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FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

MESSAGE FROM MRS DURHAM

This week we were delighted to welcome our visiting storyteller, and seeing the children so engaged and inspired by the magic of stories was a real highlight for everyone.

Attendance

To ensure our pupils get the very best start to their learning day, we are making a small adjustment to our morning routine:

- **Gate Closure:** School gates will now close at 8:50 AM.
- **Arrivals:** This change ensures all children are in their classrooms and ready for the register to be taken by 8:50 AM.
- **Late Arrivals:** Anyone arriving after 8:50 AM will need to enter through the Main Reception to be signed in.
- **Exiting:** Please note that parents and carers already on site will still be able to exit through the gates after this time.

End of Day Timings

To help afternoon pickups run smoothly, the gates will open at 3:10 PM. Please note the staggered collection times:

Early Years - 3:15 PM

Rest of the school - 3:20 PM

Gates will close at 3.30pm

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school day punctual and productive for all our children.

Have a lovely weekend!

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ATTENDANCE:

Regular school attendance is the foundation of your child's success!

10 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY =6.5 SCHOOL DAYS LOST!

15 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY =10 SCHOOL DAYS LOST!

1 DAY A WEEK ABSENT = 2 MONTHS OF SCHOOL LOST A YEAR!

2 WEEKS ABSENCE IS OVER 50 HOURS OF TEACHING !

THIS WEEK'S WINNING CLASS FOR BEST ATTENDANCE IS:

School gates open at: 8:30 AM

Registers close at: 8:50 AM

All children with 100% attendance this term will be entered into a special raffle to win some fantastic prizes!

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NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

What an inspiring National Storytelling Week we've had at Townfield! The school has been buzzing with imagination, laughter, and creativity as our children immersed themselves in the magic of stories, poems, and performance!

We began the week with an assembly led by storyteller, Ray Douglas, who had everyone, from Reception to Year 6, laughing along to his wonderfully silly rhymes. His playful energy set the perfect tone for the days ahead. Following the assembly, classes took part in workshops where children created their own poems, added new stanzas to Ray's originals, and even predicted the endings of some of his funniest verses. Their enthusiasm was fantastic to see!

Later in the week, we welcomed Helen Stewart, whose captivating storytelling held children spellbound. With expressive voices, vivid characters, and beautifully crafted tales, Helen brought stories to life in a way that left a lasting impression on pupils and staff alike.
To round off the celebrations, we joined an online workshop with Alim Kamara, who encouraged the children to celebrate themselves through rhythm and rhyme. Together, they created uplifting raps about confidence, kindness, and recognising their own strengths; a brilliant way to end the week!

The children now have the opportunity to purchase books written by Ray Douglas, and order forms have already been sent home.
It has been a joyful, creative, and memorable week for everyone involved. Our pupils have not only enjoyed listening to stories but have grown as storytellers themselves. What a wonderful celebration of the power of words and stories!

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PED TECH CORNER

It’s been a busy term for digital learning! We are continuing to use Wayground to bring History to life through immersive challenges, while the introduction of Showbie is ensuring every student receives the personalised, accessible feedback they need to thrive. Furthermore, we’ve started using Canva AI to design bespoke mindfulness games, helping children regulate their focus and prepare their minds for deep learning. These tools aren’t just gadgets; they are purposefully chosen to make our curriculum more inclusive and engaging for every child.

showbie

WAYGROUND

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3R VISIT TO THE LIBRARY

On Tuesday 3rd February, Class 3R enjoyed a brilliant visit to Birkenhead Central Library. From the moment they arrived, the children were fully engaged and eager to learn more about the library and all it has to offer. We were greeted by Kirsten, the librarian, who shared her knowledge and explained how the library works, including how to become a member and how books are borrowed and returned.

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RECEPTION'S TRIP TO ALASKA

This week, reception have been learning all about Alaska and comparing it to where we live. To bring their learning to life, we even took an exciting trip to Alaska, with our EYFS team transforming the hall into an airport and aeroplane for a very special journey. A big thank you to our Air Hostess, Mrs Cleverley, for coming in and making sure we all arrived in Alaska safely!

