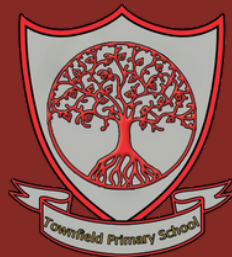


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FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY



## MESSAGE FROM MRS DURHAM

At the start of the term, you shared your wishes for our school. We've been busy turning those wishes into actions!

**"You Said... We Did!" update:**

**You Said: Families want a Sports Day.**

**We Did:** It's booked! It will take place the week of **6th July** as a traditional event. Families are invited to attend. Details to follow!

**You Said: More school discos, please.**

**We Did:** We heard you! The Halloween Disco was a huge success (380+ attending!), followed by the Christmas Fair disco. More are planned for this year.

**You Said: Children should have access to a vegetable patch.**

**We Did:** Mr. MacNally runs a Gardening Club in summer, and we're planning to fundraise for a school allotment to expand outdoor learning.

**You Said: More school fairs.**

**We Did:** The Christmas Fair was fantastic, and a Summer Fair is already being planned.

**You Said: More opportunities for British Sign Language (BSL).**

**We Did:** BSL is now taught through singing in the school choir—a fun, inclusive way to learn!

**You Said: More opportunities to be involved in your child's school life.**

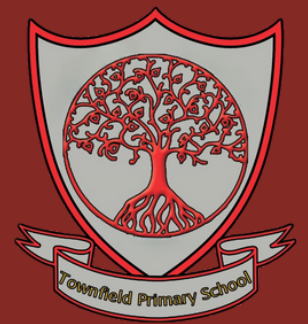
**We Did:** Last term we offered many ways to join in: Christmas Fair, Stay and Play, Reindeer Ramble, school trips, visits to St Saviour's, and helping at discos. Families also supported by volunteering for reading. We have many more opportunities planned!

We really value your feedback, so please keep using the wish box in the reception area.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Art Showcase on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January.**



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## HELLO FROM MS CARR

My name is Ms Carr, and I'm delighted to be the teacher of 3C. This year marks my 24th year in teaching—13 spent in Birmingham and the last 12 here at Townfield Primary School. Teaching has been my dream job since I was young, and I still feel just as passionate about it today. Working with children, watching them grow in confidence, and helping them discover what they're capable of is something I never take for granted.

Alongside teaching my wonderful class, I'm proud to have two roles within the school.

My newest role is leading reading across KS2, something I'm incredibly excited about. Reading opens doors for children, and my aim is to make it a joyful, accessible part of every child's day. I've got lots of plans in motion—from a book-swap shed in the playground to cosy reading nooks around school and more opportunities for children to explore our local library. I can't wait to see our pupils discovering new authors, new worlds, and new confidence through books.

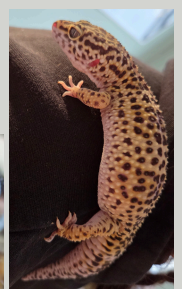
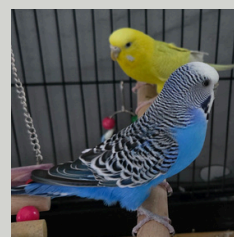
I also lead Design and Technology, a role I've loved for several years. D&T is such a vibrant subject, and it's been wonderful working with staff and pupils to build a curriculum that encourages creativity, problem-solving, and hands-on learning. One of the highlights of my week is when children from other classes pop in to proudly show me what they've designed and made — their enthusiasm is infectious.

I'm looking forward to another fantastic year with 3C and the wider school community.

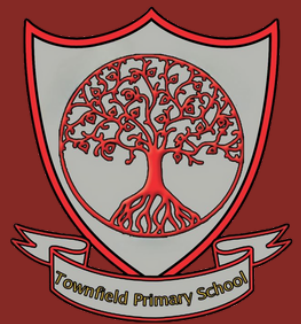
Outside of school, life is wonderfully busy in our house. I live with my partner, Matt — who is also a teacher — and our two autistic teenagers, Evie (16) and Ethan (14). Our home is never quiet for long, especially as we also share it with quite the collection of pets: two cats, a leopard gecko, a Rankins dragon, and two budgies. The children insist they belong to them, but I definitely help with the looking-after!

As a family, we love visiting the board game café, having cosy movie nights, and heading off on camping trips. We also enjoy days out in London whenever we can fit them in.

When I do get a little time to myself, I enjoy going to dance classes, practising yoga, baking, and knitting — all things that help me unwind and recharge.



