



A message from our Principal Mrs. Buley



Happy Friday everyone!

It has been a busy first full week back at TVS and we are all slowly getting back to routine. Today, saw the return of our Music and Drama specialist activities and there were lots of animal noises coming from primary as they enjoyed their session!

Pupils have also been enjoying their new breakfast club provision and it has been great to see the increase in independence regarding preparing this for themselves. We have focused on introducing bagels and crumpets to our existing offer of toast and cereal and, over the next couple of weeks, we will have the options of porridge and beans on toast if pupils would prefer something warm in the morning.

As we ensure teachers have the most up to date information about their classes, pupils have been undertaking online baseline assessments in Maths, Reading and English. These have been arranged with suitable gaps in between to support pupils in accessing and, we are so proud of the effort and resilience pupils are showing whilst completing these. The results of these will be used to support planning over the next term and to make sure we are building our curriculum from pupils' individual start points.



The start of a new year has also brought a new school council vote! Pupils have participated in this democratic process, and we look forward to introducing the new members to you next week. Meetings will be in place twice a half term and we will share the notes of these in the newsflash after each meeting to keep you all up to date.

Mr T has been very busy this week ensuring all of our Occupational Therapy provision is in place for new pupils and introducing them all to the Sensory Zone. All tutor groups also have a dedicated slot to access the Zone each week which they appear to have been making the most of. Our wider Transdisciplinary Team have started reintroducing interventions with pupils across the school, as well as carrying out 1:1 and small group sessions with new pupils to ensure they have their personalised regulation strategies designed. Following her recent training, Miss Edmond will be beginning Brick Club with primary pupils, supporting their collaborative working and social communication.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Buley

Pupil Awards



This academic year, we will be celebrating three pupils each week who have been nominated by staff for demonstrating our school principles.

We are pleased to announce that this week, we have 4 pupils and the winners are:

THOUGHTFUL

MILES GAUGUIER has been awarded this week for being thoughtful and kind towards his peers with his generosity of spirit and caring nature.

VALUE

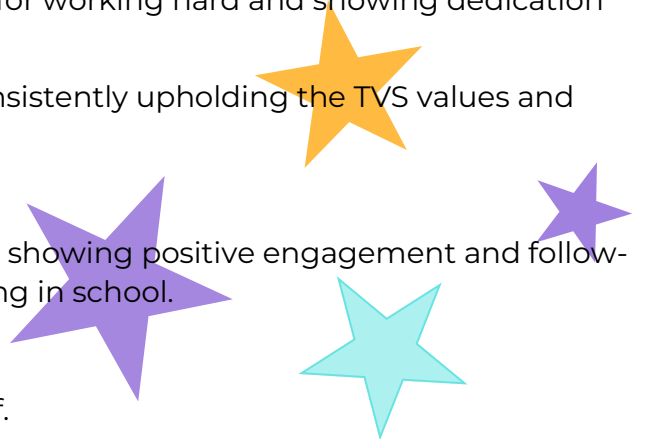
GODWILL OSINJOLU has been awarded this week for working hard and showing dedication to his learning specifically in Maths.

JAION GIBSON has been awarded this week for consistently upholding the TVS values and having a great start to his year 7 education.

SAFE

HARRY PADGHAM has been awarded this week for showing positive engagement and following instructions to model safe behaviour and learning in school.

A huge congratulations to these pupils from all staff.



What's been happening this week

Hill Brow Visit —Mrs Saunders



This week, I visited the Hill Brow site for the first of our weekly refurbishment project meetings and site walk to see the fantastic progress being made. During the visit, the new TVS signage was installed so we can proudly see the TVS branding being displayed in readiness for our new pupils and staff. There seems to be no end to the communication and decisions to be made, to ensure our pupils and staff have the very best environment.

Discussions and agreements for this week were centred around the colours of the classrooms, floor coverings, blinds, and the important detail of our outside space design. The pupils will be able to utilise the same size sunken trampoline with safety enclosure to mirror the TVS Tilehurst site. For us as a school, it's important to mirror the facilities on offer at both sites so whilst there is an obvious geographical difference, the education being delivered and the therapeutic service is the same for all pupils, even down to the classroom environment and outside social spaces.

Next week, the onsite project meeting has a focus on IT connectivity as well as access control, intercoms for visitors and pupil devices.

