Tickenham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter01 7th September 2026



Learning for today, inspiring for tomorrow

CHRISTIAN VALUE – HOPE

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." **- Jeremiah 29:11**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome to a new school year! I'm so excited to be welcoming you all back to Tickenham this year as your new headteacher. Thank you so much for all of your support, enthusiasm, encouragement and kind words so far - it really is appreciated!

We've had a great 2 days back with the children already and it has been a lovely start to the year - everyone seems really settled, happy and ready to go! Our new reception children are an excellent addition to our Tickenham family as are our new children in other year groups and Miss Penny, our new Acacia Class teacher! Thank you also for ensuring your children have been in school by 8:50, it is really noticeable and really helps to start everyone's day in a calm way.

CELEBRATION SERVICE

This year, we're going to trial a slightly different format for our Celebration Services. In previous years, our services began at 2:45pm and included both in-school and out-of-school achievements each week. This year, we will **start at 3:00pm** and focus on celebrating **in-school achievements** during our weekly Celebration Services. Then, once each term (most likely on the final Friday of the term), we will begin at **2:45pm** and dedicate a special Celebration Service to sharing and celebrating the children's **out-of-school achievements**.

The timings may not work as we hope, or we may find that the previous format worked better; however, we'll never know unless we give it a try so we will review how it is working as the year progresses.

Please do join us, if you are able, on Friday 11th September at 3pm for our first Celebration Service of the year.

Please note that Willow Class will not be joining us in service until October to give them a chance to settle into life at Tickenham.

FUTURE STARS

This year, we have a new lead Future Stars coach. Mr Taylor will be at Tickenham every morning and afternoon (with the exception of Friday afternoons when we don't have after school club) and will also teach our PE lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

A 'THANK YOU' FROM MRS LESTER

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all parents and families for the many kind words, cards, messages and thoughtful gifts I have received. I have been deeply touched by your generosity and by the warmth of your good wishes. I have so many wonderful memories. It really has been a privilege to serve the Tickenham community. Thank you for making my final weeks at school so special.

COMMUNICATING WITH TEACHERS

As your child may have moved into a new class this year, I just wanted to remind you all of the email addresses for each class:

Willow (Rec), Miss Youngs & Mrs Trombetta:	willowclass@tickenhamprimaryschool.org.uk
Oak (Year 1/2), Mrs Hook & Mrs Evans:	oakclass@tickenhamprimaryschool.org.uk
Cedar (Y3/4), Mrs Bougourd:	cedarclass@tickenhamprimaryschool.org.uk
Acacia (Y5/6), Miss Penny:	acaciaclass@tickenhamprimaryschool.org.uk

If you need to speak to the school office or myself, please use: office@tickenhamprimaryschool.org.uk

Please allow up to two working days for an acknowledgement.

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TICKENHAM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (TSA) AGM

Please do join us on Tuesday 29th September at 7pm for the TSA meeting. As this is the AGM, it will be held at school but subsequent meetings are usually held at a pub! It would be lovely to see as many faces there as possible as, (like I always say!), the TSA truly bring the magic to Tickenham and, without it, our children would miss out on so many amazing experiences.

OPEN EVENING

On Wednesday 30th September 2026, between 5:30pm-6:30pm, we are holding our annual open evening for prospective parents who have a child starting Reception in 2027. If you know of anyone who falls into that category, please do extend the flyer to them.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival is booked at the church for Tuesday 29th September at 9am. More information will be shared over the coming weeks, but I just wanted to give you the date as early as possible.

I hope you all have a lovely week

Miss Carter
Head Teacher

TERM DATES 2026/2027

Term 1: Tuesday 1 September 2026 to Wednesday 21st October 2026
Term 2: Monday 2 November 2026 to Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3: Monday 4 January 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4: Monday 22 February 2027 to Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5: Monday 12 April 2027 to Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6: Monday 7 June 2027 to Friday 23rd July 2027

NB. The last day of term for all pupils in October will be Friday 16th October giving families a full two-week break.

INSET DAYS 26/27

Monday 19th October 2026
Tuesday 20th October 2026
Wednesday 21st October 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 30th April 2027
Friday 9th July 2027

KEY SCHOOL DATES	
Harvest Festival	Tuesday 29th Sept 9am
Tickenham School Association (TSA) AGM	Tuesday 29th Sept 7pm
Open Evening for Reception 2027 Starters	Wednesday 20th Sept 5.30pm-6.30pm

Tickenham C of E Primary School

Is your child starting school in September 2027?



COME TO OUR OPEN EVENING!

5:30 - 6:30

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Come and meet the Tickenham team at our open evening where you and your child can look around our lovely school! You will also be able to book onto a tour to come back and visit during the school day to get an insight into Tickenham life in action!



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