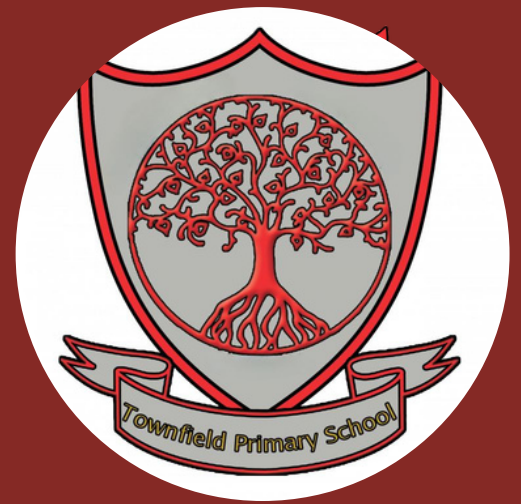


# TOWNFIELD NEWS

MONDAY 11TH MAY



## MESSAGE FROM MRS DURHAM

It has been a fantastic couple of weeks! Read all about the funding Mrs Carr has secured to provide an inspiring new space for our readers. Also read about our Junior Travel Ambassadors, who are already busy promoting safety and sustainability.

### Good Luck, Year 6!

SATs week begins today, and I want to wish our Year 6 cohort the very best. To our parents and carers: thank you for your support. Your children have worked with incredible dedication and are very well prepared.

We've encouraged the children to see this week as an opportunity to show off their hard work. We are already so proud of you—just do your best and let your confidence shine!

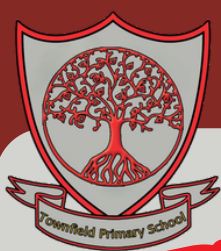
### Friday, 15th May: David Attenborough Day

To celebrate the completion of SATs and Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, Friday will be a day dedicated to nature and conservation.

- **Dress Up:** Come as an animal or an explorer.
- **Keep it Simple:** Feel free to just bring a favourite animal toy instead.
- **Share a Fact:** Children are invited to bring a fun animal fact to share.
- **Learning & Giving:** We will explore Sir David's work and collect optional donations for the WWF.

I look forward to a wonderful day celebrating a national treasure!





**BREAKING  
NEWS**

# Reading Update!

We have some absolutely wonderful news to share with our school community.

We are thrilled to announce that we have officially won a bid to create a libraryspace in school!

This is a huge win for our students, and we couldn't be more excited about the opportunities this will create for every child at our school.

The successful bid means we will be receiving a massive injection of resources to kickstart this project:

- 500 Brand New Books: A diverse collection of titles ranging from picture books and graphic novels to non-fiction and the latest fiction.
- £950 of High-Quality Furniture: We'll be installing cozy seating, modern shelving, and display units designed to make the library the most inviting room in the building.

## ♥ A Huge Thank You to Our Families!

Following the exciting news about our new library bid, we have even more reasons to celebrate! We want to extend a massive thank you to all the families who visited and supported our recent Book Fair.

Because of your generosity and enthusiasm, we successfully raised:

£456.00

Every penny of this total will go directly toward purchasing even more new books for our school. Combined with our successful bid, our shelves are going to be bursting with incredible new adventures for the children to enjoy.



# Curriculum Corner: Literacy Highlights

It has been a whirlwind of creativity and hard work across the school this month! From the very first marks on paper to the sophisticated arguments of our elder pupils, here is a glimpse into our literacy journey.



## Early Years

In Nursery, our youngest learners are developing the physical foundations for writing. We've been busy practicing letter formation for our new Read Write Inc. (RWI) sounds. The focus is on developing a comfortable pencil grip and fine motor control—essential foundational knowledge.

In Reception, the children have been exploring the classic tale of The Enormous Turnip, practising their sentence structures to retell the story. This builds on last week's fantastic work, where they also wrote step-by-step instructions on how to grow a plant.

## Key Stage 1

Year 1: Our historians have been researching the life of Mary Seacole. They are currently compiling their findings into detailed fact files, learning how to organise information to teach others about this incredible figure.

Year 2: Their independent write is based on the book The Bog Baby. The children have been crafting "finding narratives," describing the moment their own characters discover a unique magical creature.

## Lower Key Stage 2

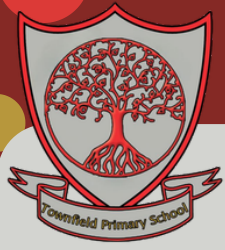
Year 3: The children are just starting a new journey into The Forgottery. They are beginning to draft a narrative based on this enchanting story, focusing on descriptive settings and character emotions.

