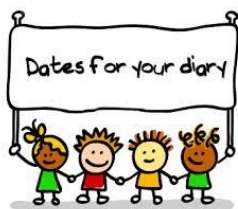


TOWNHILL INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SPRING 1 2026

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your child back after the Christmas holiday. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

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



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

Townhill Infant calendar 25-26

January	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan- School starts at 9am
February	<p>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 4pm -7pm</p> <p>Nursery Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5pm</p> <p>Weds 11<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening 3.30pm -6pm</p> <p>Nursery Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 5pm</p> <p>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Half term</p> <p><b><u>Mon 23rd – INSET DAY school closed</u></b></p> <p>Tues 24<sup>th</sup>- School returns</p>
March	<p>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> - WORLD BOOK DAY- PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL AS STORYBOOK CHARACTERS – NO SCHOOL UNIFORM</p> <p><b><u>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> - TRUST INSET DAY - school closed</u></b></p> <p>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Red Nose Day - PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN RED OR BRIGHTLY COLOURED CLOTHING - NO SCHOOL UNIFORM</p>

	<p>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Interim reports to parents</p> <p>Week beg- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> ENRICHMENT WEEK</p> <p>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - Health and well-being, Tues 24<sup>th</sup> - Global day, Weds 25<sup>th</sup> - Music Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> - Art/DT, Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – own choice</p> <p>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> - EGG ROLLING - PLEASE CAN CHILDREN BRING IN A DECORATED HARD-BOILED EGG</p> <p>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – 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 9.05am ON THE MAIN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND</p> <p>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> - School closes for the Easter holidays</p> <p>Easter holidays Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March to Fri 10<sup>st</sup> April</p>
April	<p>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - School starts</p>
May	<p>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> MAY DAY CELEBRATION - 1.30pm</p> <p>ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND</p> <p>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half term</p>
June	<p>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> - school starts</p> <p><b><u>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY school closed</u></b></p> <p>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – New Entrants Parents Meeting - 6.00pm (For parents of children who will be starting Year R in Sept 2026)</p>

July

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – TRANSFER DAY – All children visit their new classes for September all day (all year groups R,1 and 2)

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> - 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

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – SUMMER FAYRE 3pm

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Reports to parents

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>- Meet the teacher- 3.15pm - 4.15pm - an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and see their classroom. No appointment required.

W/B 13<sup>th</sup> July ENRICHMENT WEEK

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Health and well-being, Tues 14<sup>th</sup>- Music, Weds 15<sup>th</sup> ART/DT, Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>- ART/DT, Fri 17<sup>th</sup>- Own choice

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> – NURSERY GRADUATION 4pm -5pm

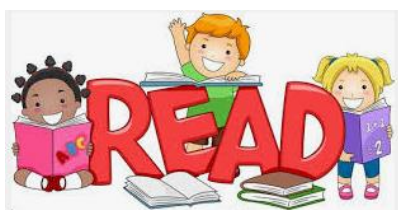
Weds 15<sup>th</sup> 9.10am - Year 2 Celebration Assembly

(Parents and younger children welcome to attend).

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> – 9.10am - Year 1 Celebration Assembly

(Parents and younger children welcome to attend).

	<p>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – 9.10am - Year R Celebration Assembly (Parents and younger children welcome to attend).</p> <p>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – 9.20am - Year 2 Leavers Assembly – (Parents and younger children welcome to attend).</p> <p>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> - FAMILY PICNIC- 12.20pm -1pm - PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR END OF YEAR PICNIC</p> <p>TERM ENDS ON Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July</p> <p>School returns on 1<sup>st</sup> September</p>
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### READING

Thank you to all parents who have signed up to the learning at home Reading log. The teachers love to see the comments and in some cases photos and videos of your child reading at home. If you have not managed to sign up for this, please check your emails and follow the instructions in the email to set up your child's reading log. Thank you.



### PARENT/GRANDPARENT VOUNTEERS

If there are any parents or grandparents who would be interested in volunteering in school for a morning or afternoon to support our school with hearing children read, gardening or fundraising please let Mrs Corbin know by email [info@townhill-inf.net](mailto:info@townhill-inf.net) or call 02380 474835.



## **Attendance**

At the end of last term, we gave out 75 attendance certificates to those children who had 95% or above attendance. They were all very excited to receive these during our assembly. This means that 62% of our children had good attendance. Well done.

Good attendance at school is very important and we monitor this weekly. Please support you child's learning by sending them to school every day. We look forward to giving out attendance certificates and small prizes at the end of the Spring term to those children who have good attendance at 95%.

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.



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:

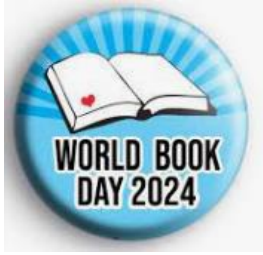
First Preference- Please call on 02380 474835 or alternatively email [info@townhill-inf.net](mailto:info@townhill-inf.net)



Family support

### Family support

Mrs Tucker is our Family Support Worker and if you need any support, advice or help with anything for example clothing, utility bills support, behaviour support or food, please contact her by emailing [g.tucker@townhill-inf.net](mailto:g.tucker@townhill-inf.net). She also works with children in school to support children's mental and emotional health particularly focussing on developing children's self confidence and self-esteem. She is in school every Friday but is contactable via email Wednesday to Friday.



### WORLD BOOK DAY

World book day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please can children come to school dressed as a story book character. Thank you.



### RED NOSE DAY- COMIC RELIEF

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please can children come to school dressed all in red, wearing something red or dressed in colourful, bright clothes. There will be collection buckets in each classroom if you wish to donate to this worthy charity. (No school uniform required) Thank you.



### Easter- Egg Rolling and Bonnets.

**EGG ROLLING** - For Easter we would like the children to take part in Egg rolling which is a traditional Easter activity. The children will need to bring a decorated, hard-boiled egg to school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March so they can participate in their class's egg rolling competition.

**EASTER BONNETS** – On Friday 27<sup>h</sup> March we would like the children to come to school wearing an Easter Bonnet/hat. We will be having an Easter Bonnet parade at 9.00am. (weather permitting) in the main school playground and it would be great if you would be able to stay and watch.



If you have any concerns re Safeguarding or Child Protection the Designated Safeguarding Lead at Townhill is myself. Mrs Jones and Mrs Miles are the Designated Safeguarding Officers. So please let us know if you need to discuss anything or need some advice or support

INSET day reminders - school will be closed on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February for a school INSET day and on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March for a HAMWIC Trust INSET day and on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Beverly Corbin – Head teacher.