

KEY EVENT DATES

September

Tue	10	Year 6-8 Study Skills Workshop
Tue	10	Year 7 Welcome Meeting (ICT Room)
Tue	10	Year 6 Welcome Meeting (Music Room)
Wed	11	Year 1 Welcome Meeting (Pre-Prep Shared area)
Wed	11	Year 2 Welcome Meeting (Hall)
Wed	11	Year 3 Welcome Meeting (Music Room)
Wed	11	Year 8 Welcome Meeting (Hub 1)
Thu	12	Year 4 Welcome Meeting (Hall)
Thu	12	Year 5 Welcome Meeting (Music Room)
Sat	14	2+ Discovery Day
Mon	16	Extra Curricular Clubs Start
Tue	17	Year 5-8 Cyber Crime Assembly with Met Police
Wed	18	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
Thu	19	Reception Welcome Meeting and Drinks
Fri	20	Year 2 Scooter Training

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

Friday 6th September 2024



And so a new year begins!

The start of the Autumn Term has been a very successful one, with INSET for the staff taking place early on this week and the children's return on Wednesday. It was a joy to behold the sense of excitement as the children came in to school on their first day to greet their friends and teachers and it was fascinating too to see how the children have changed over the summer break. The children have made a super start by all accounts and we've been particularly impressed with the newest members of the community with 37 children across Pre-Prep and Prep joining TPS this week. In addition, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Shelley (Head of Operations), Mr Zere (Science) Mrs Woolford (Catering) and Mrs Wheeler (HR) as new colleagues. My assembly on Wednesday focused, of course, on our core values of being 'Courteous', 'Considerate', 'Calm' and 'Courageous' with emphasis on a warm and supportive welcome for every new member of the community, aiming to make 2024-25 the best year yet.

Thank you to all of the parents and children who attended the music workshops hosted by Mrs Hill on Wednesday which saw our very talented visiting music teachers help the children explore new instruments, with the prospect, perhaps, of learning an instrument in school. We are very keen to promote music at TPS, given the well-known benefits of learning and our recent investment in new instruments, so please do contact Mrs Hill if you'd like to find out more about music making opportunities at TPS via: nhill@twickenhamprep.co.uk

May I wish everyone a very successful and enjoyable year and I look forward to seeing many of you at our important welcome evening events next week.

Oliver Barrett, Headmaster

On behalf of the Governors, I'm very pleased to welcome everyone back to TPS after the summer holiday. I'm sure that the children have enjoyed meeting their friends, and to getting back into the day to day rhythm of school life. I would like to welcome all the new children, parents and staff who have joined TPS for the first time. I hope that the children are settling in and make strong friendships as quickly as possible, and that you all get to know your new school. At TPS we have always focused on the importance of community, and believe that the values and ethos of our school has helped to establish the warm, trusting and caring environment in which the children flourish. Autumn Term is a busy one both in terms of learning and extra-curricular activities and I hope the children take advantage of and enjoy what the school has to offer. There are so many things to look forward to over the course of this school year including trips, clubs, House competitions, sports and assemblies all contributing to making such a great experience for the children...not forgetting school work too!!

I wish all members of our school community a happy return to TPS.

Harry Bates, Chair of Governors

September

FIXTURE DATES

Boys

Sat	7	Year 7&8 Boys A&B Football Bishopsgate Tournament
Sat	7	Year 5 Boys A Hampton Football Tournament
Sat	7	Year 6 Boys A Hampton Football Tournament
Wed	11	Year 5 Boys A&B Football vs Surbiton
Wed	11	Year 6 Boys A&B Football vs Surbiton
Wed	11	Year 7&8 Boys A&B Football vs Newland House
Fri	13	Year 4 Boys A,B&C Football vs Surbiton
Sat	14	Year 6 Boys A - Surbiton Tournament

Girls

Wed	11	Year 5 Girls A&B Netball vs St Catherine's
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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: 9th Sept: [Menu](#) Week 2

Welcome to our New Staff!



Mrs Shelley



Mrs Wheeler



Mr Zere



Ms Woolford



Absence & Lateness Procedure

We thought it might be helpful to give a reminder of our absence processes and how parents can support these:

- If your child is off school or may arrive later than normal for any reason, please do inform the school office either ahead of time or that morning before 8.30am. **Even if you have informed another member of staff verbally, in a diary/planner or by email, please do also include the office staff in your email or let the office staff know directly.**

- To inform the school of an absence, appointment or late arrival you may either use the form on MSP, send an email to the school office: office@twickenhamprep.co.uk or phone: 020 8979 6216 to leave a voicemail message on the absence line.

- If your child is absent due to illness or injury please inform the school office at the start of every day that the pupil is absent, even if the days are consecutive – we will never presume that a child is absent due to illness or injury even if they were absent for that reason the day before.

- If you use the school minibus but your child will be absent or late, then you must inform the school office and also the minibus driver directly (not via another parent).

- The side gate is closed promptly at 8.35am. Any pupil arriving after this time must sign in at the school office on the screen - this is simply to ensure that all pupils are formally accounted for and registered.

- All Prep pupils who attend small group or individual sessions, such as peripatetic music lessons or learning support lessons first thing or during the morning registration period, are required to sign in at the school office on the screen as soon as they arrive at school and prior to their lesson.

- For pupils in Pre-Prep, the teacher taking the pupil will inform the class teacher directly. The class teacher will then mark the pupil as present.

Any missing child must be identified quickly; therefore the school office staff must have a completed whole school register by 9am. Any pupil not registered or absent without a given reason by 8.50am will be followed up by school office staff phoning parents to promptly establish a reason for absence.

We hope you will understand that proactive communication from parents is very helpful and much appreciated.

TPSC 2024 FIREWORKS

FRIDAY
8TH NOVEMBER, 2024
6-8PM (AT SCHOOL)
BAR
BBQ
STALLS AND MORE!

TICKETS GO ON SALE
9PM THURSDAY 10 OCT.
VIA MSP

