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 first celebration assembly of this half term was a very full one. The children have had a wonderful week and have been improving handwriting, paying attention during learning, being positive, full of fabulous ideas and being 100% focused on what they are doing. We heard about being positive and resilient, growing confidence and being a great role model as well as lots of hard work academically and even respectful during a debate.



The Dazzling Dotties award went to 1/2SB because they have had a brilliant first week back. We also celebrated out of school awards for swimming, gymnastics and dance.

Well done everyone, we are so very proud of you!

News and Highlights this Week

Parent Consultation Meetings

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming families into school for our Parent Consultation Meetings with class teachers. These will take place on Monday and Tuesday, and appointment slips will have been sent home via your child, so please remember to check their bags if you haven't already done so!

As always, please enter the school through the main entrance when you arrive. We kindly ask that families keep to their allocated appointment times. Appointments are ten minutes long and, if a longer discussion is needed, we will be happy to arrange a follow-up meeting to ensure that all appointments run to schedule. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Poppy Wreath



As Remembrance Day approaches, Wellington Police Station invited pupils from our school to take part in a special community project.

They asked our children to create handmade poppies which will be displayed on the "Unknown Tommy" statue located outside Wellington Police Station. The display will serve as a tribute to the service and sacrifice of those who have served our country, while also providing young people with an opportunity to learn about the importance of remembrance. The statue will then be taken to Police Headquarters in Worcester.

Our Reception children rose to the challenge and collectively created this wonderful wreath to display. We are so proud to have taken part in this meaningful community initiative to help create a lasting tribute.

Advance Travel Notice for Families

We have been contacted by the Telford Highways Hub regarding upcoming improvement works which may affect travel times to and from school. The works will be taking place on A5223 Whitchurch Drive between 16 and 23 November 2026. The works will involve one-way road closures:

- 16-21 November: Closure from Apley Roundabout towards Haybridge Roundabout
- 22-23 November: Closure from Haybridge Roundabout towards Apley Roundabout

Families who travel via Whitchurch Drive may wish to allow extra time for their journey and plan alternative routes where possible.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are delighted to be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in school! The Book Fair will be open after school from Friday 27th November to Wednesday 2nd December in the Big Hall, accessed through the library.

There will be a fantastic selection of books for children of all ages and interests, and every purchase helps us earn free books for our school. Please note that the Book Fair will be cashless. All purchases must be made using the online payment system available at the fair. No cash payments will be accepted.

We look forward to welcoming families and sharing a love of reading together.

Children in Need Dress Down Day

Next Friday, 13th November, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need with a special Dress Down Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing spots, pyjamas, or their own clothes, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone getting involved in the fun.

We know that families are often asked to contribute to a range of worthwhile causes, so there is absolutely no expectation to donate. However, if you would like to make a voluntary contribution to support the valuable work of BBC Children in Need, donations can be made directly via the following link:



Donate to BBC Children in Need: https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/default

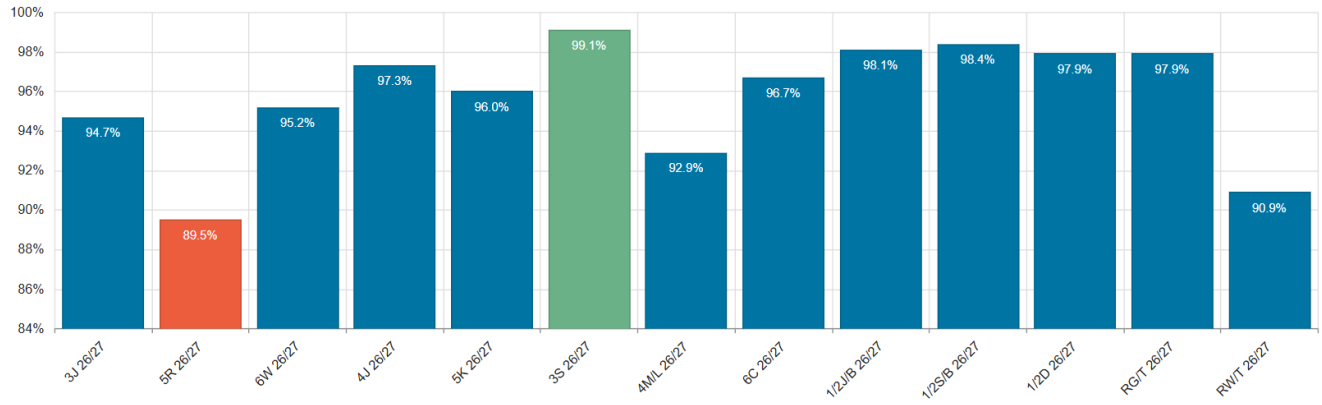
It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school. We have plenty of events planned for this term, so please ensure you check our dates section. I have heard several parents mention the ‘C’ word already… it will be here before we know it! 🎄