We are fortunate to be working with very experienced and supportive building contractors who understand our pupils needs and the importance of the attention to detail the I insist on so the end result of the building works determines the facility meets all our needs and expectations for now and for the future growth of the Hill Brow setting.

The EYFS pupils will join the Hill Brow site at the end of September whilst the Key Stage 3 pupils will move across from their temporary setting to the Hill Brow site, after half term where there are more groundworks underway for fencing and social and recreational space.

Its lovely to see and track the progress being made and will of course update next week with further progress photos.

PSHE Update

This term in PSHE, pupils will be exploring the subject 'being me in my world'. All groups have started this by exploring their ground rules for the lesson, including discussions around what they wish to gain from PSHE, recognising social 'rules' as well as formal rules and the benefits of these. Now these have been set we will be using these to guide our lessons throughout the academic year.

Year 7 will be exploring their own identities as well as building on their understanding of how peer pressure may impact friendship groups. We will then move on to discussing what may influence our own behaviours, both within the community and online.

Year 8 will be learning about collective identities and cultural diversity as well as considering their own identity within this. We will also be exploring how first impressions can lead to judgements that may be misinformed.

Year 9 will be considering different types of relationships and how some people have different expectations of intimate relationships. The groups will also be reviewing links between 'risky' behaviour choices and the influence of social groups that they can choose to accept or reject.

Year 10 have started their lessons this term by exploring what personal freedom means to them. They will build on this knowledge and consider what safety means and identify potential risks to their safety, including online safety and decision-making processes regarding what people post online.

Year 11 will be looking at the laws in the UK and the impact of these, starting at considering what 'being an adult' means to them. They will look at the legal status of different relationships e.g. marriage, civil partnership and co-habitation and be able to explain why coercive control, sexual harassment and sexual violence in relationships is unacceptable, illegal and the consequences of this. They will also begin to assess the impact of illegal online activity and misuse of technology on a range of people.

In addition to PSHE, our Year 8 pupils will be learning about human reproduction in science lessons. The lessons will include the male and female reproductive systems, becoming pregnant, the menstrual cycle, pregnancy and birth.

If you would like to know more about these subjects or what your child is learning in PSHE please do not hesitate to contact me becca.archer@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk

Immunisation

The Immunisation Team are coming to TVS on Tuesday **17th September** to deliver the flu nasal spray to all TVS pupils from reception to year 11.

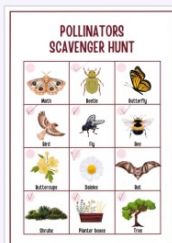
If you have not done so already, can you please fill in the E-Consent forms by Monday 16th September 9am. Please email the school office if you have any questions or the immunisation team on westschoolimms@berkshire.nhs.uk



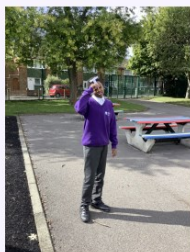
TDT Updates



Here is some of Pegasus and Hercules work looking at how we can attract pollinators to the community garden!



The year 7's then created their own model of a maple seed to learn how it is dispersed by the wind!



School Council News



13/09/2024

The dates are set for this term's school council meetings.

- 24th September
- 25th October
- 19th November
- 10th December



We are excited to get together with our new board of school council members that were elected at the beginning of the term!



TVS HAS BECOME THE NEW LIBERTY RESEARCH SCHOOL!

A Research School is designed to support other schools, colleges, and early years settings by promoting the use of evidence-based practices to improve teaching and learning. As the new Liberty Research School, we will be working closely with other schools to share research and provide support in putting these insights into practice. This will be done through training programs, demonstrating real-world examples, and school-to-school collaboration, with a focus on supporting autistic young people.

Our goal is to ensure that all autistic young people have access to effective, evidence-informed education.

Under the leadership of Gemma, Chrissie our Assistant SENDCo, has been appointed as our Head of Research.



She is committed to developing research that directly informs classroom practices and policies, emphasising collaboration with pupils, families, and educators to ensure that autistic voices play an active role in shaping the research and interventions that impact their lives.

Through partnerships with universities, such as the University of Reading and the University of Chichester, we as the Liberty Research School will be involved in several innovative projects, including the BrainWaves project, which aims to improve mental health support in schools.



In addition, the trust is offering professional training programs, like the Improving Teaching Programme (ITP) and Autism Leadership Programme, to equip educators with effective tools to better support autistic students.

