



26th September 2025

THE TARRANT TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER FOR HURSTBOURNE TARRANT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

What a busy few weeks!

As I sit here writing, I can honestly say that autumn has arrived particularly those chilly mornings! What a busy start to the term it has been. So many children have been to see me with excellent work, especially the Roman soldier poems being written by Autumn Class. Our Spring Class children have settled in well and all of the classes are busily working on their new topics; it's great to hear such a buzz of learning across the school.

On Monday, after school, we have our **Reading Information Evening**. This is an ideal opportunity to learn how we teach phonics at our school; the meeting is aimed at parents of children in Spring and Summer Class. Please do attend and find out more about how the Read, Write, Inc scheme develops our early readers.

At our last governor meeting, we reviewed and ratified our Good Behaviour Policy, Child Protection Policy, Safeguarding Policy and the Science Policy. These can all be viewed on our website.

For those of you new to the school, your children are automatically allocated a house to belong to (unfortunately we don't have a sorting hat!) Each week excellent work and behaviour is recognised by the giving of star points to the children. Every Monday, the house captains reveal the total of house points accrued for the week. The winning house is then allowed to fly their flag on the flag post for the week. Blue= Badgers, Red=Squirrels, Yellow=Foxes and Green=Hedgehogs. These points are then accumulated for the year to decide which house wins the House Cup in July. As Tesco say, 'Every Little Helps!'

Best wishes as always, Gareth Dee

Prayer of the week

This week's prayer was written by Summer Class.

Dear God,

Thank you for all the amazing people who represent our country in sport. Please look after our friend after their fall. We hope they are ok.

Amen.



Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Service at the church on Thursday 2nd October at 2:30pm. Please could you provide your child with a tin, jar or packet of food during week commencing 29th September (next week). This year, the produce collected will be sent to the Andover Crisis and Support Centre, therefore we would ask for a donation of tins and packets of food to help others less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you so much.

House Captain Election Results!

Huge congratulations to:

Wilf M. House Captain for Foxes,

Anna D. House Captain for Badgers,

Sofia L S. House Captain for Squirrels,

Lizzie H E. House Captain for Hedgehogs.



Friends AGM—we need you!

The Friends of HBT AGM will be held on Thursday 9th October at 2:15pm at the school. If you would like to get involved, even in just a small way then please contact Mrs Bush or the school office so we can register your interest.

**Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026?
(Or do you know someone who is?)**

We are holding two open afternoons for prospective parents on Thursday 16th October and Thursday 20th November from 1:30pm to 3pm.

If for some reason you or your friend can't make that date, you may of course book individual appointments with the school office.

Coats

Unfortunately it is that time of year where the days are not as warm as they were and we are getting the odd shower.

Please can you make sure that your child has a labelled coat with them in school everyday. We do try to get the children out to play whatever the weather as young children need to burn some energy after concentrating for long periods of time.



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Stars of the Week!

A huge congratulations must go to the following pupils who have been identified over the past 3 weeks. Well done!

Star Awards				Polite Person	Values Award	Toolbox Trophy	Birthdays
	12th September	19th September	26th September				Ruby C Boaz M 
Spring		Honor L Hector M	Cherry P S Olive T	Max K Grace B	Riley J Rowan P	Grace B Annabelle M Bibi M Ruby C	
Summer	Ada M Isaac J	Bo M Jorgia H	Lara W Willow P				
Autumn	Henry P Antek L	Piper J Jack C	Wren L Francis D	Isaac J	Sofia H Mariela H	Annabelle M	
Winter	Lorelei M India F	Sofia H Anna D	Pearl K Lysander CC				

Dates for the Diary

Monday 29th September	3:30pm	Reading Information Evening
Thursday 2nd October	2:30pm	Harvest Festival at the church
Thursday 9th October	2:15pm	Friends' AGM (in the school hall)
Monday 13th October	1pm	NSPCC to see Winter and Summer Class
Thursday 16th October	1:30pm	YR Open Afternoon
Friday 17th October		Flu Immunisations
Monday 20th October	2:30pm	Summer Class Outcome
Tuesday 21st October	3:30—7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22nd October		Wizard of Oz — M and M Productions
Wednesday 22nd October	2:45pm	Spring Class Outcome
Thursday 23rd October	3:30-7:30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 24th October		End of term
Monday 3rd November to Friday 7th November		PGL Residential for Winter Class
Thursday 13th November		School Photographs—individual and siblings
Wednesday 19th November		Summer Class tree planning at Bury Hill Meadows
Thursday 20th November	1:30pm	YR Open Afternoon
Monday 24th November	3:30pm	Maths Information evening for Spring/Summer Class
Monday 8th December	2:30pm	Christingle Service at the church
Wednesday 10th December	2pm	Y1/2 Nativity Play
Thursday 11th December	2pm	Y1/2 Nativity Play
Friday 12th December	9am	Winter Class Outcome
Friday 12th December	2pm	Christmas Raffle followed by Celebration Worship
Tuesday 16th December	2pm	Carol Service and Spring Class Nativity at the church
Wednesday 17th December		Whole School trip to the Panto (Corn Exchange)
Thursday 18th December		Fun Day
Friday 19th December	12pm	Carols Around the Tree. Term finishes.

*More dates may be added or changed during the term so please check each newsletter or the School website.

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