinosaurs, learning how they lived, what they ate, and discovering the important work of Mary Anning. We had great fun making fossils, cutting cabbage, and hatching our own dinosaur eggs.

We finished the term by returning to our celebration topic, where we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. The children enjoyed tasting Chinese food, making dragons, and taking part in a traditional lion dance.



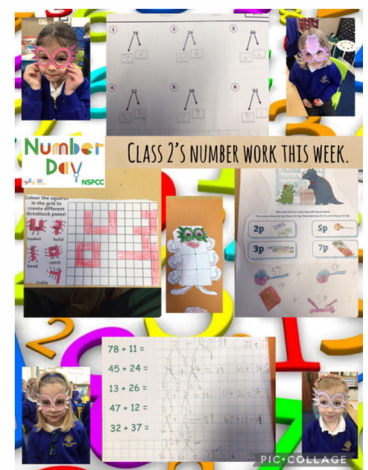
Mrs Bonham

Class 2

Class 2 have had a bright and busy Spring term packed with curiosity and creativity! In Geography, we explored the UK, learning about its four countries and discovering how weather patterns change across different regions. The children loved comparing forecasts and spotting seasonal changes. In Science, we investigated the properties of simple materials, testing and sorting them to see which were strong, flexible, waterproof, or absorbent. Our classroom turned wonderfully colourful during Art lessons, where we experimented with colour mixing and used our new skills to create eye-catching collages full of texture and imagination.

Literacy brought lots of laughter as we wrote our own funny poems inspired by the strangest food combinations we could imagine-some were deliciously silly! Throughout the term, the children showed fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork, and creativity. It's been a joy to see their confidence and love of learning continue to grow as we head toward the summer.

Mr Boothroyd



KS2 News



Class 3

This half term, Class 3 have had a wonderful start to the Spring Term, enjoying our topic: Where does our food come from? Through this, the children explored where food is produced and discussed the importance of Fair Trade, as well as the benefits of buying local produce compared to imported food.

In English, we have been reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes, which inspired the children to write some brilliant descriptive adventure stories, using rich vocabulary and imaginative ideas.

In Maths, we have continued to develop our multiplication and division skills, with the children showing increasing confidence and perseverance. Our Science lessons focused on states of matter, where the children enjoyed investigating solids, liquids and gases and learning how materials can change.

In Design and Technology, the class worked enthusiastically to design and create their own fantastic pneumatic toys, developing their problem-solving skills and creativity. Class 3 have worked extremely hard this half term, and I am very proud of their achievements so far.

Miss Hills



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**AMAZING
WORK!**

Class 4

Class 4 have had a very busy and productive half term. In English, we studied Shakespeare's play *Macbeth* and wrote alternative endings to this macabre tragedy. We also explored a historic text by delving deeply into Alfred Noyes' narrative poem *The Highwayman*.

The children gained a great deal from both texts and developed a strong understanding of their historical contexts. In Maths, we have been perfecting our long multiplication and long division skills, as well as learning how to multiply and divide fractions. Our Geography topic on populations has helped us to understand the factors that influence population change and why people migrate to other countries.

We investigated why some parts of the world are more densely populated than others by exploring birth and death rates, discussing social, economic and environmental push and pull factors, and learning about the population of Britain and its impacts. In Science with Mrs Long, we thoroughly enjoyed using our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to investigate how mixtures can be separated. We learned that some materials dissolve in liquids to form solutions and that some changes result in the formation of new materials, which are not usually reversible. Our creative skills have also flourished this half term. In Art, we created wonderful poem portraits, and in Music, our topic on musical theatre has enabled us to appreciate different genres as well as compose our own theatre music.

Mrs Pellet-Ward

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR JUST £1 DURING THE FEBRUARY HALF TERM!



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

BILLS

Kids eat free Monday 17th - Friday 28th Feb

BREWDOG

Kids eat free this Feb Half Term

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 under 16s get free breakfast daily with 1 adult!

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE from 10th to the 16th of Feb 2026.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during all school holidays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids eat for £1 from 6th Jan to 11th February 2026.