Year 4: The classes have dived into the whimsical world of The Lost Happy Endings. They are busy crafting "twisted narratives," learning how to take a familiar story structure and turn it on its head with unexpected plot twists.

## Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5: Based on the moving story The Promise, our Year 5s are exploring the power of the "bargain letter." They are focusing on formal tone and rhetorical devices to strike a deal for a greener future.

Year 6: Our oldest students are showing immense resilience as they focus on SATs preparation. They are refining their grammar, punctuation, and spelling (GPS) skills and practicing high-level comprehension techniques. We wish them the best of luck next week!



## Faith and Fellowship: Year 4 Welcomes a Special Guest

Year 4 classrooms were buzzing last week as we welcomed Cathy Buntin, a local Baptist Minister and school grandparent, to discuss the power of prayer.

The children put Cathy in the 'hot seat,' posing profound questions about prayer's role in daily life and adversity. Cathy praised the students' depth and curiosity, noting:

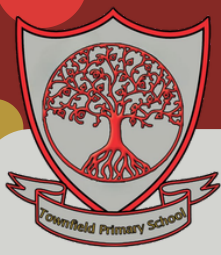
"It was such a joy to be back in the classroom. The children didn't hold back with their questions, and their honesty and openness made for a truly lovely afternoon."

Highlights of the visit included:

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- A safe space for children to explore spiritual concepts.
- Cathy shared how prayer provides strength and peace in her own ministry.
- Plenty of laughs were shared as the children and Cathy connected over their shared experiences.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Cathy for giving up her time to inspire our pupils. It was a wonderful reminder of the power of listening, asking questions, and coming together as a community





## Parents' Consultation

# PARENTS' CONSULTATION: Help shape our PSHCE & RSHE Curriculum

We want our curriculum to reflect the true needs of our children. Your voice is invaluable! **Please scan the QR code below to complete a short survey.**

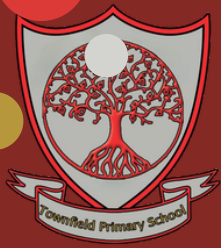
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RSHE Parent Consultation 2026 - Parent Survey

Together, we build a better future. Thank you for your feedback!





## HELLO FROM MRS JONES

It's hard to believe that I have been teaching for over 20 years now!! I have particularly enjoyed working in Year 4 this year, after predominantly teaching in KS1. I really value working across all age groups and find each stage of primary education rewarding in different ways.

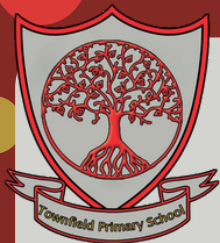
In addition, I am the French lead in school, where I support staff in ensuring French is taught effectively by specialist teachers and that pupils make strong progress in the subject.

At home, I live with my husband, Mr Jones, and our three daughters: Florence (11), Claudia (8), and Maggie (5). Life is wonderfully busy, with the girls being taken to a variety of clubs and parties, they certainly have a more active social calendar than we do!

We have also recently welcomed a new puppy into the family, Winnie, a Zuchon, who has added even more energy and chaos to our daily life.

At weekends, we enjoy getting out and about with Winnie and staying active. After recently losing six stone, I am determined to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle and make the most of being outdoors as a family.





## CELEBRATING WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY!

On Tuesday May 5th, 2026, our school celebrated World Hand Hygiene Day. This provided us with a fantastic opportunity to teach the children about how good hand hygiene helps prevent the spread of infectious diseases and keeps our school community healthy.

Across the school, teachers dedicated time to engaging the children in fun, interactive activities and games focused on the importance of handwashing. To reinforce these messages, we have also placed laminated posters in key areas, such as bathrooms and near dining halls, to serve as a constant, friendly reminder.



# KEEPING TOWNFIELD LANE SAFE: MEET OUR NEW JUNIOR TRAVEL AMBASSADORS!

If you were near the school gates this past week, you might have spotted some extra-diligent faces monitoring the hustle and bustle of Townfield Lane. As part of our Safer Schools Programme, we are proud to introduce our newly elected Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) from Years 5 and 6!

Equipped with high-vis vests and plenty of determination, our JTAs spent the afternoon and school pick-up hours conducting a thorough traffic survey. They weren't just watching the clock; they were monitoring footfall, traffic weight, and—most importantly—road safety habits.