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## Curriculum Corner

# HISTORY

We are really proud of our History Curriculum at Townfield. In Spring Term, we are studying the following:

**Year 1** - The Great Fire of London

**Year 2** - Neil Armstrong & Amelia Earhart

**Year 3** - The Shang Dynasty

**Year 4** - The Anglo Saxons

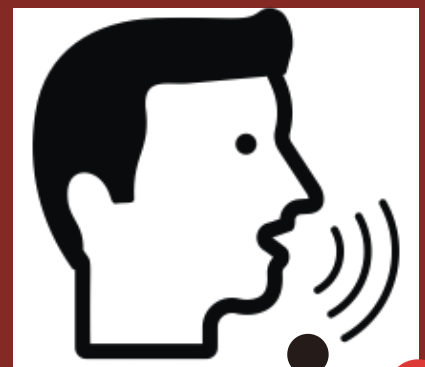
**Year 5** - Medieval Monarchs

**Year 6** - American Civil Rights

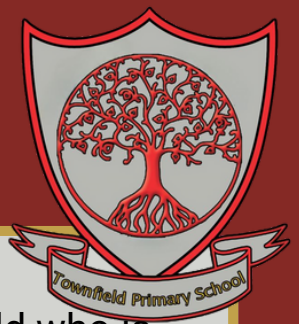


We aim to challenge our children to **'think like Historians'** in all of our lessons. We ask them to consider key historical concepts such as *cause, similarity, difference & significance* when studying different eras and civilisations.

Oracy is a really important part of History in our school. Our pupils are challenged to explain their views, challenge others and build upon points made by their peers. In all KS2 lessons, children have frequent opportunities to 'Turn and Talk' and are provided with sentence stems to support their Historical thinking!



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## FREE SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

Wirral Council is launching a new project to ensure every child who is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) receives them. This initiative aims to make the process easier for families and ensure our school receives the correct Pupil Premium funding to support our students.

What is the "Automatic Award" process?

Currently, many families who are eligible for free meals are not registered. To fix this, Wirral Council is moving to an "opt-out" system. They will use their records to identify eligible families automatically, saving parents the time and admin of applying.

How this benefits your family:

- **Save Money:** Eligible families can save up to £500 per year on meal costs.
- **Extra School Funding:** For every child registered for FSM, our school receives extra "Pupil Premium" funding to pay for additional staff, resources, and activities.
- **No Red Tape:** You won't have to fill out complicated forms to get started.

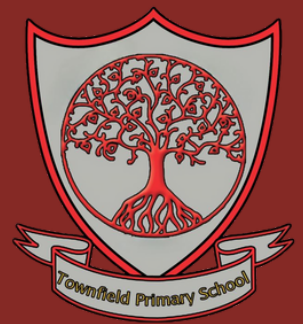
What happens next?

1. **Look out for a letter:** Wirral Council will send letters to families they have identified as eligible. Please note: This is a genuine letter from the Council and is not a scam.
2. **The choice is yours:** If you receive a letter but do not want your child to be registered, you can "opt-out" by emailing the Council (details will be in the letter).
3. **Automatic Registration:** If you don't opt-out, the Council will notify us, and we will update our records to ensure your child receives their free meals.

A Note on "Transitional Protections"

If your child currently receives free school meals, they are protected and will continue to receive them until at least the end of the 2025/26 school year, even if your financial circumstances change.

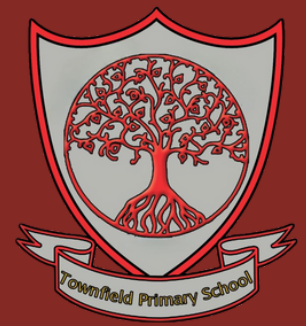
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## VALENTINE RAFFLE

We are selling raffle tickets for our valentine raffle in the main reception. They are £1.00 a strip and the winning ticket will be drawn on 10<sup>th</sup> February. All money raised will be used to fund future events in school and our next aim is to purchase exercise equipment for the playground.





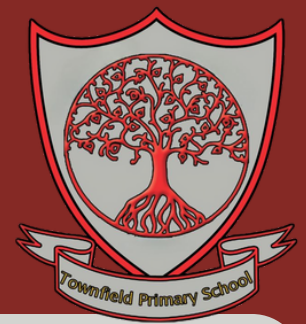
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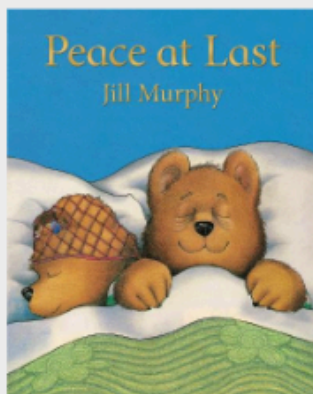
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## TOWNFIELD BOOK CLUB

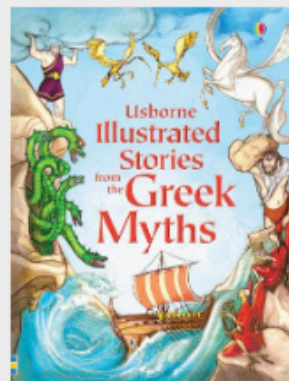
Welcome to Townfield book club. Each week we will post recommended reads!

