



# Telford Junior School

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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

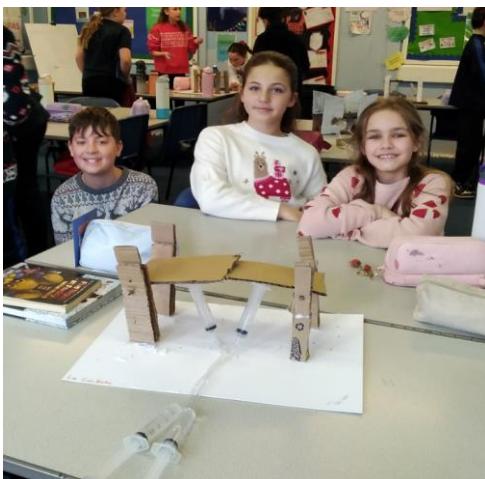
### Design & Technology Projects

The Year 6 classes enjoyed their opportunity to design and make a bridge using hydraulic mechanisms. The children came up with some amazing designs and were very skilful in constructing their bridges. We should like to thank Mrs Woodcock, our Design & Technology Lead, for supporting the Year 6 team with planning this exciting unit of work.



The children investigated different bridge types, tested materials for strength and learned how structures are reinforced. As part of the project, pupils incorporated a hydraulic moving element, allowing their bridges to lift or open using simple syringe-based systems. Using their designs, pupils worked carefully to construct and evaluate their bridges, testing how much weight they could hold and how smoothly the hydraulic mechanism operated, before suggesting improvements. The project

developed problem-solving skills, teamwork and an understanding of how real-world bridges are designed.



## Year 4 Sewing Project

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard on their Design and Technology project, designing and making their own money containers. They followed the full design process, investigating how best to create a functional and appealing product, before bringing their ideas to life. We are extremely grateful to the parents and grandparents who came in to support the children and teachers throughout the project. The children showed great creativity and the standard of sewing was fantastic.





The Year 4 team would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to all the parents and grandparents who gave up their time to help with their sewing project. The children loved working with you and we really appreciated your support.

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

## 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	Y6 Golf Experience Day
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
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Church Visit
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Church Visit
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Residential Visit
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 visit (in school) from Severn Trent Water
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Residential Visit
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March (3.20 pm)	End of the Spring Term.

## Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of the Summer Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 Tests (SATs)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half-Term Holiday (school closed)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Central Area Induction Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (9.30 – 11.30 am)	Y3/Y4 Sports Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July (9.30 – 11.30 am)	Y5/Y6 Sports Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July (3.20 pm)	End of the Summer Term

## Reading Aloud in Year 3

The children in Year 3 Ash performed 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' as their Reading Aloud activity this week.





## School Council Christmas Post Delivery

Thank you to our wonderful School Council for organising and delivering the School Christmas Post. Your time, effort and enthusiasm helped spread so much festive cheer across the school. 🎄 🎅



## St. Mary Magdalene's Church Accessibility Guide

St. Mary Magdalene's Church, mindful that there are children and families in the community with SEND needs, have produced a social story/ accessibility guide for their Christingle services on Christmas eve.

Normally, between 700-800 people attend these services and the Church would like everyone to feel included and welcome, if they wish to attend. The following link will take you to a guide, on the school's 'Information for Families' webpage, outlining what SEND families can expect:

<https://www.telfordjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Information+for+Families&pid=73>

## Thank You for Supporting Team Telford's Christmas Raffle

A huge thank you to all the families who supported Team Telford's Christmas Raffle through their generous contributions.

Thanks to your support, we raised an amazing **£565** for the school. Congratulations to all of our raffle winners and thank you to everyone who took part.

Team Telford is currently raising funds to help equip the new build and to create an outdoor learning space as part of the ongoing development. Your continued support truly makes a difference for our children and school community.

It has been a wonderful festive period, with parents and carers enjoying the Year 3 Christmas play last week, followed by the Christmas songs and music shared earlier this week by our talented Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. Thank you for celebrating these special moments with us and we wish all our families a very Merry Christmas,

Richard Siviter