ABC online safety checklist



Set your child up for safety online

The checklist below covers actions you can take to help protect children of all ages from online harms. Once you've tackled this, use the tabs above to see extra steps you can take based on your child's age.

- Activate**
 - Turn on [broadband filters](#) for basic protection on devices in the home.
 - Manage [SafeSearch](#).
 - Password-protect app stores to limit downloads.
 - [Update parental controls](#) as their online activities change.
- Balance**
 - Set a good example with your own screen use.
 - Create screen-free zones at home.
 - Switch off devices an hour before bedtime.
 - Encourage children to take breaks (for example every 20 mins).
 - Charge devices outside bedrooms.
 - Use screen time tools to help manage how much time they spend online, e.g. [Google Family link](#) for Android or [Screen Time](#) for Apple.
 - Set digital boundaries and routines together ([Family Agreement](#)).
- Check**
 - Review the [minimum age requirements](#) for the apps, games and platforms for your child wants to use.
 - Discuss [online risks](#) and strategies to tackle them.
 - Ask children what they like to do online and why.
 - Show them how to report or block inappropriate content on [platforms they use](#).
 - Share your concerns about their online safety.
 - [Talk regularly](#) with your child about their online life in casual settings (like over dinner or during a walk).

Clubs

SPORTS CLUB

IN THE SECONDARY PLAYGROUND
EVERYDAY | 12:40PM

MONDAY | BADMINTON
TUESDAY | TEAM BUILDING
WEDNESDAY | BASKETBALL
THURSDAY | HOCKEY
FRIDAY | FOOTBALL



TEAM

BOARDGAMES AND CARD GAMES CLUB




EVERYDAY AT 12:40PM
LOCATED IN ORION CLASSROOM

HOMEWORK CLUB



EVERYDAY AT 12:40PM
in Draco Classroom

FILM CLUB



EVERYDAY
AT 12:40 PM
IN HERCULES CLASSROOM

Arts & Crafts Club



EVERYDAY AT 12:40PM
IN PEGASUS CLASSROOM

See you there!

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS



EVERY WEDNESDAY
IN THE SENSORY ZONE

Our School Calendar 2024-2025

Month	Date	Time	Description	Who
September	9 th		English Progress Tests to be complete	Pupils
	16 th		Maths Progress Tests to be complete	Pupils
	17 th	9.00 -11.30	Flu Immunisations – R- yr11	Pupils
	19 th	16:00 -17:00	New Families Welcome (online)	Families
	20 th	All Day	Jeans for Genes – Non-Uniform	Pupils
	23 rd		Pupils complete New Group Reading Tests (NGRT) this week	Pupils
	24 th	9:30 – 10:15	Yr6 Measurements for national Statistics	Yr6 Pupils
	25 th	13:00 – 15:00	Governors Meeting 1	Governors
26 th	Afternoon	World Language Day	Pupils	
October	4 th	All Morning	School Photos	Pupils
	7 th	TBC	Library Week	Pupils
	8 th	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome (online)	Staff
	10 th	All Day	RE Day – Judaism	Pupils
	17 th	15.30 – 18:00	Parents' Evening	Parents/carers
	22 nd	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome (online)	Staff
	24 th	16:00 – 18:00	Open Evening for prospective families	
	25 th	13:00 -14.30	Nic Crossley visiting Autumn Parent Event (at TVS Tilehurst)	School Community
Half Term 28 th – 1st Nov				
November	4 th	Afternoon	World Occupational Therapy Day – afternoon	All Pupils
	11 th	All Week	KS2 Mocks	Yr6 Pupils
	11 th	TBC	Anti – Bullying Week 11 th – 15 th	Pupils
	18 th		Year 11 Mocks Begin – See Exam timetable	Yr 11 pupils
	19 th	All Day	RE Day – Hinduism	Pupils
	25 th		Year 11 Mocks	Yr 11 pupils
December	3 rd	All Day 16:00 – 17:00	RE Day – Hinduism Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome	Pupils Staff
	4 th	13:00 – 15:00	TVS Governor meeting 2	Governors
	5 th	13:00 – 14:00	Student Exec Team Meeting	Pupils
	10 th	Tutor	Human Rights – Tutor activities	Pupils
	18 th	13:00 – 14.30	Christmas Fayre	School Community
	19 th	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teaching Programme Last Day – Pupils go home at 13:00	Pupils
Christmas Holiday				
January	8 th	All Day	Nic Crossley Visit	
	13 th	All Week	SATS Mocks	Yr6 Pupils
	15 th	17:00 – 18:00	Year 11 Exam information evening – Online	Families