Thank you, as always, for your continued support 😊

Attendance

Attendance Update

Well done to everyone for helping us achieve a whole-school attendance figure of **95.7%** this week. Every day in school makes a difference to children's learning, confidence and friendships. A special congratulations to **3S**, who achieved an impressive **99.1% attendance** and were our highest-attending class this week. Let's work together to see if we can increase our whole-school attendance even further next week. 😊



Learning Builds Every Day

At school learning is carefully planned so that each lesson builds on knowledge and skills taught previously. Just like building a wall, every lesson acts as another brick in your child's education. Missing even a single day can sometimes mean a child misses a key piece of learning that helps them understand future lessons.

For example, in maths, a lesson on multiplication may rely on methods taught earlier in the week. In reading, children may miss important vocabulary or comprehension activities that support future understanding. In phonics, learning is delivered in a carefully sequenced programme, with each sound and skill building on the last. When children are absent, they can quickly develop gaps in their knowledge, making new learning more challenging.

Regular attendance also helps children develop confidence and independence. Children who attend school consistently become familiar with daily routines, understand classroom expectations, and feel secure in their learning environment. They are more likely to contribute in lessons, participate in discussions, and build positive friendships.

Good attendance is about more than academic achievement. It supports children's social development, emotional wellbeing, resilience, and sense of belonging. When children attend every day, they feel fully included in school life and are less likely to feel anxious about returning after a period away.

We understand that sometimes absence is unavoidable due to illness or exceptional circumstances. However, wherever possible, we encourage families to prioritise school attendance and arrange appointments outside of school hours.

Together, we can ensure every child has the best opportunity to learn, grow and flourish by being in school every day they can. 🌟📚🏫

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Screen Time and Wellbeing - Supporting Healthy Habits

Technology is part of everyday life, but balance is important.

Too much screen time can sometimes affect: • Sleep • Physical activity • Concentration • Family interactions



Helpful strategies:

- Create screen-free family times
- Keep devices out of bedrooms overnight
- Enjoy active play each day
- Model healthy technology habit

Technology can also be positive when used to connect with family, learn new skills and explore interests.

SEND



SEND Coffee Morning

Following the success of our last coffee morning and in response to parent feedback, we have invited volunteers from PODS to return for our next one! Matthew Downes-Ward will be joining us to discuss avenues of support with parents.

Joining PODS

Don't forget that it's free to join PODS. To find out more about the activities on offer, or to join their Befriending Scheme, visit Together We Can Make a Difference

New-look Telford SEND Offer site

The Telford SEND Offer website is sporting a new look. This makes information easier to find and is now in line with the latest SEND reforms. Visit TelfordSend | Telford Send to find out more.

Explaining the SEND Reforms

The Telford SEND site also outlines the changes proposed by the Government White Paper. For more details visit TelfordSend | SEND White Paper

Reception

Positive Behaviour

As we move through the term, the children are becoming increasingly confident in following our classroom routines and expectations. We have been working hard to develop positive behaviours that reflect our school values of Ready, Respectful, Safe, helping to create a happy, secure and successful learning environment for everyone.

Throughout the week, we have explored what these values look like in our daily school life. The children have been learning how to be ready to learn by listening carefully and following instructions, respectful by using kind words and showing consideration for others, and safe by making sensible choices and looking after themselves and their friends. It has been wonderful to see so many children demonstrating these values independently and taking pride in being positive role models within our classroom.