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1. Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

WHITBREAD INNS


2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free all day Feb 16th - 20th 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free 

School Club Schedule - Spring 2

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.30-4.30pm			KS1 Multisport with Fit4Kids (Online Booking) Girls Football Years 4-6 with Nicki Campbell (3.30pm-4.30pm)	KS2 Football Club (Year 3 -6) with Fit4Kids (Online Booking)	
3.40 - 4.40pm	B'Arty with Olivia Class 3				
3.30 - 5pm		S J Academy Drama - In Village Hall	S J Dance & Cheerleading in Village Hall		
5-6pm		S J Gymnastics In Village Hall			
Lunchtimes		Choir with Simon Kemp - In Class 4			

CONTACT DETAILS FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

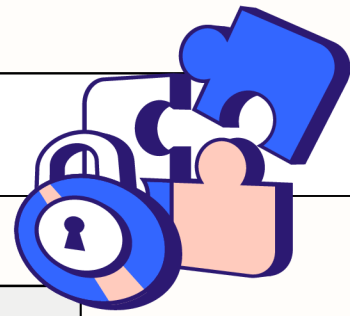
SJ Academy - sjacademy@outlook.com

B'Arty - richards8sn@btinternet.com

Fit4Kids Online Bookings - www.fitt4kids.org.uk

Music Lessons with Simon - smjkemp@googlemail.com

DID YOU KNOW?



Avoid Being Automatically Added to a WhatsApp Group

Many children and young people using smartphones also use WhatsApp, where group chats are common. Unfortunately, some people add random numbers (including children's!) to groups that may share inappropriate content. To prevent this, we recommend you update your child's WhatsApp settings so they must approve any group invite before being added. Follow these steps:

- Open WhatsApp on your child's device and go to their profile in the bottom right-hand corner.
- Click 'privacy' and find the 'groups' option – click it.
- Choose who can add your child to a group, either 'everyone', 'my contacts' or 'my contacts except'.
- If you choose 'my contacts except', you will be able to select individual contacts who will not be able to add you to a WhatsApp group.
- A tick should appear next to the option you have selected.



Roblox Facial ID for Age Verification

In January, Roblox introduced a facial ID check to verify users' ages, which affects the content they can access. However, it has been reported that the AI system isn't always accurate - some younger children have been incorrectly identified as older, consequently giving them access to unsuitable content. If your child uses Roblox, check their account age settings to ensure they can only access age-appropriate games and groups.

SUPPORT



There's a wide range of support nearby, from food banks to cost of living help. Find out if you're entitled to Free School Meal support and use the links to learn what's available in your area.

Cost of living support and mental health support:

<https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/i-need-urgent-help>

Where to find your nearest food bank:

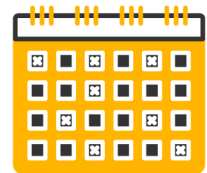
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/foodbanks>

Free School Meals

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-mealst>



LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME



The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides. Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application.

If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence. Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings. Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2025-26

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total). First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days. Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount. Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution. Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

Term dates 2026

Spring Term 2026

- **Half term:** Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026
- **Ends:** Friday 27 March 2026
- **Spring (Easter) holiday:** Monday 30 March 2026 to Friday 10 April 2026

Summer Term 2026

- **Starts:** Monday 13 April 2026
- **Half term:** Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026
- **Ends:** Friday 17th July 2026

Term Dates for 2026-2027 can be found on our website.



School Start Time

A reminder that our school day begins at **9am**. Anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late. Arrivals after **9.20am** without a reason will be marked as unauthorised.

School Website →

All information regarding our school is available on our official website.

If you ever need to revisit a newsletter or check the weekly schedule- feel free to return to our site:
<https://www.tgschool.co.uk/>

Reminder

PE

Class 2

- Tuesday & Wednesday

Class 3

- Thursday & Friday

Class 4

- Monday & Wednesday

Forest School

Class 1

- Wednesday

Class 2

- Friday

48 Hour Sickness Guidance for Parents and Carers

To help keep our school community healthy and reduce the spread of illness, we follow the standard 48-hour sickness rule.

If your child has been sick (vomiting) or had diarrhoea - Please keep them at home for 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. They should not attend school during this time, even if they seem better. This helps prevent illness spreading to other children and staff. Why 48 hours? Many stomach bugs remain contagious for up to two days after symptoms stop. Keeping children off during this time greatly reduces the risk of others becoming unwell.

When to return to school?

Your child can come back after the full 48 hours have passed with: no vomiting; no diarrhoea and feeling well enough to take part in the school day.

Thank you for your support. Following this guidance helps us protect all pupils, staff, and families.