

TOWNHILL INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1 2026

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your child back after the summer holiday.

I hope that you and all your loved ones continue to stay safe and well.

It has been fantastic to have all the children back at school after the summer break. They have all settled back into school and their learning. We have enjoyed meeting all our new Year R children and their parents.



The following are the key dates and events for the academic year.

PLEASE NOTE SOME DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

For children in our Specialist Provision, events may vary.

Please speak to your child's staff members.

Townhill Infant calendar 26-27

September	<u>Mon 28th September</u> <u>Guided Tours for parents of New Entrants to Year R 2027</u> 3.30pm, 4pm or 4.30pm by appointment only. Please ring the school office on 023 8047 4835 to book an appointment. <u>Open Morning for parents of New Entrants to Year R 2027 – 9.30am – 10.30am</u> Please feel free to visit the school anytime between 9.30am & 10.30am.
October	<u>Thurs 1st & Wed 7th - 3.30pm, 4pm or 4.30pm</u> <u>Guided Tours for New Entrants Year R 2027 (for parents of children who will be starting in Year R September 2027)</u> <u>Please ring the School Office to book an appointment 023 8047 4835</u> <u>Wed 7th – School Photographer in school in the morning to take individual photos of the children. These will be available to purchase.</u>

	<u>Wed 7th</u> – Open Afternoon – 1.30pm – 2.30pm Please feel free to visit the school anytime between 1.30pm & 2.30pm. <u>Weds 14th</u> HARVEST - 9.00am - Year 1 and 2 10.0am - Year R and Nursery Parents and younger children are welcome to attend <u>Thurs 15th</u> – Year 2 trip to Weald & Downland <u>Fri 23rd</u> INSET DAY - school closed <u>Mon 26th</u> - Fri 30th Oct- Half term School closed
November	<u>Mon 2nd</u> – School starts <u>Thurs 5th</u> - Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm (Last appointment 6.50pm) Nursery Parents Evening 3.30pm – 4.50pm <u>Mon 9th</u> - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm (Last appointment 5.50pm) Nursery Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 4.50pm <u>Fri 13th</u> – Children in Need- PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN BRIGHT CLOTHING- NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY <u>Thurs 19th</u> – Flu Vaccination in school Years R,1 & 2 (more details to follow)

December	<u>Fri 4th Dec</u> – INSET DAY School Closed <u>Tues 8th</u> - Year 2 Christmas play 2pm <u>Weds 9th</u> Year 1 Christmas play 2pm <u>Thurs 10th</u> - Year R Christmas play 2pm <u>Fri 11th</u>- Nursery play 2pm <u>ALL YEAR GROUPS</u> - THERE WILL BE TWO PLACES ALLOCATED FOR ADULTS PER CHILD TO ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS PLAYS. <u>**PLEASE NOTE THAT UNFORTUNATELY THE CHRISTMAS PLAY IS ADULTS ONLY AND NO YOUNGER OR OLDER CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND**</u> <u>Mon 14th</u>- Interim reports to parents <u>W/B Mon 14th</u>- ENRICHMENT WEEK Mon 14th- Health and Well-being, Tues 15th- Music, Weds 16th- Christmas in another country day, Thurs 17th - Art and DT Day, Fri 18th- Own choice <u>Mon 14th pm</u> YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS PARTY <u>Tues 15th pm</u> YEAR 1 CHRISTMAS PARTY <u>Weds 16th pm</u> YEAR R and NURSERY CHRISTMAS PARTY SPECIALIST PROVISION CHRISTMAS PARTY (pm) On the day of your child's Christmas party, they can come to school wearing party clothes - NO SCHOOL UNIFORM. The children will have lunch as normal. <u>Thurs 17th and 18th</u>- Christmas Jumpers PLEASE CAN THE CHILDREN WEAR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS OR OTHER FESTIVE CLOTHING TO SCHOOL - NO SCHOOL UNIFORM

	<u>Fri 18th</u> – Christmas lunch <u>Mon 21st Dec until Jan 1st</u> – Christmas Holidays
January	<u>Mon 4th Jan</u>- School starts at 8.50am
February	<u>Mon 8th</u> Parents Evening 4pm -7pm (Last appointment is 6.50pm) Nursery Parents Evening 3.30pm – 4.50pm <u>Weds 10th</u> - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm (Last appointment is 5.50pm) Nursery Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 4.50pm <u>Mon 15th</u> - Fri 19th – Half term <u>Mon 22nd</u> – INSET DAY school closed <u>Tues 23rd</u> - School returns
March	<u>Thurs 4th</u> - WORLD BOOK DAY- PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL AS STORYBOOK CHARACTERS – NO SCHOOL UNIFORM Week beg- Mon 15th ENRICHMENT WEEK Mon 15th - Health and Well-being, Tues 16th - Global day, Weds 17th - Music Thurs 18th - Art/DT, Fri 19th – own choice <u>Fri 19th</u> – RED NOSE DAY - PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN RED OR BRIGHTLY COLOURED CLOTHING - NO SCHOOL UNIFORM <u>Mon 22nd</u> – Interim reports to parents

