

## KEY EVENT DATES

December

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| 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 and Cake 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 Festive Movie Pre-Prep <i>The Snowman</i> (3:15-4:00pm)         |
| Fri | 06 | TPSC Festive Movie Prep <i>Home Alone</i> (4.15-6:15pm)              |
| Fri | 06 | Extra Curricular Clubs FINISH  |
| Tue | 10 | Year 7 Production - 7PM  |
| Thu | 12 | School Council Meeting   |
| Thu | 12 | Christmas Jumper Day   |
| Thu | 12 | Christmas Lunch  |
| Thu | 12 | Carol Service Rehearsal  |
| Fri | 13 | Carol Service  |
| Fri | 13 | End of Term (half day)   |

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

Friday 29th November 2024



I am delighted to share news of our success in the yearly national mathematical competition, the Primary Maths Challenge, undertaken by our Year 6 children and some Year 5 pupils too. This features an array of problems to solve, many fiendish in nature, and the 2024 version was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary since its start in 1999. Many of the children achieved very high scores, but particular mention must go to Jack and Emma, with the highest Year 5 results, achieving silver awards, and Beatrice, Elsie, Joshua and top scoring Eloise from Year 6, all achieving the prestigious gold award, and potentially the chance to enter the final round later in the year. Well done to all our mathematicians and thank you to Mrs Clough for organising our entries.

The cold, crisp mornings have seemed to fit neatly with our Nativity programme and it's been a joy to welcome so many families to the performances at the latter end of this week. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been wonderful in telling the story of Jesus's birth, this year through the perspective of the sheep, in 'Hay Ewe'. The children filled the hall with celebration, great humour and superb acting, dancing and singing, with a real sense of togetherness and great sensitivity. I am enormously grateful to the Pre-Prep staff and Mrs Hill for expertly inspiring the children. Our assembly programme this week looked at the TPS value of Courage, exploring lots of different ways we can show this important quality, before focusing on Florence Nightingale's remarkable life and experience of the Crimea, treating soldiers and then leaving an indelible mark to raise standards in modern healthcare.

As we approach the end of the term, I would like to mention two staffing changes for January. We are excited to be welcoming Mrs Jennifer Mills, taking over from Mr Zere in the Science Department, and Mrs Karen Lintin, who will replace Miss May, Year 5 form teacher and teacher of English in the Prep School. Mrs Mills joins us from Hampton Prep and Mrs Lintin from Cleves School in Weybridge, respectively.

Finally, this week, may I please remind all TPS families that any **parking on the High Street outside school should be avoided whenever possible**. There have been challenges recently with cars parked in the 'no waiting' zones particularly in the afternoon and evening, contributing to difficulties for coach transport and passing traffic. Thank you for your support in this regard as it will help everyone.

**Oliver Barrett, Headmaster**

## FIXTURE DATES

December

Boys

Wed 04 ~~Year 5 Boys A&B vs Claremont~~

Girls

Wed 04 Year 5 A&B Netball vs LEH (Late finish)

Wed 04 Year 6 A&B Netball vs St Catherine's

Thu 05 Year 4 A Netball Tournament at Greenfield School

Fri 06 Year 3&4 House Netball

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: 2nd Dec: [Menu](#) Week 3

## PIANO LESSONS 🎵

We currently have spaces for piano lessons at TPS during the school day. If you are interested in your child starting lessons please complete the online instrumental application form which is found on MSP - where you will find more information about the scheme too.

## Missed Your Flu Vaccine?

If your child missed getting their flu vaccine done at school there is a walk in clinic you can attend to get this administered, see below:

**Saturday 14th December 9:30 - 12:30**  
**Sheen Lane Clinic, SW14 8LP**

## Junior Duke Deadline

A reminder to all Junior Duke participants that the first submission is on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**. Booklets should be given to class teachers. Important: If your child has not completed a challenge then there is no need to submit a booklet.

## Pre-Prep Nativity

All orders for the video download and Year 2 photos can be placed directly with Simon via his website link below: you can register now and will be notified when these are ready to purchase.

<https://events.simonwhitehead.photo/>

The access code for the Pre-Prep Nativity Production is: **TPSEWE24**

