



The weekly newsletter for Tudor Grange Primary Academy Yew Tree composed by Mrs R Bloomfield, Principal



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FUTURE KEY DATES

Academic Year 2023/2024

KS1 Phonics Check - w/c 10/6/24

KS2 Tests - 13/5/24 to 16/5/24

Academic Year 2024/25

KS1 Phonics Check - w/c 9/6/25

KS2 Tests - 12/5/25 to 11/5/25



STARS OF THE WEEK

Dragonflies: Reuben
Nursery: Aarya
Reception: Alesia
Year 1: Larna
Year 2: Adhrita
Year 3: Callie
Year 4: Austin
Year 5: Reuben
Year 6: Maisie



CLASS OF THE WEEK

Oak

For their beautiful memory quilt



INSET DAYS 2023/2024

Monday 8th April 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ivy, Zahra A and Ammul



MATHLETICS CLASS RESULTS

1st: Maple

2nd: Elm

3rd: Sycamore

Willow: 540

Maple: 11227

Poplar: 21

Elm: 4734

Sycamore: 4195

Oak: 2610

MATHLETES OF THE WEEK

KS1: Jack

KS2: Lilly

ROCKSTAR OF THE WEEK

Paulina

ATTENDANCE

It is only by working together that we can achieve our target of 96% attendance across school.

'Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching'

C.S.Lewis

Year Group	% Attendance
Week commencing: 04/03/2024	
Rowan (Rec)	96%
Willow (Yr. 1)	98%
Maple (Yr. 2)	99%
Poplar (Yr. 3)	91%
Elm (Yr. 4)	98%
Sycamore (Yr. 5)	90%
Oak (Yr. 6)	93%
Whole School	95%



HOUSE POINTS

Turing 101
Armstrong 39
Nightingale 79
Earhart 70

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WORD OF THE WEEK

This week's word is **entertaining**. Please ask your child what it means and ask them to verbalise a sentence that includes the word to deepen their understanding.

SPELLINGS OF THE WEEK

This week's words are:

- KS1:** plant
YR 3 & 4: important
YR 5 & 6: harass

Explore these words in more detail, understand the meaning and ask your child to use the word in a sentence.

SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office is open from 8.15am until 4.00pm daily. All telephone calls for the office outside of these times will be directed to the answer phone.

Can we take the opportunity to remind you that meetings with all school staff are by appointment only and need to be booked through the office. Thank you.

DIARY DATES FOR CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR - 2024

- 22nd March - Easter Bonnet Parade
- 11th-12th June -Cycle Ready Year 6 (level 3)
- 14th June -Father's Day Breakfast (Whole School)
- 14th June -Non uniform day
- 27th June -Rags to Riches bag drop off day.
- 5th July -Non uniform day
- 11th July -Summer Fayre
- 17th July -Year 6 Performance including Year 5 choir at TGA Solihull
- 18th July -Year 6 Leavers Party
- 19th July -Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Year 6 Leavers Lunch

More details to follow nearer to each of the events.

DIARY DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR- 2024

- 18th September -PTA AGM
- 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon & Pre-loved uniform sale
- 8th - 15th October - Scholastic Book Fair
- 15th October -Parent Consultations
- 17th October - Parent Consultations
- 24th October - Halloween disco
- 8th November - Non-uniform day
- 15th November - Children in Need fundraising event
- 22nd November - Non-uniform day
- 28th November - Christmas Fayre
- 29th November - Snow White Pantomime
- 17th December - Christmas shop
- 18th December - Christmas shop
- Thursday 19th December -Santo's Grotto and Christmas Party
- Friday 20th December - KS2 Christmas Singing Concert

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- 11th February -Parent Consultations
- 13th February -Parent Consultations

BLOG POSTS

To read more about the wonderful things we have been learning about so far this term, please visit our website and read our blog posts.

[News - Tudor Grange Primary Academy Yew Tree \(tgacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.tgacademy.org.uk)

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MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK (MTC) - YEAR 5 (REMINDER)

The MTC will take place in the summer term in June for Year 4 pupils. Children will be tested using an on-screen check, where they will answer multiplication questions against a clock (on an iPad). The test consists of only multiplication questions such as '3 x 4 ='. There are 25 questions all on the multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. The test takes no longer than 5 minutes to complete and children's answers are instantly marked.

The National Curriculum is so extensive it is therefore vital that children are practising their times tables at home in addition to the work they are doing at school. Children will be bringing home additional resources before Easter to support them at home.

Ways to support at home:

- Practising the times tables by rote (old fashioned chanting of each multiplication).
- Asking your child times tables questions out of order - such as 'What is 7 x 5? What is 6 x 9?'
- Asking your child related division facts to deepen their understanding.
- Use Times Tables Rock Stars daily. (The 'Sound Check' feature is modelled on the MTC).

