Tarrant Times

Our Core Christian Values are: Respect, Effort, Aim High, Honesty, Care and Love
Collective Worship Theme: Courage

23rd October 2026

The Newsletter for Hurstbourne Tarrant CE Primary School

Dear Parents,
I can't believe we are already at half term but at the same time I can't believe how much has already been achieved. A big well done must go to the children who have produced some great work this half term which I know some of you have seen at the class outcomes. It is always great to see so many of you attend our outcome activities and share in the learning. I was particularly impressed with the pop-up books that Autumn Class have made over the past few weeks.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that made our sustainability afternoon a success. I know that the children had a great time learning all about how electricity is generated, the amount of water every day tasks uses as well as enhancing the biodiversity of the hedges around the King George V Playing Fields. I now need to find a home for a rather large dragon made from recycled materials!

Now the busiest term of the year begins with tinsel and glitter being needed at every turn! Have a restful break, please listen to your children read, practise times tables and see you back on Monday 2nd November when Winter Class head to Marchant's Hill for their residential. Best wishes as always,

Gareth Dee



Alice in Wonderland

A big thank you must go to the friends of Hurstbourne Tarrant who paid for M and M Productions to come into school and perform Alice in Wonderland to the whole school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

Prayer of the Week



This week's prayer was written by Winter Class.

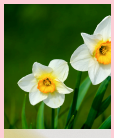
Dear God,
Please watch over us during half term. Keep us safe from Storm Austin and protect our homes, families and friends. We pray that those who may be affected by the storm will feel Your comfort and care.
Amen

The 4 Rivers Tag Ruby League



On the 13th October 2026, Hurstbourne Tarrant competed in a tag rugby festival with Barton Stacey, Longparish and St. Mary Bourne. Our games against St. Mary Bourne and Barton Stacey were very close however Longparish were very fast and some of their players took us by surprise. Sadly, we lost this fixture 5-2. We were narrowly defeated by Barton Stacey and we drew our final game against St. Mary Bourne. We would like to thank all the people who came to support the team.

Time to celebrate! Congratulations to all of the children listed below who have been identified over the week for being truly brilliant!



Spring Class: Millie B and Freddie C.



Summer Class: Tommy D and Cherry P. S.



Autumn Class: Harriet B. and Ifetola S.A.



Winter Class: Mariela H and India F.



Values Trophy: Arthur P.S.

Polite Cup: Jemima C.

Toolbox Award: Francis D.

Birthdays: Jack S, Annabelle M, Bibi M, Max S, Rowan P and Wren L.

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November		PGL Residential for Winter Class
Wednesday 18th November	1pm	Summer Class Tree Planting
Thursday 19th November		School Photographs - Individual/Siblings
Thursday 19th November	1:30pm	YR Open Afternoon
Monday 23rd		Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 24th November		Indian Dance workshops for the whole school
Thursday 3rd December	2:30pm	Christingle Service at the church
Friday 4th December	1:30pm—4pm	Whole School trip to the Panto
Wednesday 9th December	1:45pm	Y1/2 Nativity Play
Thursday 10th December	1:45pm	Y1/2 Nativity Play
Tuesday 15th December	2pm	Carol Service and Spring Class Nativity
Thursday 17th December		Fun Day
Friday 18th December	12pm	Carols Around the Tree. Term Finishes

Reading reward Scheme!

Please don't forget to record in the reading log book each time your child reads at home. These are totalled each week (to a maximum of 7) and recorded in school. At each 50 read interval, the children will receive either a certificate or a very fancy enamelled badge. When your child has received 100 home reads, they will receive a bronze badge. At 200, they receive a silver badge, 300 means a gold badge, 400 diamond, 500 platinum, 600 ruby, 700 sapphire, 800 emerald, 900 citrine and 1000 amethyst. if your child manages 1500 home reads, they will become a star reader!



'Love of Learning, Love of Life, Love of Christ!'