

KEY EVENT DATES

Easter Holidays (Mon 25th March - Monday 15th April)

April

Mon	15	Staff INSET	
Mon	15	TPSC Uniform Sale	
Mon	15	Pre-Season Cricket Training Session	
Tue	16	Pupils return to school	
Tue	16	Reception Readiness Evening Event	
Wed	17	Year 6 - Promotion (Enterprise)	
Wed	17	Final Year 3 PGL Trip Meeting	
Sat	20	TPS Charity Walk (Palace to Palace)	
Mon	22	Whole School Class Photos	
Tue	23	Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm	
Wed	24	Year 4 Acrylic Workshop	
Wed	24	Year 2 Trip to Gunnersbury Park	
Wed	24	Year 6 - Business Plan 1 (Enterprise)	
Thu	25	Class Composite Photos	
Fri	26	2+ Pre-Prep Discovery Day (morning only)	
Mon	29	Year 7 - Photography Workshop	
Mon	29	Year 3&4 Bounce Workshops	
Tue	30	Year 8 - Photography Workshop	

May

Wed	1	Year 6 - Perfect Pitch (Enterprise)
Wed	1	Year 5 Puberty Workshop
Thu	2	Future Schools Boys 11+ and 13+ Presentation (Year 3,4&5) @TPS
Fri	3	Year 5&6 Inter-School Maths Championships

All up to date events information can be found on MSP.

Friday 22nd March 2024



It's been a fabulous final week to bring the Spring Term to a close with the children and staff full of excitement ready for the Easter break. 3M launched the finale with their superbly presented assembly all about bees, sharing just how important they are for nature and humanity. Rather appropriately, Miss Maddison's class also managed to include a Bee-Gees adapted rendition of 'Stay in a Hive' as part of the fun! The sporting programme finished with the senior cross-country, following on from Year 3 and 4 the previous week, in perfect conditions on Wednesday. There were some very fast times recorded in the races which featured the girls and boys running together for the first time and a great encouraging spirit in evidence from the throng of spectators and marshals. Congratulations to Firebird House for the overall victory! We held an Open Day on Wednesday with a focus on our Pre-Prep and I was delighted to hear lovely comments from our visitors about their experience at TPS, in particular the superb Year 8 tour guides and the care and consideration they gave to our guests.

Last night saw our spectacular Year 5 and Year 6 production of 'The Wizard of Oz' which was a feast for the senses, evidencing that we have just so much talent on tap. The children performed with great maturity and sensitivity, with so many memorable moments, including the super choreographed songs, moments of lovely humour and the subtle character interactions. It was fantastic to see the children be at their best and my sincere thanks go to Miss May and Mrs Hill for their inspirational direction and for bringing the term to a close on such a high.

Today, it was great fun to see everyone together in celebration for our final assembly, though sadly we said 'auf Wiedersehen' to native German teacher Mrs Koecher and her son Miika, who have spent 3 weeks at TPS and certainly made lots of new friends along the way! We wish them all the best on their return to Cologne and hope to see them again in the future. Of course, today's Non-Uniform Day was in support of the Shooting Star Hospice and I am delighted that the TPS staff will be embarking on our 'Palace to Palace' Marathon Walk on the 20th April in support of the Hampton centre. This event will see over 40 staff walk some or all of the way from Windsor to TPS to raise much needed funds for this amazing organisation. Please do sponsor us if you can via this link:

[TPS Marathon Walk](#)

It remains for me to wish all of our families a very happy and holy Easter break.

Oliver Barrett, Headmaster

Clubs Available!

There are still a number of clubs that have spaces available.

If you wish your child to attend please book via MSP.

The clubs below are still bookable:

Monday - Book Club (Y5&Y6)

Tuesday - Rounders/Soft ball Cricket Club (Y5&Y6)

Wednesday - Performance Poetry (Y4 - Y8)

Thursday - Boules Club (Y6 - Y8)

Thursday - DT Club (Y5 - Y8)

Friday - Tri-Golf (need a minimum of 8 pupils to run) (Y3 - Y8)



My School Portal

My School Portal is a great school-to-parent communication system. Here you will find the latest events, which can be synced with your electronic calendar, weekly menus and copies of all letters sent home.

