

# DOTHILL NEWS



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**Dazzling Dotties** **Weekly Update** **Attendance** **Reminders** **Mental Health** **SEND** **EYFS** **Internet Safety** **Important Dates**

## This Week's Dazzling Dotties!



Our superstars this week have been as wonderful as ever. They have been resilient, helpful, kind and of course they have worked very hard.

Each week we are so thrilled to hear about our wonderful pupils. We are lucky to have such a wonderful school family.

The class cup is given each week, and Mrs Thomas chooses the winners based on teacher nominations. This week it was Miss Jennings' class.

Well done, we are so proud of you all.

## What have we been up to...?

We have enjoyed a lovely autumnal week in school. Our kindness tree is filling up with leaves representing the children who have impressed their teachers. They have been impressing me too, and it's been a pleasure to have been visited by so many proud children showing off their fantastic work.

From counting conkers and pinecones in EYFS to tackling place value and sentence structure in KS2, pupils are showing curiosity, focus, and a real love of learning.

We're proud of the positive attitudes being nurtured in every classroom and that is thanks to your continued support at home. When children feel encouraged and supported, they come to school ready to engage, explore, and grow.

## Why School Dinners on Census Day Matter

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Donna and her lovely kitchen team will be making a special lunch of Hot Dogs and Pastries.

Did you know that **your child having a school dinner on Census Day can help our school receive more funding?**

Join us for a themed dinner  
on

**2nd October**

**Main**

Hotdog & Roll

Wedges

Onions

Sweetcorn



**VEGETARIAN OPTION**

Vegan hotdog &  
Roll



**DESSERT**

A Selection of Pastries

Chocolate + cherry or Jam

Apple & Cinnamon

Swirls

Fruit

Yoghurt



**Salad Bar:** Tomato Sauce, mustard, Cucumber, Tomato  
If your child has a Pre-ordered Sandwich they will still get it unless you cancel by email.

Each term, the government collects data on how many pupils take up school meals, especially **Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)** for children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. This information is used to determine how much funding our school receives to support learning, resources, and enrichment activities.




So, if your child is eligible for a free school meal, **having one on Census Day helps us secure the funding we need to continue offering high-quality education and support for all pupils.**

Even if your child usually brings a packed lunch, we'd love for them to enjoy a school meal on Census Day—it really does make a difference!

### Parking and Walking to School

We kindly ask all families to support a safer, calmer environment around our school by parking considerately and walking whenever possible.

Why it matters:

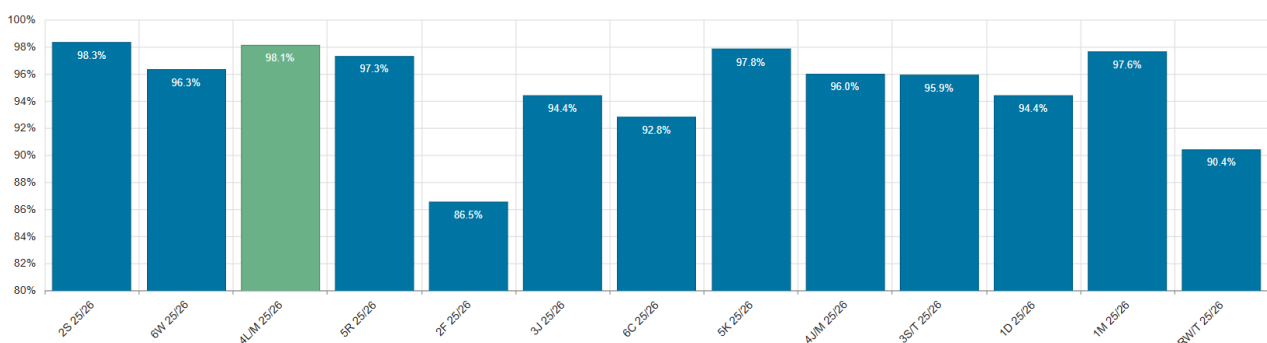
-  **Safety first:** Fewer cars near the school gates means safer crossings for children.
-  **Health & environment:** Walking promotes physical activity and reduces pollution.
-  **Positive start:** A peaceful journey helps children arrive at school ready to learn.

If you do need to drive:

- Please **avoid blocking driveways or parking on pavements.**
- Consider **parking a short distance away and walking the final stretch.**

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a wonderful weekend, Mrs Thomas 😊

### Attendance



A huge well done to 4LM for being the attendance winners this week with 98.1%. Also, well done to 1M, 2S, 5K, 5R and 6W for all having attendance over the school target of 96%.

### Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Board is responsible for:

- Setting high expectations of all school leaders, staff, pupils and parents
- Making sure school leaders fulfil expectations and statutory duties, including:
- Making sure the school records attendance accurately in the register, and shares the required information with the DfE and local authority

- Making sure the school works effectively with local partners to help remove barriers to attendance, and keeps them informed regarding specific pupils, where appropriate
- Making sure the school's attendance management processes are delivered effectively, and that consistent support is provided for pupils who need it most by prioritising staff and resources
- Making sure the school has high aspirations for all pupils, but adapts processes and support to pupils' individual needs
- Regularly reviewing and challenging attendance data and helping school leaders focus improvement efforts on individual pupils or cohorts who need it most
- Working with school leaders to set goals or areas of focus for attendance and providing support and challenge
- Monitoring attendance figures for the whole school and repeatedly evaluating the effectiveness of the school's processes and improvement efforts to make sure they are meeting pupils needs
- Where the school is struggling with attendance, working with school leaders to develop a comprehensive action plan to improve attendance
- Making sure staff receive adequate training on attendance as part of the regular continued professional development offer, so that staff understand:
  - The importance of good attendance
  - That absence is almost always a symptom of wider issues
  - The school's legal requirements for keeping registers
  - The school's strategies and procedures for tracking, following up on and improving attendance, including working with partners and keeping them informed regarding specific pupils, where appropriate