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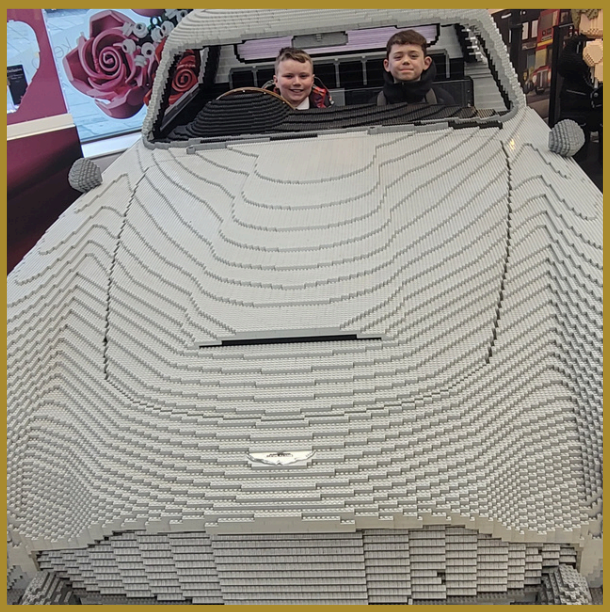
TEAR 6 VISIT TO LONDON

Four students were selected from Year 6 to take part in the trip to London with other schools from the trust. They experienced a workshop in Parliament, Listened in to a live debate in the House of Commons and enjoyed lots of sightseeing along the way. Miss Griffiths was very proud of their impeccable behaviour and how well the joined in with the entire day.



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CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AT TOWNFIELD

Since the official Lunar New Year falls during our upcoming half-term break, we didn't want our pupils to miss out on the festivities! To ensure everyone can join in the fun, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year early at Townfield.

- Event Details
- Date: Thursday, 12th February
- The Theme: Paint the school RED! Children are invited to swap their uniforms for red clothing to symbolise luck and happiness.
- Donation: We kindly ask for a £2 donation per child to support school funds.
- Special Lunch: Our kitchen will be serving a delicious, themed Chinese menu for the day—a perfect way for the children to experience the flavors of the festival.
- We are looking forward to a vibrant day full of culture and celebration!

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HELLO FROM MRS HANCOX

Hello! I'm Mrs Hancox. I've been working at Townfield for nearly 7 years. I started at Townfield as an Early Years Practitioner in Nursery until I gained my Forest School Leader Qualification.

I feel privileged working outdoors with the children because I get to witness them thrive in different ways. Our outdoor learning lessons support the whole child, nurturing emotional well-being, social skills, physical development and curiosity alongside academic learning.

When I'm not in school I still have a passion for being outdoors. I love going on long walks with my family and my two Shihtzu's (Duggie and Daisie). I also enjoy running along New Brighton prom, it's a view I'll never get bored of.

