Talavera Infant School Newsletter October 2026

It is lovely to see all of the different autumn colours around the school grounds at the moment and I know many of the children have been busy collecting the leaves and using them to create different art work.



This half term seems to have gone past really quickly and we are all so pleased and proud of the children. They have settled into the routines at school and all of the classrooms are bustling with excitement and engaging learning.

Next half term the children will begin new topics in their year groups:

Year R – Celebrations
Year 1 -Talavera by Night
Year 2 - Space

You will receive information about how to support your child's learning at home, the first week back.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term together and look forward to welcoming you back in November.

INSET DAYS
Our Inset days for the academic year 2026-27
23rd October 2026
2nd November 2026
4th January 2027

School Photographer
The school photographer will be in school on Friday 13th November to take individual pictures of the children.

Poppy Appeal
During the first week back after half term children are invited to bring in a donation for a poppy.





Diary Dates

Wednesday 21st October
3.30-6.00pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 22nd October
Last day of half term
Friday 23rd October
School Closed – INSET Day
Half Term
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October
Monday 2nd November
School Closed – INSET Day
Wednesday 4th November
3.30-6.00pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 5th November
9.30 am Prospective Parents Sep 2027
Tuesday 10th November
3.30-6.00pm Maple Class Parents' Evening
Friday 13th November
Individual school photographs
Friday 20th November
9.30am Prospective Parents Sep 2027
Tuesday 24th November
9.30am Prospective Parents Sep 2027
Thursday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17th December
Christmas Party
Friday 18th December
Christmas Panto day (children only)
Friday 18th December
Last day of Term school finish at 1.10pm
Christmas Holiday
21st December- 4th January
Monday 4th January
School Closed – INSET Day



Parents Evening - We have had lots of parents sign up for Parents' Evening on either Wednesday 21st October or Wednesday 4th November. This is your opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how well your child has settled into their new class. Please ensure you turn up for your appointment on time. You will be asked to come through the main office to sign in and then wait outside the classroom door.



Christmas Performances

This year the children will either be performing the Christmas story or sharing a Christmas performance with you. You will be invited to attend one of the performances.

Please put a date in your diary.

Year R -9.30am Thursday 10th December or 9.30am Friday 11th December

Year 1- 9.30am Monday 14th December or 9.30am Tuesday 15th December

Year 2 -2.20pm Monday 14th December or 2.20pm Tuesday 15th December

Little Troopers Online



Little Troopers have been busy putting together a series of online workshops for children from Forces families. The workshops are held on a Saturday morning and include a whole range of creative interests such as Zoolab, Cookstars Bake Along, Dinosaur Workshops, Dance, Space Detectives and more. To find out more information or to book please click on the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/all-together-online-978859?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb&mc_cid=90101c683c&mc_eid=2fd52d6e71

Healthy Lunch Box

Recently we have been concerned about the contents of some children's lunch boxes. We encourage our children to eat a healthy balanced diet and teach them about what this looks like. We would encourage the children to have some fresh fruits and/or vegetables as part of their lunch. In school the children learn about a balanced diet. In the lunch box there should be some carbohydrates (bread, breadsticks, cold pasta), protein (cold meat, fish, eggs), fruit and vegetables and dairy (cheese). Please remember that we are an allergen aware school and children should never bring in any products with nuts in. Water bottles should be filled with water only and not juice! If children would like to bring juice for lunch, then they can bring a separate drink. Thank you for supporting us with this.



Good routines for the Autumn Term

As the darker evenings and long winter nights arrive, it's a good time to think about bedtime routines. A regular, early bedtime helps children get the sleep they need to feel happy, settled and ready for learning the next day. For many of our young children, this may mean being tucked up in bed by around 6.30pm or 7.00pm. Take a look at our poster for some helpful bedtime guidance.



The Community Cupboard at the Vine Centre, Aldershot

Please see information below regarding the community food cupboard which is available to all families if required.

Food sharing to reduce food waste and tackle food poverty in our community. Our cupboard is FREE for anyone, especially families needing help with food.

Please get in touch if you need help – 01252 400 196
Opening hours: Monday: 10am - 3pm Wednesday: 9am - 12pm Thursday: 9am - 4pm

FREE for anyone in the community. Just come along, no need to bring anything to donate.
Donate & Exchange: You're welcome to donate and exchange items if you're able. Bring things you have in excess and see if there is something you'd like in return.

Simon Says

Dear all,
This is a very big thank you to say we raised £87.16 for the Simon Says charity .

Primary Behaviour Support



PBS hints and tips for behaviour management

Primary Behaviour Support are a team of professionals who support school's and parents to use positive parenting strategies, when supporting children with their emotions and wellbeing. As a school we use the team regularly to support us with different strategies to use in the classroom. The team have put together two very useful 10 minute training videos to help you learn about some of these strategies and how you can try them at home. Please take your time to watch them and if you have any questions speak to your class teacher.

PBS Hints and Tips for Behaviour

Setting Healthy Boundaries



Governors

Would you like to help out the school community? Could you spare one or two evenings each half term to share your views?

We are looking to appoint a new parent Governor to join our Governing Body. If you are interested in supporting the school and would like to find out more information about the role, please contact the school office on 01252 323137 or pop in and ask about the role in the school office.

It is really important as a school that we capture parent's opinions, as we plan strategically and this is an opportunity for you to provide both support and challenge to the school. As a member of the Governing Body, you would be expected to attend a meeting every half term. Although it is a commitment, it is very rewarding being part of the development of the school. Mrs Cook is available to talk to and answer any questions you might have about the role and how you can help. The closing date for the Parent Governor application is Friday 13th November.

If you are out and about for Halloween celebrations, please see the following warnings below regarding children's costumes.



A little something for Christmas….



Local Parent Group Support….



Reminders

Collection Times

This is a plea to all parents to collect your child at the correct time at the end of the day. School finishes at 3.10pm and we expect you to be waiting outside your child's classroom at this time. If you have been held up then please phone the school office.

Water Bottles

Please can I remind all parents that the children need to bring a water bottle to school every day. To ensure that the children have healthy teeth we can only allow water in the children's bottles as you will know that continually drinking a sugary drink all day is one of the leading factors in the development of tooth decay.

Car Park Safety

Please keep to the pedestrian paths at all times when walking around the school.

If children see adults walking across the Staff Car Park, then they will think that this behaviour is acceptable and safe and as we all know car parks are dangerous places especially for children.



Kind regards

Mrs Debbie Cook,

Headteacher