



Newsletter ~ July 2026

The Windmill Primary Federation

Tilney St Lawrence CP School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the summer term, I would like to thank everyone for their contribution to another successful academic year at Tilney St Lawrence Primary School.

Our pupils have worked hard and embraced a wide range of learning opportunities, both in and out of the classroom. We have been pleased with the outcomes of this year's national assessments, including the Phonics Screening Check and Multiplication Tables Check. Our Year 6 pupils also completed their SATs after months of hard work and preparation; they should be very proud of everything they have achieved.

Alongside their academic learning, pupils have represented the school in sporting events, performances, educational visits and a variety of enrichment activities. These experiences are an important part of school life and make a valuable contribution to pupils' personal development. Highlights this term have included the Year 6 residential visit to Hilltop and the Dance Festival at Springwood.

Thank you to our staff for their continued commitment and professionalism, and to our parents and carers for your ongoing support. By working together, we continue to provide the best possible opportunities for our pupils.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mr Craig Jansen, Executive Headteacher at West Walton, for his support and leadership throughout this academic year. His guidance and dedication have been instrumental in the smooth running of both West Walton Primary School and the wider federation. We are extremely grateful for his commitment, hard work and the positive contribution he has made to our schools over the past year.

Finally, to our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success as you move on to secondary school. We hope you look back on your time at Tilney St Lawrence with fond memories and we wish you all the very best for the future.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back for the new academic year on Thursday 3rd September.
Kind regards,

Emma Hunt
Executive Headteacher

Petra Marlow
Head of School

Seahorses Class

What a fantastic, busy and fun-packed half term it has been for the Seahorses! We began by delighting in the transformation of our caterpillars into beautiful butterflies and enjoyed releasing them to begin their new adventure.

In English, our focus text was *The Rainbow Princess*. The children enjoyed retelling and acting out the story, writing speech bubbles and beginning to use speech marks in their writing. They showed great creativity by changing characters and inventing new settings for the Princess to visit.

In Maths, we learned the days of the week and months of the year, explored capacity, 2D and 3D shapes, and investigated patterns. The children also developed their computing skills by programming Bee-Bots through practical, hands-on activities.

Our Knowledge Curriculum topic, *The Sea*, was full of exciting discoveries. We learned about ocean creatures, camouflage, pollution, floating and sinking, and the importance of lighthouses. The children enjoyed creating sock octopuses, sea creatures and seaside scenes, and welcomed families to our reading café where we shared *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* and made our own lighthouses. We also explored stories of the sea, including Plato's Lost City of Atlantis, and created mythical sea creatures and Atlantis scenes. We put our learning about staying safe near the sea into practice during our wonderful trip to the beach and the Sea Life Centre. The children represented the school brilliantly and were exceptionally well behaved throughout the visit.

In RE, we learned about special places, including churches, mosques and synagogues, and created stained-glass window artwork. We also continued brushing our teeth after lunch each day to keep our smiles healthy and bright.

Our exciting Fun Day gave the children opportunities to show resilience and perseverance as they climbed the high wall, abseiled, tried archery, enjoyed the inflatable slide and developed their coordination through games and challenges. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another and embracing new experiences with confidence. A lovely way to end the school year together!



Turtles Class

What a busy half term to end a great year in Turtles! In Maths we have been learning about time and mass and capacity. In English we have been looking at information texts, we wrote our own about Islam and thoroughly enjoyed writing a non-chronological report about the moon!

In History we have enjoyed learning about significant people such as Gandhi, David Attenborough and Malala Yousafzai. In Science we have loved learning about space. In RE we have been learning about Hajj, a pilgrimage in the Islamic religion and in DT we really enjoyed designing and making our own roman chariots!

This half term we have also enjoyed a reading cafe and a trip to the Science Centre. Have a lovely Summer everybody!



Penguins Class

What a year it has been in Penguins!

Firstly, I want to say well done to everybody for their hard work this year, and a special well done to the Year 4s for their Multiplication Test Check scores. They were amazing!

In the final half term, we have packed a lot in with Maths, learning about shape, position and direction and statistics.

In English we have been focusing on explanation text with how a dragon does something, with our Dragonology book as inspiration. Thank you to those who came to the reading cafe to see and take part in a comprehension lesson.

Science has been all about space, and Geography has been all about China and India.

Well done to all who performed at either the dance festival, singing showcase and the MITI showcase this half term as well, everyone performed incredibly!