	<u>Tues 23rd</u> - EGG ROLLING - PLEASE CAN CHILDREN BRING IN A DECORATED HARD-BOILED EGG <u>Wed 24th</u> – EASTER BONNET PARADE - PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL WEARING AN EASTER BONNET. THERE WILL BE AN EASTER BONNET PARADE FOR PARENTS TO WATCH AT 8.55am ON THE MAIN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND <u>Wed 24th</u> – School closes for the Easter Holidays <u>Thurs 25th</u> – INSET DAY School closed <u>Fri 26th Mar – Fri 9th April</u> – EASTER HOLIDAYS
April	<u>Mon 12th</u> - School starts
May	<u>Fri 7th</u> - MAY DAY CELEBRATION - 1.30pm ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND <u>Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June</u> - Half term
June	<u>Mon 7th</u> - school starts <u>Fri 18th</u> – INSET DAY school closed <u>Tues 22nd</u> – New Entrants Parents Meeting - 6.00pm (For parents of children who will be starting school Sept 2027)
July	<u>Tues 6th</u> - SPORTS DAY- Times- Mrs Miles' class- 9.10am - 9.35 am. Mr Riley's class - 9.40am -10.05 am. Nursery - 10.10am - 10.35am Mrs Innes's class - 11.00am -11.25am Mr Minchington's class - 11.30am -11.55am Mr Wyeth's class - 1.20pm -1.45pm Miss Fleeman's class- 1.50pm - 2.15pm

	<u>Weds 7th</u> – TRANSFER DAY – Years R, 1 & 2 All day <u>Fri 9th</u> – SUMMER FAYRE 3.10pm <u>Mon 12th</u> – Reports to parents <u>Mon 12th July</u> - Meet the teacher- 3.15pm - 4.15pm - an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and see their classroom. No appointment required. FOR CHILDREN CURRENTLY IN YEAR R & Y1 ONLY (not Year 2) <u>W/B 12th July</u> ENRICHMENT WEEK Mon 12th Health and well-being, Tues 13th- Music, Weds 14th ART/DT, Thurs 15th- ART/DT, Fri 16th- Own choice <u>Weds 14th</u> – NURSERY GRADUATION 4pm -5pm <u>Weds 14th</u> 9.00am - Year 2 Celebration Assembly (Parents and younger children welcome to attend). <u>Thurs 15th</u> – 9.00am - Year 1 Celebration Assembly (Parents and younger children welcome to attend). <u>Fri 16th</u> – 9.00am - Year R Celebration Assembly (Parents and younger children welcome to attend). <u>Mon 19th</u> – 9.15am - Year 2 Leavers Assembly – (Parents and younger children welcome to attend). <u>Wed 21st</u> - FAMILY PICNIC- 12.20pm -1pm - PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR END OF YEAR PICNIC TERM ENDS ON Wed 21st July
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Please see below a few reminders.

Parking



Please can I ask that parents do not park their cars on the yellow lines on Benhams Road. These lines are in place to ensure that cars do not park in these spaces so that vehicles can access Benhams Road easily and to ease congestion. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Please could you ensure your child has a PE kit in school- tee shirt, shorts and trainers/plimsoles in a PE bag/backpack and that this is named.

Earrings should be removed or taped up please.



General Information

Uniform - Please ensure all of your children's uniform is named - thank you

Attendance - If your child is going to be absent from school please let the school office know by calling 023 8047 4835 by 9.00 a.m. each day - thank you

Late - If your child is going to be late, after 8.50am, please come into school through the main school office and not through the classroom door. Thank you.

Lunches - If you would like your child to have a cooked school lunch and they will either be late after 9.30am or coming in late due to an appointment, please ensure you have contacted school **before** 9.30am to order their lunch. Otherwise, unfortunately, we will not be able to provide them with a cooked lunch as orders have to be into the kitchen by 9.30am. Thank you.

Collecting/dropping off children during the school day - If your child is going to be coming in to school late or collected earlier than 3.10pm, please note that this cannot be between the hours of 12noon to 1.00pm as the school office is closed during this time and is the lunch break.



Attendance

Please see below some key information about attendance

Townhill Infant School

We recognise that **good attendance** (above 96%) is key to good pupil outcomes. The links between regular attendance, **reaching potential attainment and future life opportunities** are well researched. For this reason, the school will encourage good attendance and be robust in monitoring attendance and take action when attendance falls below the expected level. **Good attendance impacts significantly** on progress, learning, friendship groups and the child's overall happiness at school.

Easy as

- 1** There are 190 school days in a year; this leaves 175 days to spend on family time and holidays.
- 2** It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child(ren) attend school **every day and on time**.
- 3** The school opens at: 8.50 ; registration is from 9.00 . Please arrive as close to 8.50 as possible to maximise learning opportunities for your child.



Attendance Matters

Every student Every Day

We're here to help!

We understand that there are many reasons why children may be absent or late for school. Please speak to staff about ways that we can support you with this.

Equates to number school days off each year		
	100%	➤ Perfection
4 School days missed	98%	➤ Impressive
6 School days missed	97%	➤ Good
7 School days missed	96%	➤ On Target
9 School days missed	95%	➤ Slight Concern
13 School days missed	93%	➤ Concerns
20 School days missed	90%	➤ Very Concerned
30 School days missed	85%	➤ Serious Concerns

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	almost 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	almost 8 years

Key Contacts:

Attendance Champion:

Beverly Corbin

Attendance Officer:

Carrie Keep

Leave of absence is only given in very exceptional circumstances. We have a duty to follow the Local Authority code of conduct for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for absence.

Reporting Absences:

A parent/carer must notify the school of the reason for a child's absence **before 9.00** on the day of absence.

To report absence please:

First Preference- Please call on 02380 474835
or alternatively email
info@townhill-inf.net



We will be monitoring attendance weekly, and I will be sending out a separate letter which explains in greater detail the school's policy on attendance.



WATER BOTTLES

Please can you only send your child to school with a water bottle which is filled with water. We have noticed more children are coming in with bottles filled with something other than water and this is not something that we allow in school. Your co-operation with this is appreciated.

Please note: these dates may be subject to change. You will, of course be notified.

Beverly Corbin – Head teacher.