- Singing times tables songs.
- Hit the Button
- Multiplications games (such as Kapow - which will be included in the resource pack).

NUMBER PARENT PROJECT WORKSHOPS-RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

We are delighted to inform you know about an exciting maths project coming up for our Reception and KS1 children during the summer term. Your children currently have a rich maths diet in school which consists of their main maths lesson, plus an extra learning in a three times weekly activity called Mastering Number. It is a programme designed to develop early number sense in number composition, number patterns and mental arithmetic for our youngest children.

We are hosting workshops in school and then the children will be bringing home some very simple games to try at home, each week, for 5 weeks of Summer 1. The dates of the workshops are:

Tuesday 16th April -
RECEPTION 2:15pm - 3:00pm

Wednesday 17th April -
YEAR 2 9:00am - 9:45am

Friday 19th April -
YEAR 1 2:15pm - 3:00pm

The workshop will start with teachers and parents/carers and then we will bring your children in to join you in playing some maths games. The children will be bringing home an invitation for you in their book bags.

Please confirm your attendance by completing the Microsoft form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/uynNE8y3yh>

MALACHI

Please be aware, Malachi will be visiting on Monday afternoons instead of a Thursday moving forward.

LONG HAIR

Please could we remind families that hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied up for school please.

FUNDING REMINDER

Please ensure you have applied and received your code for funding before the 31st March 2024. This includes funding for 2, 3 and 4 year olds accessing Childcare and Acorns provisions.

Please ensure you have completed your online summer funding form before 31st March 2024.

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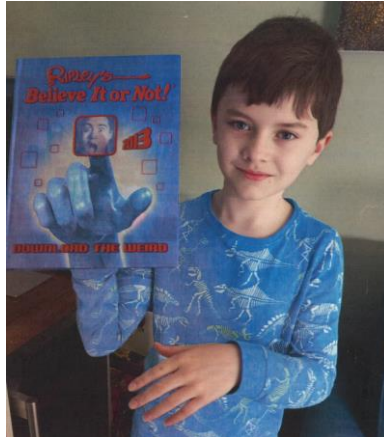


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BOOK FACE COMPETITION

Thank you for all of your entries to the 'Book Face' competition. Each of the entrants has won a bookmark for taking part. We have selected a winner from each key stage in school. A special Well done to:

- April (EYFS)
- Aliyah (KS1)
- Matthew (Lower KS2)
- Robbie (Upper KS2)



"I liked having my Mum in school."
- Layla Yr2

"I enjoyed having the time with my family." - Logan Yr5

SEND COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all the parents who came to the first SEND Coffee Morning on Tuesday. The next Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday the 11th of April, all are welcome.



EASTER BONNET PARADE

We are looking forward to celebrating Easter together. We would like the children to design and make an Easter hat or bonnet to show in the parade on Friday 22nd March 2024.

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

It was lovely to see so many of our families enjoying the Mother's Day breakfast on Friday 8th March. Here are some of the comments made by the children:

"It was nice having breakfast with Mum in school." - Saffron Yr6

"I enjoyed eating my breakfast in school - especially the drink!" - Steven Yr4

"I enjoyed eating with my Mum." - Zac Yr3

ADMISSIONS 2025/2026

Admissions arrangements for 2025/2026 are now available on the school website, please follow the link below for more information:

<https://www.yewtree.tgacademy.org.uk/parents/prospective-parents/admissions-policy-appeals/>



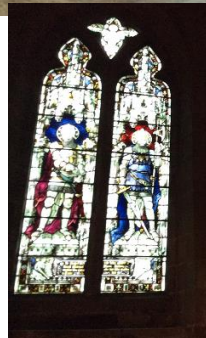


The Easter Journey - St Alphege Church

After a slightly wet and soggy walk, we were warmly welcomed into St Alphege Church where we listened to The Easter Story.

We learnt all about the sacrifices Jesus made and reflected on things we are thankful for.

We learnt about how Jesus washed his disciples feet and then Miss Beacom had the pleasure of washing Brody's feet! Jesus did this to show that no one is too important to show acts of kindness.



Information for parents:

2024 multiplication tables check



Standards
& Testing
Agency

Multiplication tables check

Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check was designed to be inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements.

If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's headteacher.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.

Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, to allow them to identify pupils who need additional support.

Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments. There is no pass mark for the check.





Further information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the MTC.

For further details you can also visit www.gov.uk/STA.

Further information about the personal data we collect, process and store for the MTC is available in our [privacy notice](#)¹.

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