Below are weekly updated online bulletins for school areas:

Pre Prep — messages from Mrs Barnes including club collection

[Click Here](#)

Safeguarding & Wellbeing messages from our Designated Safeguarding Team

[Click Here](#)



School Meals week commencing: 15th April : [Menu](#) Week 2

On behalf of the Governors, I wish you all a very enjoyable and relaxing Easter break.

This term has been action packed and seems to have passed in a blur. Year 5 and 6 'Wizard of Oz' production this week, the amazing STEM week last week which covered such a wide range of activities both in school and for homework, preceded by Book Week, and the full range of events that have taken place this term. This includes the older boys trip to Word War 1 sites, House Competitions, sports fixtures (weather permitting) and tournaments, Junior Duke, Mother's Day Breakfast, Day Trips, Bikeability, "Dress to Express", to name but a few!! This is all made possible by the outstanding contributions of all our staff at TPS — my thanks to them all.

Special mention must be given to the achievements of the Year 6 children for such an outstanding set of results and outcomes for their senior school examinations. They've secured offers across a large number of senior schools, together with a significant number of scholarships. They should all be very proud of their success.

I hope you all manage to take advantage of the Easter holiday and spend time with family and friends.

Harry Bates, Chair of Governors

TPS Dads 7-a-side Football

For nine years, we have been running TPS Dads' 7-a-side football on Monday evening from 7-8pm at Lincoln Fields in Twickenham. If you are interested in playing, either occasionally or more regularly, please email Mr Howorth on mhoworth@twickenhamprep.co.uk for further details.

Violin and Cello Trial Lessons

Our wonderful string teachers are offering trial lessons for any child who is interested in seeing what a string lesson is like and the opportunity for them to try an instrument. If this is something you would like to arrange, please let Mrs Hill know directly nhill@twickenhamprep.co.uk. This would take place the first week after Easter so please reply before 1st April.

STEM Competition!

Maths Mix-Up Photo Competition (Whole School can enter)

- ◇ See where you can see mathematics in your daily life and take a photo
- ◇ Think about our theme of Time and Space
- ◇ Try to link it with science if you can!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YgP1n1kPIOU>

Competition #1

Time Challenge (ONLY Prep children can enter)

- ◇ Use materials at home to create a one-second pendulum
- ◇ Video your pendulum explain how it works or bring it in to school to demonstrate
- ◇ Can you work out the mathematics behind the pendulum swing?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUHWvpGPncM>



Send your videos and photo's to your form tutor who will upload them into the competition file.

Closing date: 17th April

Winners will be announced in celebration assembly on **Friday 19th April.**

Get Ready for Reception!

With Twickenham Prep School
and The Little Gym



Is your child about to start school?
Join us for our
'Reception Readiness' talk
on Tuesday 16th April at 7pm
at Twickenham Prep School
in Hampton



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Preparatory
School



Is your child due to start school into Reception this September or in the coming couple of years? Are you wondering how you can prepare them for the best possible start?

We are delighted to be hosting our first Reception Readiness talk for parents at TPS Hampton on the evening of Tuesday 16th April at 7pm, in collaboration with The Little Gym, about how to ready your little one for school.

You will receive top tips from Early Years experts; our Head of Pre-Prep, Barbara Barnes and owner of The Little Gym (Hampton and Teddington), Amy Perkins.

Our speakers will talk you through how a child's body gets their brain ready for learning and how this is the foundation for success. Learn about how you can ease the transition to school and support your child's learning journey, enabling them to flourish! The evening will be a great opportunity to ask our experts questions and connect with other parents.

This event is open to all parents of pre-school children - spread the word, tell your friends!

The talk will take place at Twickenham Prep School, 43 High Street, Hampton, TW12 2SA.

Refreshments will be served at 7pm with the talk beginning at 7.30pm - canapés will be served for guests after the talk, with an opportunity to chat and view the classrooms and facilities in the Pre-Prep at TPS.

Don't miss out – book your free place today via our website: <https://twickenhamprep.org.uk/admissions/visit-us/>