Tickenham Church of England Primary School

Newsletter03 28th September 2026



Learning for today, inspiring for tomorrow

CHRISTIAN VALUE – HOPE

"For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope."
Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Parents / Carers,

PGL

Last week, Acacia Class had a fantastic week away on the Isle of Wight and it was an absolute joy to be with them! The sun was shining for us all week which made a great week even better! The children did activities from jumping onto a trapeze high up in the air to canoeing in the sea and everything in between and they made Miss Penny, Mrs Bougourd and I so proud every single day with their determination, fear conquering and positivity. We also had multiple members of the public comment on how well-behaved and polite they were as did all the PGL staff which was so lovely to hear.

HARVEST

Tomorrow is the harvest service at the church. **Please drop off from 8:40 at the church**; you are welcome to stay for our short service if you're able to. Please remember that parking is extremely limited so car sharing / walking / parking and walking from Village Hall are appreciated. Thank you to those who have offered to walk back across the fields with us after the service. If you are able, please sign up here: Walking back to school from church on Tuesday 29th September 2026. Please can your child bring their harvest donation to the church where they will put it by the door at the back on their arrival. As a reminder, the foodbank have specifically asked for: pasta, cereal, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, tinned meat, rice, long-life fruit juices, UHT milk (long-life), tinned puddings and toiletries. Thank you all in advance for your donations.

OPEN EVENING

This Wednesday, 30th September, at 5:30 until 6:30pm, we have our open evening for children starting school in 2027. If you have a child due to start in Reception next year, or know someone who does, please do come along, invite others or mention us to anyone you know who's looking as we'd love to show people around our lovely school.

FOREST SCHOOL

Last week, communication went home explaining a change to our forest school schedule. In summary, instead of each class going up weekly for 1 half-term, the classes will now rotate on a weekly basis throughout the year. This week is our first session and Acacia Class will be visiting the forest school site on Thursday. You will receive an email on the Monday before when it is your child's week to attend, reminding you of what to bring and with an opportunity to volunteer and join in.

CELEBRATION SERVICE

Please join us for our Celebration Service on Friday afternoon at 3pm where we will celebrate in-school achievements from the week.

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

As part of our regular policy review cycle, our Behaviour Policy was due for revision this September. We have now updated the policy and a draft copy of the revised version is attached. We value the views of our school community and would welcome any comments or feedback you may have on the proposed changes. If you would like to share any thoughts, please do so by Thursday 1st October to the school office email.

RSE POLICY

Futura Learning Partnership have updated our Relationships and Sex Education Policy. As part of the consultation process, please find the policy attached and submit any comments on this form: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ADiYS1CSum by Wednesday 7th October 2026.

I hope you all have a lovely week!

Best wishes

Miss Carter
Head Teacher

HEAD'S AWARDS

Reception/Key Stage 1: Wynter W

Wynter for always trying your very best, staying focused and showing a fantastic attitude to your learning. Wynter is such a helpful and kind member of our class, and she can always be relied upon to do your best and support others.

Key Stage 2: Arya F

Arya for consistently demonstrating enthusiasm for learning, always putting her hand up to answer questions and contributing positively in class. Arya works hard in all subjects, shows kindness and respect towards others, and is a fantastic role model who always tries her best and encourages those around her to succeed. Keep being you, Arya!



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 30th Sept 5.30pm-6.30pm
Parents Evening	Wednesday 11th November 1-3pm
Parents Evening	Thursday 12th November 3.30-6.30pm
Class Photos	Monday 23rd November
Nativity - Willow & Oak	Tuesday 8th December 10am
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Christmas Fair	Saturday 12th December
Panto at Bristol Hippodrome	Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Service at Church	Friday 18th December

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TICKENHAM TRIUMPHS!

Head Teacher's Awards

KS1

Wynter W

Oak

Saoirse W has been awarded the Respect Award for always showing respect through her kind words, good manners and thoughtful actions.

Alba D has been awarded the Kindness Award for her thoughtful actions and willingness to help make Oak Class a brighter place

KS2

Ayra F

Acacia

Ella D has been awarded the Opal Award for showing wonderful creativity in her monochromatic artwork.

Winne K has been awarded the Opal Award for using imagination and creativity to craft an engaging and original poem.

Woody HC has been awarded the Sapphire Award for staying focused and creating a fantastic Ottava Rima poem, paying careful attention to rhyme.

Willow

Cedar

Gus ME has been awarded the Sapphire Award for demonstrating his focus in lessons with thoughtful comments during class discussions.

Thomas B has been awarded the Amethyst Award for making an excellent start to Year 4. Keep up the great work and fantastic concentration.

Zara M has been awarded the Topaz Award for her positive contributions to group work. Zara's willingness to support others makes her shine.





HOUSE POINTS



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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