Tickenham Church of England Primary School

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Learning for today, inspiring for tomorrow

CHRISTIAN VALUE – HOPE

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" – **1 Peter 3:15**

Dear Parents / Carers,

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Festival last week with your generous donations of non-perishable food items. We are so grateful for all the contributions received. It was wonderful to see so many families join us for the service, and we were especially lucky with the lovely weather, which meant we could enjoy walking back across the fields to school. A special thank you to the parents who accompanied us on the walk and helped make the event run so smoothly.

HELLO YELLOW

This Friday, we will be taking part in **Hello Yellow** to support World Mental Health Day. Children are welcome to come to school wearing **yellow** to show their support. Of course, if they would prefer to wear their usual school uniform, that's absolutely fine too, as our uniform is already wonderfully yellow! Alternatively, children may wear non-uniform clothing with as much yellow as possible. We look forward to seeing a sea of yellow on Friday as we come together to raise awareness of the importance of mental health. Please use the QR code to send your donation, we cannot accept any cash at school.

CELEBRATION SERVICE

It's been great to see so many of you join us for our Celebration Services on Friday afternoons and so lovely to have our Reception children joining us in the services now too. Please do come along this Friday at **3:00pm** if you are able to join us.

On **Friday 16th October**, Celebration Service will begin slightly earlier at **2:45pm**. As well as celebrating achievements in school, we will also be celebrating the children's **out-of-school achievements**. If your child has recently achieved something special outside of school, we would love to hear about it so that we can celebrate their success together.
We look forward to seeing you there!

STAFF

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Evans back to school this week, where she will be teaching Oak Class on Thursday and Fridays, following her operation and we're sure you'll join us in wishing her a warm welcome back.

We're also pleased to share that Mrs Wynn will be returning next week after her maternity leave. Mrs Wynn will resume her PPA cover role after half term.

A huge thank you to all the staff for their flexibility, support and hard work while covering these roles over the past few months. I am so grateful for everything they have done to ensure continuity for the children during this time.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) AND MENTAL HEALTH

Please see our first SEND newsletter below. If you have any concerns or questions please contact me sendco@tickenhamprimaryschool.org.uk. Thank you, Miss Youngs.

I hope you all have a lovely week!

Best wishes

Miss Carter
Head Teacher

HEAD'S AWARDS

Reception/Key Stage 1: Freddie S

Freddie for an outstanding start to his life at Tickenham. He has thrown himself into all activities, shown kindness and care towards others and is WAGOLL for having a go and trying new things! Well done, Freddie!

Key Stage 2: Maddie C

Maddie for always giving 110% and bringing your best to everything you do. Your caring heart, kindness and respect light the way for others, and you bring our Learning Gems to life each day through your attitude, effort and actions. We are so proud of you, Maddie!



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	
Parents Evening	Wednesday 11th November 1-3pm
Parents Evening	Thursday 12th November 3.30-6.30pm
TSA Winter Disco	Friday 20th November 6pm – 8pm
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

TICKENHAM TRIUMPHS!

Head Teacher's Awards







Oak

Matty R has been awarded the Amethyst Award for always showing a wonderful attitude to learning.

Charlie S has been awarded the Sapphire Award for always showing excellent focus, determination and effort in everything he does.

Acacia

George M has been awarded the Ruby Award for demonstrating excellent kindness and consideration when helping a classmate solve tricky maths questions.

Jesse W has been awarded the Amethyst Award for showing resilience and enthusiasm at PGL by embracing every challenge and giving his best effort.

Penny W has been awarded the Kindness Award for helping classmates settle in, making them feel welcome and confidently showing them the ropes.

Willow

Maya B has been awarded the Topaz Award for always being a fantastic team player and excellent example during tidy up times.

Sophia E has been awarded the Ruby Award for being so kind to all children in Willow Class.

Cedar

Sammy R has been awarded the Ruby Award for reflecting on his actions and using feedback to grow.

Siena M has been awarded the Obsidian Award for confidently applying her skills to new learning and embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm.

Daisy P has been awarded the Topaz Award for being a caring and considerate learning partner whose kindness and encouragement helps others to thrive.





House Points



SEND AND MENTAL HEALTH NEWSLETTER

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What to do if you have concerns...

- Speak to the class teacher
- Arrange a meeting with me by emailing sendco@tickenhamprimaryschool.org.uk
- Speak with North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together (NSPCWT)
- visit https://sirona-cic.org.uk//children-services/services/services-sa/ for more support

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Welcome to our new SEND (special education needs and disabilities) and children's mental health newsletter. I want to make sure that parents are aware of what is available to you and resources you can access. If you would like support for your chilld you could contact the school nursing team.
School Nurses offer one-to-one support, which we call support packages. The support packages include one to four sessions with a member of the School Nursing team on one of the following topics: keeping ourselves well, emotional wellbeing - understanding thoughts and feelings and getting a good night's sleep. If you would like more information the link is below and you can make a referral yourself, just let us know so we can support you with this. https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-nursing-service/. Thank you, Miss Youngs

NORTH SOMERSET

North Somerset Educational Psychology service have made some resources for parents to support neurodivergant children. There are videos and posters. I have put an example here from the 'everyday support' poster.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 2026