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Nursery Walk Around 2026

Tel: 0151 652 8498

Email: townfieldoffice@remat.org.uk

Call the office to book onto one of our tours

9th February 2026 – 9.15 – 10.15am

14th April 2026 4.15pm – 5.15pm

15th April 9.15am – 10.15am

11th May 2026 4.15pm – 5.15pm

15th May 2026 – 9.15 – 10.15am

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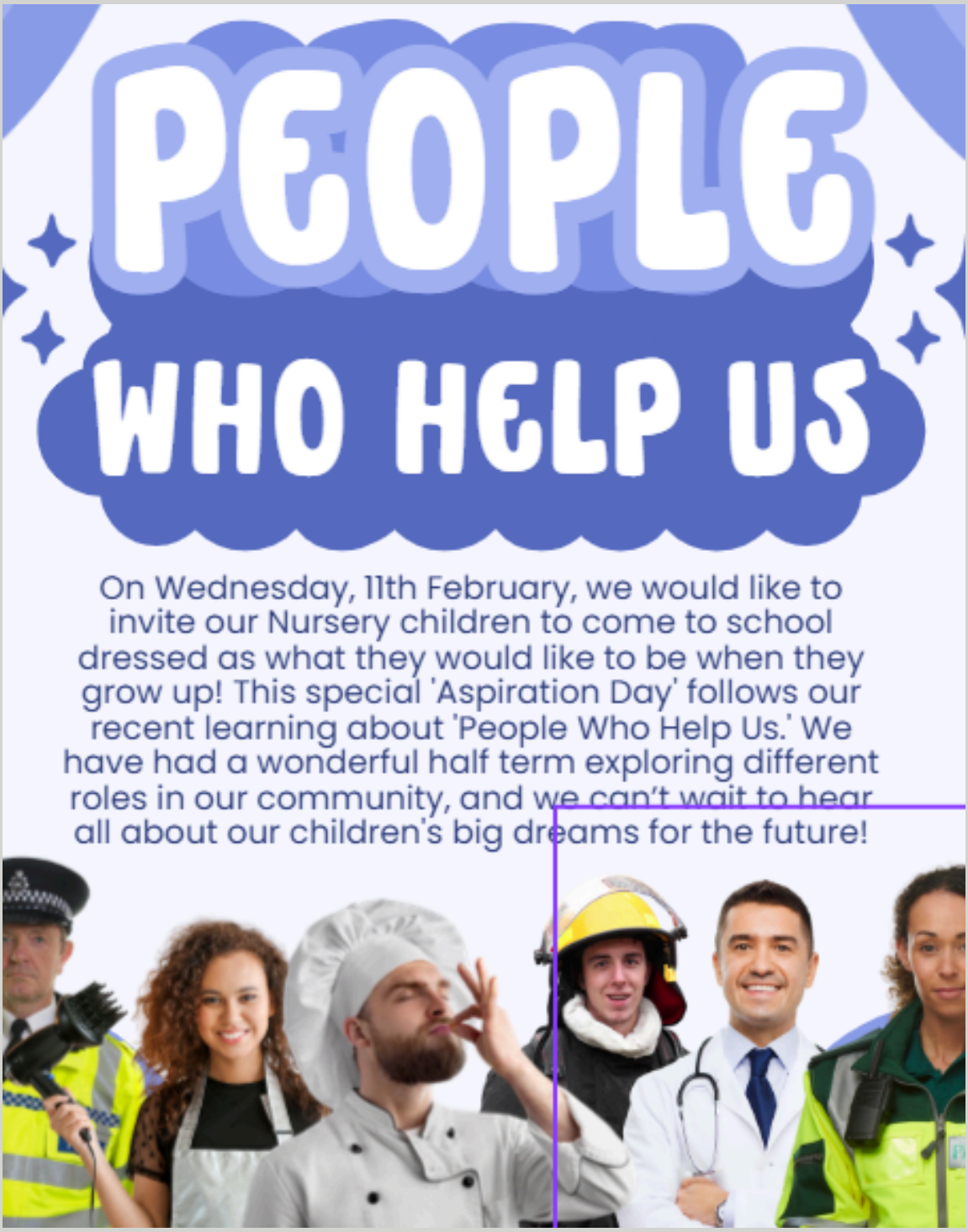

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Get Ready for Children's Mental Health Week 2026!

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week 2026, during the last week of this half term, EYFS to Year 6 will be taking part in a special activity called "This is My Place".

PLACE 2BE MAP

WHAT GIVES YOU A SENSE OF BELONGING?

We will be exploring the feeling of belonging, that special feeling of being cared for and valued for who we are by creating "Belonging Maps".

To help make these maps vibrant and personal, we are asking children to collect and bring in pictures, clippings, or drawings to add to class collage maps.

ITEMS THAT COULD BE USED:

Pictures of:

- Hobbies
- Nature: Trees, mountains, animals, or stars.
- People: Photos or drawings of friends, family, or pets.
- Places: A cozy corner, a park, school, or a place of worship.

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MORNING DROP OFF:

GATES OPEN: 8:30AM

NURSERY

DOOR OPEN 8:40AM

REGISTER CLOSES 8:45AM

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

CLASS DOORS OPEN: 8:40AM

GATES CLOSE: 8:50AM

REGISTER CLOSES: 8:50AM

EVENING PICK UP:

GATES OPEN: 3:10PM

NURSERY DISMISSAL: 3:15PM

RECEPTION DISMISSAL 3:15PM

YEARS 1 - 6 DISMISSAL: 3:20PM

BEING JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS OF LOST LEARNING ACROSS A SCHOOL YEAR.

CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE LATE ARE 30% MORE LIKELY TO FEEL ANXIOUS OR DISCONNECTED FROM THEIR PEER GROUP.