## The Findings: A Reality Check

While it was great to see so many families walking to school, our JTAs recorded some worrying data that we all need to address as a community:

- **Excessive Speed:** In our 20 mph zone, the team clocked several vehicles travelling at speeds of up to 35 mph. At school finishing time, these speeds significantly increase the risk to our pupils.
- **Dangerous Parking:** Several cars were spotted "mounting the pavement" or parking directly on double yellow lines. This creates "blind spots" for children trying to cross the road safely.
- **Neighbourhood Impact:** Congestion didn't just affect our families; it blocked driveways and access for our local residents.

## A Message From Our Ambassadors

Our JTAs have a clear goal: they want every child to arrive at school and head home with a smile, feeling completely safe. To help them achieve this, we are asking all parents and carers to follow these simple steps: "Please be considerate. Park a little further away from the school gates and walk the final distance. It keeps the pavement clear for little legs and keeps the air cleaner for everyone!"

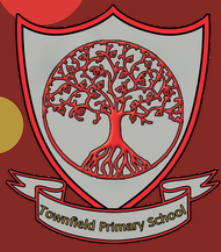
## How You Can Help

1. **Respect the Limits:** Please stick strictly to 20 mph. Those extra few miles per hour make a massive difference in stopping distances.
2. **Park Legally:** Avoid double yellow lines and keep pavements clear for prams and wheelchairs.
3. **Be a Good Neighbour:** Ensure you aren't blocking driveways or access points for the people living on Townfield Lane.

By making small changes to our routines, we can ensure that Townfield Lane remains a safe, welcoming environment for our entire school community.

Well done to our new Junior Travel Ambassadors for their hard work and for being the voice of safety at our school!





## TOWNFIELD BOOK CLUB

Aged 3 - 5 Year Old



How Many Legs? Kes Gray

Aged 5 - 8 Year Old



Rainbow Magic  
Stories by Daisy  
Meadows

Aged 9 - 11 Years

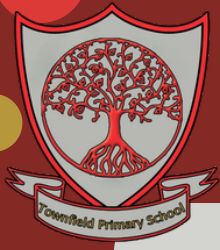


The Wheel of  
Surya by Jamila  
Gavin

Parents



Uncharmed by  
Lucy Jane Wood



## **GOLDEN TIE WINNERS 08.05.26**

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.

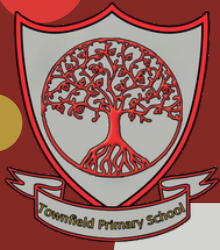
**Wisdom:** Always being eager to learn.

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

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

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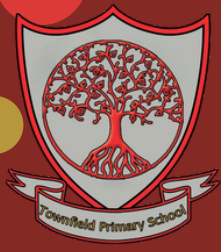
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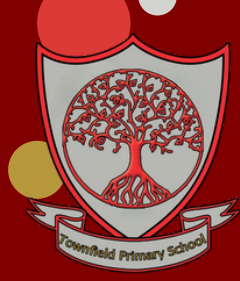
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk Around 4.15pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery visit to Blue Planet
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk Around 9.15am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Finish for Spring Break
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Inset Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Woodchurch Shakesphere Festival Year 6 at Woodchurch
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Robinwood
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Week (Details to Follow)



# 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  
sticed 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 Bolognaise

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

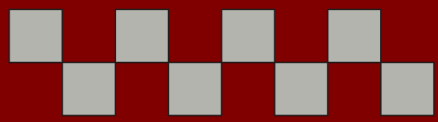
Fresh fruit, fruit pots, yogurts, cheese &  
crackers are available daily along with  
Dessert of the day.  
A selection of fruit juice and water will be  
available daily



School finishes on 21<sup>st</sup> May for half term

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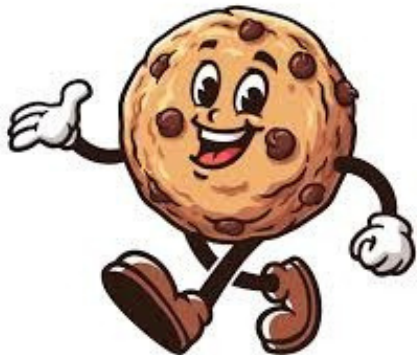


# Census Day Menu



**Chicken Goujons**

**Potato Tots**



**Chocolate Chip Cookie**

**Thursday 21st May**

