

KEY EVENT DATES

November

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
Mon 02	Reception to Year 5 - Touring Theatre Performance (Cinderella) @ TPS
Mon 02	TPSC Christmas Jumper Sale
Wed 04	Year 3 Strings and Mrs Harber Recorder Ensemble Concert
Thu 05	3EW Assembly
Thu 05	Year 6 Trip to Lyric Theatre - Aladdin
Fri 06	TPSC Christmas Movie (Proposed)

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

Friday 15th November 2024



Our week at school began with a very moving service for Remembrance allowing the school community to reflect on the generations who have given their lives for modern peace and freedom. Mr Howorth and the captains of school shared stories of soldiers and families' experiences of World War 1 and our service explored the contributions of black and Asian soldiers, including Sepoy Khudadad Khan, who as one of 1.2 million Indian soldiers became the first Muslim recipient of the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest award for bravery, 110 years ago in 1914. Our service featured a ceremonial presentation of a wreath and beautiful poppy-inspired artwork from the children in Year 2.

Tuesday was a riot of colour with the children and staff embracing 'Odd Socks Day' to highlight Antibullying Week and give a strong message that it is OK to be different! The odd socks were also in evidence at the Teatime Concert after school, which saw a wide range of fantastic instrumental and voice performances, reflecting the very large numbers of children who are learning music outside of class lessons. Reception children have had great fun learning nursery rhymes this term, including a lovely project all about Humpty Dumpty, and this week saw a great rendition out in our outdoor learning area! At the top end of the school, the senior boys took a fantastic trip to the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford to see a rather amusing, unique and audacious retelling of Jane Austen's most iconic love story, *Pride and Prejudice*, thanks to Mrs Kidson and Ms May.

Finally, I must mention the pleasure we had in welcoming so many of our new Reception 2025 starters on Wednesday to see the teachers and make some new friends as part of our transition programme. It was wonderful to see the children already so happy at TPS and I gather one or two are wishing they could start now! Thank you to all the staff for making the children feel so welcome and part of the TPS family.

Oliver Barrett, Headmaster

November

FIXTURE DATES

Boys

Wed 20	Year 6 Boys A&B vs Tower House
Wed 20	Year 6 A&B Netball vs Newland House
Fri 22	Year 4 Boys A&B vs Tower House

Girls

Fri 22	Year 3 A,B&C Football vs Claremont
Fri 22	Year 4 A,B&C Netball vs St. Catherine's

Mixed

Thu 21	Year 4 Mixed Ewell Castle Football Festival
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All up to date fixture information can be found on MSP.



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: 18th Nov: [Menu](#) Week 1



New Clarinet Ensemble with Mrs Hill

Mrs Hill will be leading a new Clarinet ensemble on a Thursday lunchtime at 1.30pm and offering 6 places for children who are currently in **Years 3 – 5**. Those children who wish to take part can already be having individual music lessons at school and still apply.



No prior musical learning needs to have taken place and instruments will be organised by the school. A commitment to every rehearsal is expected for the children to derive the maximum benefit from these new ensembles.

This ensemble will require an instrumental hire fee which is £15 per month and will be invoiced directly from Barisons Music School per term who will be supplying the instruments.

If you would like your child to take part please sign them up by completing the online form on MSP under My Children, Forms.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Diarrhoea and Vomiting

Diarrhoea and Vomiting illnesses commonly affect children and staff and can be caused by a number of different germs, including viruses, parasites and bacteria. Infections can be easily spread from person to person (by unwashed hands), especially in children. It is recommended by the NHS that any child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours). See NHS link here with full details:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

If your child is sick at school, we will ask a parent/carer to come and collect their child and take them home.

They should not return for 48 hours after the last episode.

We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, but you will appreciate that we do this as it reduces the risk of infection for all children in school. As an example, if your child is sick at lunchtime on a Tuesday, they should not return to school until after lunch on Thursday, provided there have not been any further episodes of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Thank you for your understanding.