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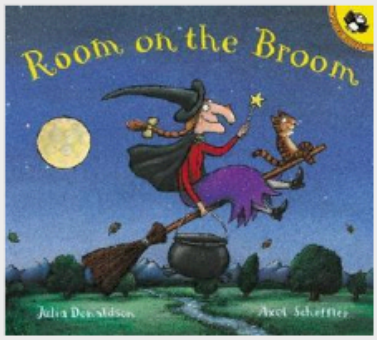
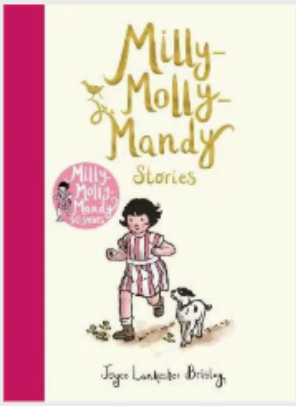
TOWNFIELD BOOK CLUB

Aged 3 - 5 Year Old



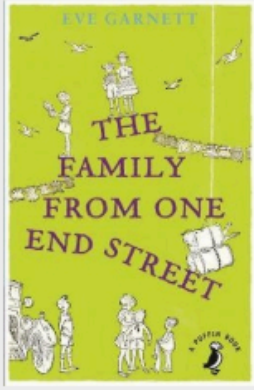
Room on the Broom - Julia Donaldson

Aged 5 - 8 Year Old



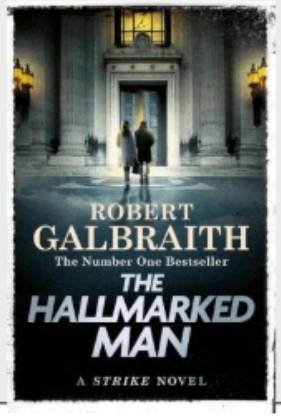
Milly, Molly, Mandy Stories bu Joyce Lankester Brisley

Aged 9 - 11 Years



The Family from One End Street by Eve Garnett

Parents



The Hallmarked Man by Robert Galbraith

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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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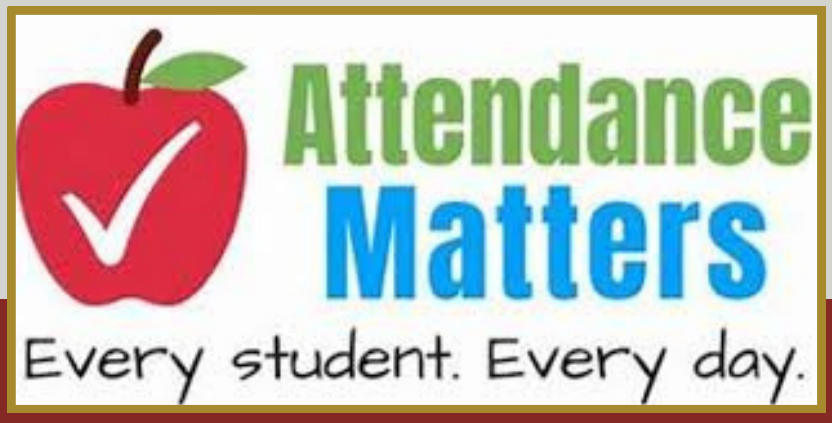
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception	**95.72%**
Year 1	**94.91%**
Year 2	**97.01%**
Year 3	**94.35%**
Year 4	**95.32%**
Year 5	**95.6%**
Year 6	**95.74%**
This weeks whole school attendance	**95.4%**



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 9th February	Nursery Walk Around 9.15am
Thursday 12th February	Chinese New Year
Friday 13th February	Finish for Half Term at 3.20pm
Monday 23rd February	Children Back in School
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 2 Science Workshop
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Monday 16th March	Scolastic Book Fair for 1 Week
Wednesday 18th March	Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop
Thursday 26th March	Year 1 Visit to Chester Zoo
Friday 27th March	Finish For Spring Break at 1.30pm
Monday 13th April	Pupils Return to School
Tuesday 14th April	Nursery Walk Around 4.15pm
Friday 15th May	Nursery Walk Around 9.15am

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Week ONE

Monday
Beef Burger
Choose from either butcher's quality beef burger or a quorn burger served in bun with cheese. Served with homemade potato wedges, dips and coleslaw

Tuesday
Homemade Pizza
Choose from cheese & tomato pepperoni served with tomato pasta & sweetcorn

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

Wednesday
Roast Dinner
Choose from either home roast of the day or a Quorn fillet served with roast potatoes, mashed potatoes, vegetables and gravy

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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