

KEY EVENT DATES

November

Mon 11	Antibullying Week
Mon 11	Remembrance Day Service
Tue 12	Autumn Teatime Concert (invite only)
Tue 12	Odd Socks Day
Wed 13	Reception 2025 Welcome Event
Thu 14	Year 7&8 Pride and Prejudice Trip
Thu 14	School Council Meeting
Tue 19	Reception to Year 8 - Flu Immunisation
Thu 21	Year 3 to St Albans (Romans Workshop)
Sat 23	7+ Assessment Morning
Wed 27	Standardised Testing: A Workshop for Parents of Years 3-8
Thu 28	Pre-Prep Nativity
Thu 28	School Council Meeting
Fri 29	Pre-Prep Nativity

December

Sun 01	TPSC Christmas Tree Sale
Sun 01	Reception 2025 Little Gym Christmas Party

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

Friday 8th November 2024



I very much hope that everyone has returned after half term refreshed and ready for the best time of the year! There's certainly a sense of anticipation in the air with so many events taking place in the coming weeks, not least tonight's firework display courtesy of the TPSC Parents' Committee, who have even managed to arrange dry and calm conditions for the event! Thank you to everyone who has helped organise tonight's festivities and please do remember that we are always looking for volunteers to help for the good of the community - even a little help goes a long way.

Wednesday this week featured a superb assembly by Mrs Harber and 4H, focusing on language acquisition and communication. It was fascinating to hear the children share proverbs from languages across the world and to realise just how powerful words can be! The children were brilliant when speaking, performing and singing, enthralled the gathered audience. In a very different context, it's been impressive too to hear the children in Year 6 involved in practice interviews with our guest, James Womersley, which showed just how erudite and engaging the senior pupils are when speaking about their school life, interests and aspirations. Likewise, only this morning we had lovely feedback at Open Day about our Year 7 and Year 8 tour guides when welcoming visitors. It makes me very proud to witness and emphasize the importance of giving the children responsibilities and a clear sense of purpose.

Many TPS families have kindly made up shoeboxes for the 'Link to Hope' appeal which will make such a difference to so many families in Eastern Europe. Please note the deadline has now been extended to 15th November, so there is still time to take part.

May I also draw your attention to Mrs Barnes' Wellbeing and Safeguarding briefing, and in particular the resources on parenting from [Family Lives](#) which is packed with helpful techniques and ideas, across a wide range of topics, including: bullying, mental health and wellbeing, online safety and the use of technology.

Oliver Barrett, Headmaster

FIXTURE DATES

November

Boys

Wed 13	Year 5 Boys A&B vs Hampton Prep
Wed 13	Year 6 Boys A&B vs Hampton Prep
Wed 13	Year 7&8 Boys A&B vs Newland House
Fri 15	Year 3 Boys A,B&C vs Hampton Prep
Fri 15	Year 4 Boys A&B vs Hampton Prep

Girls

Wed 13	Year 5 A&B Netball vs St Catherine's
Wed 13	Year 6 A,B&C Netball vs GHS
Fri 15	Year 3 A&B Netball vs Unicorn

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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: 4th Nov: [Menu](#) Week 3

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to all the girls below who took part in the St Catherine's Swimming Gala this week. Two points separated us from the overall winning gala position with some impressive results. Year 4 secured the team freestyle relay with Eleanor, Evie and Claudia also winning their individual races. Well done to everyone!



Christmas Shoeboxes!

UPDATE – DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER!

As detailed in the Bulletin before half-term, this year we will be supporting a new Christmas shoebox charity organisation called Link to Hope – the **REVISED** deadline for TPS shoebox donations is now **next week, on FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER.**



Pupils should bring their boxes in to the main entrance by the school office. Many thanks to all the families who have already generously donated some beautiful boxes!

Remembrance Day

On **Monday 11th November**, all pupils must come to school smartly presented in full uniform, including blazers. We would like to encourage all pupils to wear a poppy for our Remembrance Day Service.

If your child normally wears sports kit on a Monday please make sure that they wear their full uniform to school and bring their sports kit/trainers in a separate bag to change into.

