



# Telford Junior School

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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Cross Country Event



Congratulations to all the children who represented Telford Junior School at last weekend's cross-country event. With more than 400 children competing, it was a highly competitive and inspiring morning of racing. We are especially proud of our Year 5 boys' team, who achieved an outstanding result by winning the team event.

Thank you to all the children and families who attended and supported our runners. Despite the damp weather, our pupils showed great determination and team spirit. Running long distance is always a challenge, and every child who took part demonstrated real effort and pride in representing the school.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs Woodcock for accompanying the children and supporting them throughout the event.





## Swimming Success

Well done Annabelle (Y5 Maple) and Tristan (Y4 Lime), who were part of the squad representing Leamington Spa Amateur Swimming Club at the National Junior League Final in Corby. The team, made up of swimmers aged 9-12, finished a fantastic 2nd place out of the 8 clubs from across the country that took part, each team having won their regional leagues earlier in the year.



## Year Group Padlets

Please follow the links below to your child's Year Group Padlet, for information about year group and home learning activities:

- ❖ [Year 3 Home School Partnership Padlet](#)
- ❖ [Year 4 Home Schol Partnership Padlet](#)
- ❖ [Year 5 Home School Partnership Padlet](#)
- ❖ [Year 6 Home School Partnership Padlet](#)

## School Dates

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (9.30 am)	Y3 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (6.30 pm)	Y3 Christmas Performance
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (10.00 – 11.00 am)	Y4 Christmas Songs & Music
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (10.00 – 11.00 am)	Y5 Christmas Songs & Music
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (10.00 – 11.00 am)	Y6 Christmas Songs & Music
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (3.20 pm)	End of the Autumn Term

## Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day – school closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of the Spring Term – all pupils return to school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February (7.30pm)	Smartphone Free Childhood Presentation in the school hall – all welcome
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-Term Holiday
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 visit (in school) from Severn Trent Water
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March (3.20 pm)	End of the Spring Term.



**Christmas at St Mary Magdalene's Church**

After School Carols - around the tree followed by hot chocolate:  
16<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm

All Age Messy Nativity - come in any costume or borrow one of ours!  
Sunday 21 December 11:15 am

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24<sup>th</sup> December - 3pm, 4.30, 6pm (same service but quieter and SEND friendly)

Christmas Day service: 10am

**Find us on Facebook: Lillington Parish Church**



## Be Scam Smart - Protect Children from Scams in Games

Online scams, such as 'trust trades' and 'fake giveaways', can cause harm and upset to all children, but neurodivergent children are at greater risk of falling victim to scams. Internet Matters have worked with Ambitious about Autism and Roblox to create new resources to help families with neurodivergent children learn and stay safe from scams within games. There is a guide for parents/carers, a video for children and young people, plus stories for families to read and discuss together, to explore the risks, with practical actions for children to take to help stay protected.

Follow the link to find out more: [Internet Matters](#)

## Supporting Children with Technology

We look forward to welcoming Charlotte Aston in school next term, to share her presentation on supporting children with technology, looking at the complex issues around children using smartphone technology.

**PAPAYA**

# Let's talk about our kids and their tech

PARENT TALK WITH CHARLOTTE:

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DATE & TIME

TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 — 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

**Charlotte Ashton**

Charlotte Ashton is a journalist who spent 20 years reporting around the world for BBC News, Radio 4 and World Service. She is regional leader for Smartphone Free Childhood in Warwickshire and Mum of two primary- and secondary-age girls.

Drawing on her experience as a news reporter and presenter, Charlotte is committed to providing parents with the information we need about the impact of smartphones and addictive technology on children, how developing brains are particularly susceptible to persuasive design and the steps we can take to protect them at home and in school.

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# Helping families to thrive in a digital age

Parenting in the **digital age** has never been more complex, with issues surrounding screen time, social media use, and gaming.

Many parents are concerned about their children's mental health, especially the impact of screens on it.

In this interactive talk, Charlotte unpacks some of the **complex issues** surrounding smartphone use and, in a **non-judgmental** manner, aims to help you find solutions that work for your family.

## Topics

- The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online
- Strategies for delaying the smartphone
- Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology
- Question and discussion time

*"The talk is so relevant, full of insight and eye-opening. You will walk away inspired to connect, reflect, and find out more. I highly recommend it."*

— Claire Curtis, parent and SFC volunteer.

## Warwickshire's Family Information Service

The Christmas Special Edition of the Family Information Service Newsletter includes money saving ideas for the festive period, details about the HAF programme, emergency support over the festive period, tips to stay safe this Christmas and more:

[Family Information Service Special Edition Newsletter](#)

## End of Term

Thank you for the donations sent into school for this year's Poppy Appeal. The school raised an impressive £149.58 for the 2025 Royal British Legion's Appeal.

Over the next few week's information about activities taking place in the local area, during the Christmas period, will be posted on the [Information for Families](#) page of the school website.

This afternoon the school will enjoy the Year 3 Christmas play dress-rehearsal, with performances to parents/carers next week on Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening. I know the children will be very excited about sharing their performance.

In the final week of the term, we welcome parents and carers of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 to their Christmas Songs and Music. I am particularly looking forward to the Year 4 glockenspiel performance! On the penultimate day of term, there will be the Christmas Lunch to look forward to.

Finally, our Year 4 team would like to reach out for a little community support. The children are about to embark on their Design & Technology sewing project and the team would be grateful for any parents, carers, or grandparents who are able to lend a helping hand. If you are available on **Tuesday 16th December**, all three Year 4 classes – Elm, Hazel and Lime – would welcome you joining them, as the children learn and practise their sewing skills. Your time and expertise would make a huge difference. If you are able to help, please could you let the school office know.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

With best wishes for the weekend,

Richard Siviter