Our link governor for attendance is Mr Hodson.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

# POSITIVE HABITS CHILDREN CAN PRACTICE

Try to find time to talk and connect with a friend

Try to share how you are feeling with someone you feel comfortable talking to

Try to think of a way you can help someone else each day

Try to set yourself goals and commit to working towards them

Try to eat healthy food and drink lots of water

Try to do a physical activity outdoors every day

**SEND**



## PODS coffee morning

**Great news! We will be having our first SEND coffee morning of this year on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, from 9:30am, which will be hosted by PODS (Parents Opening Doors).**

**It would be great to see you there! Here is a flyer from the PODS team, with some additional dates for your diary.**

**There will also be a team member from the Telford Tourette's Action Group at the coffee morning. If you suspect that your child may have Tourette's, please come along for a chat and a cuppa!**

**Miss Brotherton** 😊

## EYFS

**Reading** with your child at home is one of the most powerful ways to support their early development. Just ten minutes a day can spark imagination, build vocabulary, and strengthen emotional bonds. Whether it's a bedtime story, a picture book adventure, or



simply chatting about the characters, these shared moments help children develop a lifelong love of reading.

Children can choose a book from our class library to bring home and share with you. Please sign your child's reading diary four times per week. We hope the books spark curiosity and imagination and that you enjoy reading them together.



## Uniform

Please could we also ask that you check your children's jumpers and bags for any uniform that isn't theirs. We are looking for a few missing items that may have accidentally gone home with the wrong children.

Thank you for labelling all clothing so that we can get things back to their owners.



## Internet Safety

Young people are growing up in a world where technology has always been present for them, which can have a positive and negative impact on their lives. In the following link, you can get advice on yours and your child's digital wellbeing:

[Digital wellbeing | Childnet](#)



## Dates for your diary

PODS Coffee Morning (9:30-11)	2.10.25
Phonic Meeting for EYFS	8.10.25

**The above meeting will start at 3:30pm and take place in the hall. Please enter school through the library (from the main playground)**

Rainbow Room Stay and Play 2pm	10.10.25
EYFS Stay and Play (2:30-3:15)	14.10.25
Spooky Spectacular (Friends Event)	24.10.25
Break up for half term	24.10.25
PD Day (No children in school)	3.11.25
Return to school	4.11.25
Parent Consultation Meetings	10.11.25 11.11.25
Movie Night (Friends Event)	24.11.25
Year 4 Family Event	8.12.25
Year 3 Family Event	9.12.25
Year 5 Family Event	10.12.25
Rainbow Room Family Event	12.12.25
Year 6 Family Event	16.12.25

**Family events are an opportunity to make Christmas Crafts with your child in school 😊**  
**These events will all begin at 2pm on the day advertised above.**

Festive Yes Day (Friends Event)	19.12.25
Last day of Autumn term	19.12.25
PD Day (No children in school)	5.1.26
Spring Term begins	6.1.26
Wear what you love day (Friends Event)	13.2.26
Easter Raffle Draw (Friends Event)	27.3.26
Fund 'Raisin' (Friends Event)	Month of May
Non-uniform for Summer Fair	26.6.26
Summer Fair (Friends Event)	3.7.26



**Ready  
Respectful  
Safe  
BE YOUR BEST**

# LEARN TO RIDE A BIKE

## OCTOBER HALF TERM!



27th -31st  
October



Children aged 4+ can  
learn to ride a bike  
with Telford Bike Hub



Bike and Helmet hire is  
included in the price!



Book your child's  
place online via  
Tickets Telford



Everyone is different  
but we recommend  
3 sessions



Any enquires please email:  
[thebikehub@telford.gov.uk](mailto:thebikehub@telford.gov.uk)





# FREE HALLOWEEN GLOW RIDE 30 OCTOBER

5:30 – 6:30PM

**£3 Bike Hire is available - email  
[thebikehub@telford.gov.uk](mailto:thebikehub@telford.gov.uk) to reserve  
bikes**

**Book your place online at Tickets  
Telford**





# TELFORD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

**Monday Evenings:**  
**Outfield & Goalkeeper sessions**

**Where:** Holy Trinity Academy,  
Teece Drive, Priorslee,  
TF2 9SQ

**Who:** Mixed (Boys & Girls)  
Reception\* to Year 7

**Times:** 6:00 - 7:00pm (R-Y7)

\*GK from Y2-Y7

**Wednesday Evenings:**  
**Outfield only sessions**

**Where:** Telford College,  
Haybridge Road, Telford,  
TF1 2NP

**Who:** Mixed (Boys & Girls)  
Reception to Year 8

**Times:** 6:00 - 7:00pm (R-Y3)  
7:00 - 8:00pm (Y4-Y8)

To book, visit [coaching.wolves.co.uk](https://coaching.wolves.co.uk) or email  
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# TELFORD GOALKEEPER DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

## Monday Evenings:

**Where:** Holy Trinity Academy,  
Teece Drive, Priorslee,  
TF2 9SQ

**Who:** Mixed (Boys & Girls)  
Years 2 to 7

**Times:** 6:00pm - 7:00pm

## Wednesday Evenings:

**Where:** Telford College,  
Haybridge Road, Telford,  
TF1 2NP

**Who:** Mixed (Boys & Girls) Years 2 to 8

**Times:** 6:00pm - 7:00pm (Years 2 & 3)  
7:00pm - 8:00pm (Years 4 to 8)

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