You can support this learning at home by noticing and praising positive behaviours such as sharing, helping others, listening carefully and showing good manners. Celebrating these everyday successes helps children understand that kindness, respect and responsibility are important both in school and beyond. Consistent messages between home and school help children to build positive habits that will support them throughout their education.



Outdoor Learning Reminder

As the weather becomes increasingly wet and muddy, we would like to remind parents and carers to ensure that children have a pair of wellies and suitable waterproof clothing in school. Our mud kitchen and outdoor learning areas are an important part of the children's learning experience, providing valuable opportunities for exploration, creativity, problem-solving and physical development.

Having the correct clothing means that children can fully access these exciting outdoor experiences whatever the weather, whilst staying warm, dry and comfortable. Please make sure that all items are clearly named to help us return them if misplaced.

Thank you for your support in helping us make the most of our outdoor learning opportunities throughout the year.

Stay and Play

Please see the poster for information on our stay and play sessions for Reception classes.

Dates for your diary

Autumn 2026



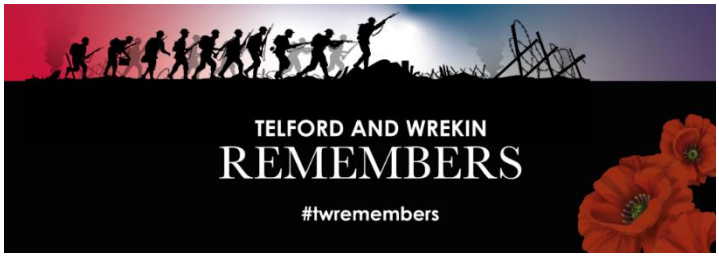
Autumn Term Parents Consultations	9.11.26/10.11.26
Year 6 Telford Town Park /Library	10.11.26
Year 4 Roman Discovery Centre – Chester	12.11.26
Children in Need Dress Down Day	13.11.26
Open Evening for Prospective EYFS 5pm	17.11.26
Year 3 Gurdwara Visit	23.11.26
Friends event: Christmas Film Night	30.11.26
Year 5 Christmas Event 2pm	1.12.26
Open Morning for Prospective EYFS 10am	2.12.26
Year 4 Christmas Event 2pm	2.12.26
Year 3 Christmas Event 2pm	3.12.26
EYFS Stay and Play (RWT) 2:15pm	4.12.26
EYFS Nativity 9:30am	8.12.26
Year 6 Christmas Event 2pm	8.12.26
KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm	9.12.26
KS1 Christmas Performance 9:15am	10.12.26
EYFS Stay and Play (RGT) 2:15pm	11.12.26
Christmas Dinner/ Wear a Christmas Jumper	16.12.26
Meadow Stay and Play	17.12.26
Friends event: Festive YES Day	18.12.26
End of Autumn Term	18.12.26
Spring Term Begins	5.1.27

Ready
Respectful
Safe

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Other Notices

Telford and Wrekin Remembers: Remembrance and Armistice Day events



Communities across Telford and Wrekin are being invited to come together this November to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed for their country.

A range of Remembrance events, services and parades will take place across the borough, including the Mayor's Festival of Remembrance on Sunday 8 November and the Armistice Day Wreath Laying Service on Wednesday 11 November.

Click Here For Further Information

Community Asthma Specialist Nurse at Live Well Community Hubs



Does your child have asthma and are you looking for advice on managing their symptoms? Parents and carers can speak directly with the Children Asthma Specialist Nurse at upcoming Live Well Community Hubs for expert advice on asthma management, inhaler use, asthma action plans, and reducing triggers.

Visit the nurse at:

- **Hadley Community Centre** – Tuesday 10 November, 1pm-3pm
- **Leegomery Community Centre** – Thursday 19 November, 10am-12pm
- **Malinslee Teldoc Healthcare Centre** – Tuesday 24 November, 1:30pm-3:30pm

No appointment is needed. Simply drop in for free advice and support to help your child breathe easier and stay well.
Healthimprovement@telford.gov.uk