### Aged 3 - 5 Year Old



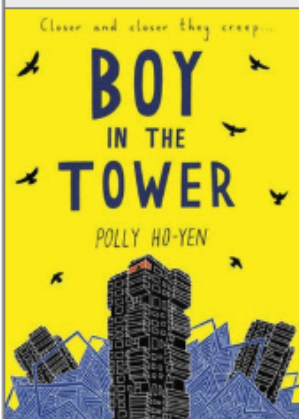
Peace at Last - Jill Murphy

### Aged 5 - 8 Year Old



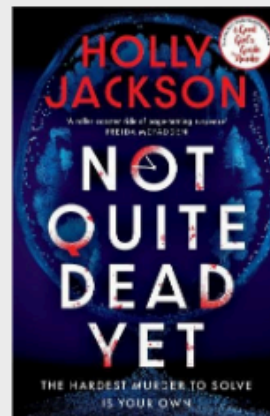
USborne Illustrated  
Greek Myths

### Aged 9 - 11 Years



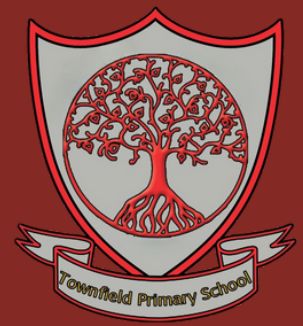
The Boy in the  
Tower by Polly  
Ho-Yen

### Parents



Not Quite Dead  
Yet by Holly  
Jackson

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This week, our Golden Tie winners have been chosen for displaying one or more of our core school values.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who have shown:

**Excellence:** Having the highest expectations of ourselves and others.

**Wisdom:** Always being eager to learn.

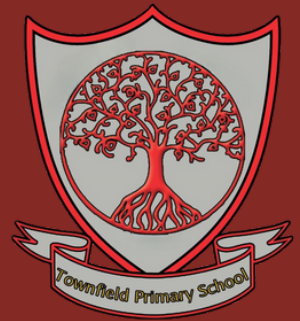
**Friendship and Trust:** Being kind and honest.

**Endurance:** Keeping going even when things are tough.

A huge congratulations to all our winners! We are so proud of your hard work and dedication this week.



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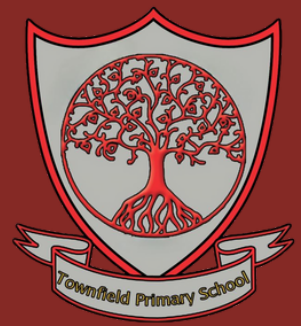
## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception	97.5%
Year 1	97.36%
Year 2	95.97%
Year 3	98.39%
Year 4	97.34%
Year 5	97.62%
Year 6	96.3%
This weeks whole school attendance	97.24%



**Attendance Matters**

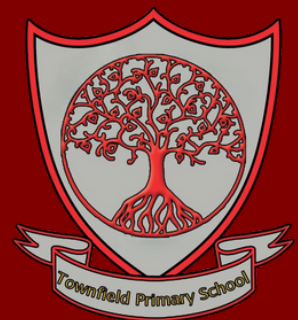
Every student. Every day.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Art Showcase 3.00pm-3.20pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	3C Visit to Library
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Trip to Imagine That
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 6 Bike Ability
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	3R Visit to Library
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Finish for Half Term at 3.20pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children Back in School
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 2 Science Workshop
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop

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## Week TWO

### Monday Pasta Bar

Choose from mac and cheese, and tomato pasta. Served with a side of vegetables



### Tuesday Creamy Chicken Curry

Choose from homemade creamy chicken curry or Quorn curry served with basmati rice, broccoli & Naan bread



### Deli Bar Available Everyday

Design your own sandwich, first choose your bread - wraps, assorted batch or sliced bread, then choose your filling a selection of the following will be available daily - ham, cheese, tuna and finally finish with a choice of salad - carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn



### Wednesday Sausage & Mash

Choose from a butcher's quality sausage or a Quorn served on a bed of homemade mash with gravy and green beans.



### Thursday Spaghetti Bolognese

Choose from either fresh mince beef or veggie mince cooked with onions, garlic, tomatoes and herbs, served on a bed of pasta with broccoli.



### Friday Fish & Chips

Choose from either battered cod fillet, cod fillet fish fingers or Quorn nuggets baked in the oven and served with chips and peas or baked beans.



### Dessert & Drinks

Fresh fruit, fruit pots, yogurts, cheese & crackers are available daily along with Dessert of the day. A selection of fruit juice and water will be available daily



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# Join Our Team

## Current Vacancies

**Catering Manager**

**After School Club Assistant**

All details can be found on our website  
[here](#)

The closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup> January