Thank you for a brilliant year and I am looking forward to doing it all again in Year 4 and 5!



Dolphins Class

The final half-term has flown by again, so that we are now facing the imminent arrival of the summer holidays. However, before we finish, it's always good to look back and reflect on what we have done this half-term.

In the middle of June, 3 children from Year 6 represented our school in the annual Soroptimist Public Speaking event, where the children competed against other schools from the area. They presented their views on the topic of libraries very confidently and did an amazing job!

The following week saw the majority of the class spent 3 whole days, and 2 nights, away from home on a residential at Hilltop. They had a fabulous time, where everyone had the opportunity to try things they had never done before and challenged themselves to do the best they could. A few days later, we were very happy to welcome 8 adults into class one sunny afternoon to share a reading café with us. We focused on our book 'Alone on a wide, wide sea' by Michael Morpurgo and had great fun learning more about the main characters, as well as carrying out various activities together in a nautical themed classroom.

At the beginning of July, four children from Dolphins took part in a Maths Challenge with 15 other schools from the local area. It was all great fun, although some of the questions were really quite tricky. The children really worked well as a team and learnt many valuable lessons, such as the importance of being accurate in their calculations.

Finally, this week we have really enjoyed having a Fun Day, when everyone had the opportunity to climb up a wall, have a go at archery and bounce down an inflatable slide all in the luxury of our own school field. In addition, this week, as we prepare to bid a fond farewell to our Year 6s, they enjoyed a crazy golf session on Monday and a Prom on Tuesday, all with the enormous help and support of FOTs. As they move onto high school, we wish them all the very best of luck for the future.





AGM - Friday, 18th September at 3:30pm
in The Cabin. Everyone welcome, new
members needed.

FOTS can now be contacted via email
on tilneyfots@gmail.com please get
involved and share your opinions and
ideas.

Diary Dates



COMING SOON

JULY

Fri, 17th - iRock Concert at 10:00am
Year 6 leavers' assembly at 2:00pm

**Hope you all have a fantastic Summer
Holiday**

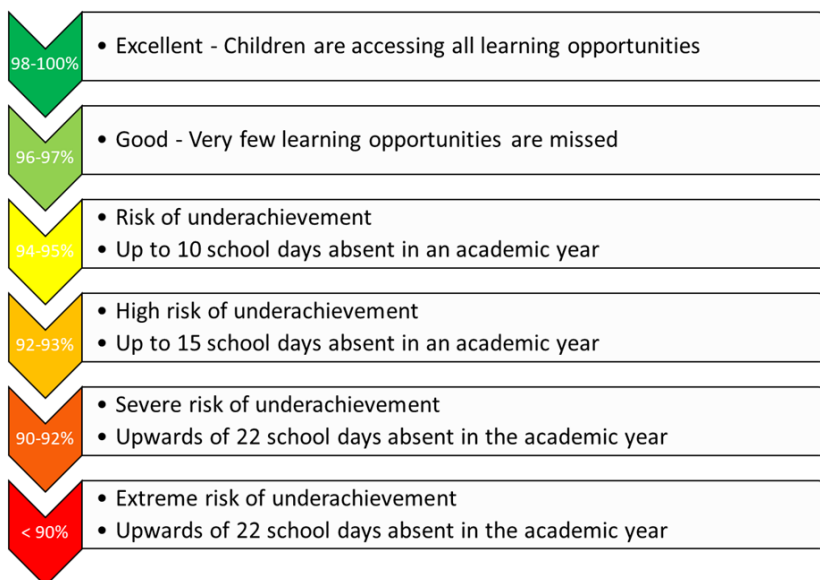
**Children are back in school on
Thursday, 3rd September 2026**

The Importance of Good Attendance

The Government strives for every pupil to achieve 97% attendance. Every day away from school is a day away from learning and this can have an impact on a child's education and future accomplishments.

We want every child to enjoy school and achieve their potential in education and life beyond. We are always here to talk through any issues and help find solutions. Parents are always a phone call away if a child is too ill to continue their day, please encourage them to try to give the day a go, children often feel much better once they are in class.

The Government has issued attendance guidance and targets to all schools. You may receive regular texts informing you of the number of days that your child has been absent in a term/year. The Government hopes that this personal approach will keep you informed and make parents more aware of how the odd day adds up.



**Attendance
Matters**



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