



Telford Junior School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School Book Fair - Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th February



We will be holding a Book Fair straight after school on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th February. This will be an opportunity for children and families to buy some wonderful books whilst raising money for the school library. Payments will be accepted by card, smartphone or cash.

Looking for inspiration? Visit [Chapter One – free readings and home learning resources from your favourite authors - Scholastic Book Fairs](#) to listen to the first chapters of a wide range of books being read by the authors. Hopefully, this will help you decide which books you think you will enjoy the most.

We can't wait to see you all there – after all, it is the National Year of Reading!

Considerate Parking

We have recently received feedback from local residents regarding parking outside the school. In particular, concerns have been raised about vehicles parking on the grass verges during drop-off and pick-up times, which is causing erosion and damage. We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately and avoid the verges.

Accelerated Reader



We are delighted to launch a new online way of recording and assessing children's reading, both at home and at school. Accelerated Reader enables your child to take a short quiz whenever they finish reading a book. You and your child's teacher will then be able to track what your child is reading, at home and at school, and how well they are understanding what they have read.

This data can be used to make sure that the books we are asking children to read are the appropriate level for them and to make sure that they are reading a wide range of texts and authors, to enable them to make as much progress as possible.

The quizzes are multiple choice and do not take long to complete. Your child will be awarded points and set targets to help motivate them to keep reading.

The home learning expectation for children remains unchanged, in that we would like them to **read at least one book from the school reading scheme each week**. The difference now is that we would like the children to **complete an Accelerated Reader quiz each time they finish a book**. Children are obviously welcome to read more books than this and can also take quizzes on other books, which they may be reading for pleasure.

Over the next week or two, your child will bring home a login card for Accelerated Reader, with their username and password on. The website address for Accelerated Reader is also on the card - to make it easier to access, we have included the link below and will also put it on year group Home Partnership Padlet pages.

Click here to access Accelerated Reader: [Welcome](#)

More detailed information about Accelerated Reader is available here:

[Parents-Guide-to-Accelerated-Reader_RGP_R67351](#)

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

Spring Term 2026

Tuesday 3 rd February	Y6 Golf Experience Day
Tuesday 3 rd February (7.30pm)	Smartphone Free Childhood Presentation in the school hall – all welcome
16 th – 20 th February	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 9 th March	Y3 Church Visit
Tuesday 10 th March	Y3 Church Visit
Sunday 15 th March – Wednesday 18 th March	Y6 Residential Visit
Tuesday 17 th March	Y4 visit (in school) from Severn Trent Water
Wednesday 25 th March – Friday 27 th March	Y4 Residential Visit
Friday 27 th March (3.20 pm)	End of the Spring Term.

Summer Term 2026

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

Welcome Back

Despite the chilly weather conditions, the children have returned to school in good humour and have settled back into their learning.

There are a couple of things I would like to highlight at the start of the term. Firstly, a reminder that we are hosting a **presentation by Charlotte Ashton on helping children and families thrive in the digital age**. This talk will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 3rd February (6.30 – 8.00 pm), with Infant School parents/carers also warmly invited to attend. For more information visit the [school website](#).

I would also like to share the information below about the **Family Support Drop-In Sessions**. This is the best way to access support and advice from a family support worker. Family support workers are skilled professionals, with a wealth of experience and information. They can be a real help and support for families struggling with any aspect of childcare, or if family circumstances are challenging. I would urge any parent/carer looking for support to take up this offer.

With best wishes for a warmer weekend,

Richard Siviter

Family Support Drop In Sessions



Would You Like to Speak with a Family Support Worker?

Family Support Workers are here to help you and your family thrive.

They offer friendly, confidential support with:

- Creating Positive Routines and Boundaries
- Understanding Your Child's Behaviour
- Effective Behaviour Management Strategies
- Health and Wellbeing Guidance
- Children's Mental Health Support

One-to-one consultation with a Family Support Worker are available at

Lillington Children and Family Centre

Friday's 11.30am - 1.30pm



Phone: 01926 414 144, Option 1, then 2 for Family Support.
Available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