	20 th	Morning Afternoon	RE Day – Buddhism World Religion Day	Pupils
	22 th	3:15 – 16:15	Yr 6 SATS Information evening – in person	Families
	24 th	Tutor	World Education Day – Tutor activities	Pupils
	29 th	Tutor	Chinese New Year -	Pupils
	30 th	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome	Staff
February	1 st	All week	Children’s Mental Health Week 1 st – 7 th	Pupils
	7 th		Safer Internet Day	Pupils
Half Term 17 th – 21 st				
	26 th	All day 16:00 – 17:00	RE Day – Islam Year 9 and 10 exam information – Online	Pupils Parents/carers
March	3 rd		Yr11 Mocks 3 rd – 18 th KS2 Mocks 3 rd – 7 th NGRT Tests to be complete	Yr 11 pupils Yr6 pupils Pupils
	6 th	Afternoon 16:00 – 17:00	World Book Day Improving Teacher Programme	Pupils Staff
	12 th	All Day 13:00 – 18:00	Nic Crossley Visit Parents evening	Parents/Carers
	14 th	Afternoon	International Day of Maths – afternoon	Pupils
	19 th	Afternoon	Science Afternoon	Pupils
April	2 nd	Afternoon 13:00 – 15:00	Autism Acceptance Week Governor's meeting 4	Pupils Governors
	3 rd	13:00 – 14:00 13:00 – 14:30	Student Executive Team Meeting Spring Family Event	School Community
Easter Holidays 7 th – 21 st				
	24 th	Afternoon	Earth Day	Pupils
	25 th		Sports Day at Palmer Park TBC	School Community
	28 th	All day	Yr 10 Mocks – 28 th – 9 th	Yr10
May				
5 th May Bank Holiday				
	12 th		SATS Week GCSEs start – Timetable tbc	Yr6 Pupils Yr11 Pupils
	13 th	All Day All Day 13:00-14:00	RE Day – Christianity Nic TVS Visit Student Exec Team Meeting	Pupils
	14 th	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme - parents welcome	Staff
	21 st	Afternoon 13:00	World Day for cultural Diversity Governors Meeting 5	Pupils Governors
	23 rd	Afternoon	Museum Day	Pupils
Half Term 26 th – 30 th				
June	3 rd	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme - parents welcome	Staff
	9 th	All week	NGRT Testing	Pupils
	12 th	Afternoon	Healthy Eating Afternoon	Pupils
	16 th	All Week	Maths and English Progress Tests	Pupils
	18 th	All Day	Nic Crossley Visit	
	19 th	13:00 – 14:00 16:00 – 17:00	Student Executive Meeting Improving Teaching Programme - parents welcome	Staff
	20 th	13.30 – 14:30	Art Exhibition – at TVS Tilehurst	School Community
	23 rd	All week	Enrichment Week 23 rd – 27 th	Everyone
	27 th	Morning	Year 11 Leavers' Event	Yr 11 pupils and families
July	1 st	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme - parents welcome	Staff
	7 th	All Day	RE Day – Sikhism	Pupils
	4 th	13:00 – 14:30	Summer Fayre	School Community
	9 th	13:00 – 15:00 15:30 – 18:00	Governors Meeting 6 Parents' Evening	Governors Parents/carers
	17 th	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher programme – parents welcome	Staff
	22 nd		Last Day of school – Pupils leave at 13:00	

Key Dates

20th September—Jeans for Genes day

We will be taking part in Jeans for Genes day. It will be a non uniform day for pupils for a donation of £1. This fantastic fundraising help thousands of families across the UK living with a genetic condition.



This Year, Dr Crossley will be visiting us at TVS on the following dates;

25th Oct 24

10th Dec 24

8th Jan 25

12th Mar 25

13th May 25

18th June 25



Report Of Absence for Pupils

To report a pupil's absence, please contact school office on 0118 9424750 (option 1) or email office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk

For Medical appointments, please provide evidence of the appointment this can be sent via email or a screenshot attachment.

Contact Details

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weekend