



TEMPLEFIELD NEWS

'Inspiring all pupils to love learning, believe in themselves and achieve their best'

January 2026

Reception Winter Walk

Earlier this month, Reception went on a walk to Flitwick Wood to look for signs of winter. Although it wasn't cold enough for any ice, they did discover some winter plants and noticed that many of the trees had lost their leaves.

A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who came along and helped on the day.



Class Assemblies

This month, Year 3 Badgers kicked off the class assembly calendar for 2026. The dates of the class assemblies are published on the school website at the start of the academic year and will automatically pull through to your personal calendar if you [subscribe](#).

Doors open at 8.55am and younger siblings are welcome to attend. You can take photos and videos for your own personal use but please don't post them on social media. Afterwards, there is some time for you to see your child and we're usually finished by 9.45am at the latest.

Spring Term Parents' Evening

Next week, is Parents' Evening which provides a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning and progress with their teacher. Hopefully everyone has booked their appointment but if you haven't yet, please contact the school office and they will book an appointment for you.

On both days, there will be a cake sale in the hall to raise funds for the school choir to travel to the O2 arena in London to take part in Young Voices. All donations are welcome and your support is greatly appreciated.

Stay and Read sessions

Thank you to everyone who came along to our 'Stay and Read' sessions this month.

The children have really enjoyed their parents coming into school and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for books and reading.

If you haven't been able to attend yet, we look forward to seeing you at the next session.



Every Minute Counts

Please make sure your child arrives at school **before 8.55am**. We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving after the gate has closed and coming in through the school office. We know that sometimes things happen that make it difficult to get to school on time, but some families are regularly late.

If your child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school over a year adds up to lost learning time.



Playing Games Online

Does your child play games online? Here are some risks you need to consider.



Chatting to strangers/risk of inappropriate language

If your child is playing games and/or communicating with strangers, you need to be aware that there is a risk of grooming. Some games allow you to restrict communication to 'friends only' but you need to monitor that their online friends are real life friends. Some games offer the ability to switch communication off and/or the option to restrict bad language, so make sure the settings appropriate to your child have been applied.

Cyberbullying

It can be very easy for children to behave differently online. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect.

What can I do?

Set up parental controls - as well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the game's settings, make sure you set them up on the console/device too.

Check age ratings - before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it.

Talk to your child about the risks so they are aware what can happen online and remind them to talk to a trusted adult if they have concerns.

Diary Dates



Thursday 5th February

9.00am Year 3 Foxes Class Assembly

Friday 6th February

8.45am Reception Stay and Read
2.30pm Open Afternoon

Monday 9th - Friday 13th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 9th February

10.00am Open the Book Assembly

Tuesday 10th February

4.00pm - 6.40pm Parents' Evening

Wednesday 11th February

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Thursday 12th February

9.00am SEN Coffee Morning

Friday 13th February

3.00pm KS2 Stay and Read

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

Half Term

Monday 23rd February

World Thinking Day

Tuesday 24th February

Reception Height and Weight Checks
KS2 Choir Young Voices Concert

Thursday 26th February

2.00pm PTA Trustee meeting

Friday 27th February

3.00pm KS1 Stay and Read
3.15pm PTA Bake Sale

Tuesday 3rd March

Pre-School Ark Farm visit
PTA Mother's Day Shop

Wednesday 4th March

9.00am Year 2 Hedgehogs Class Assembly
2.45pm Year 4 Grafham Water meeting

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day
5.30pm PTA Pyjama Storynight

Friday 6th March

8.45am Reception Stay and Read

World Thinking Day



On Monday 23rd February it is World Thinking Day, a day of international friendship when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

In order to promote gender quality, we are inviting any child who attends Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts to come to school wearing their uniforms to join in the celebration.