



10th October 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

Over the past two weeks, I have visited each class to observe how well our children are learning in maths. From matching pairs in Spring Class, plotting numbers on number lines in Summer Class to creating 'missing gap' addition and subtraction problems in Winter Class, all the lessons were amazing. It was great to hear the children explain their reasoning and trying to prove their ideas using mathematical knowledge and understanding. Busy times are ahead in the coming weeks with Parents' Evenings and outcome activities in the diary.

I would like to thank all of the parents who attended the Early Reading Information Evening last week. Supporting your child with reading is vital—it really will help them discover a whole world of learning and fun. We are holding a similar information evening for Maths on the 24th November for all Spring and Summer Class which will enable you to understand how we teach maths within the school.

Last Friday, we said goodbye to Mrs Lloyd. Mrs Lloyd has worked at the school for many years and she has decided to pursue new adventures! All the staff wish her well for the future and I know the children Autumn Class will miss her too. This week, we have appointed a new member of staff to work in Autumn Class, Mrs Smith. Mrs Smith has many years of experience working in schools and she will join us from Monday 10th November.

It was also lovely to meet the new Friends' of HBT Committee at yesterday's AGM. This was a very productive meeting and many ideas were discussed on how best to allocated the funding raised and some innovative ideas for future fundraising.

And finally, thank you for your donations to our Harvest Festival. The children really enjoyed presenting their Harvest work in the church and it was wonderful to see so many of you there at the service. All of the gifts have now been donated to the Andover Crisis and Support Centre.

Best wishes as always,
Gareth Dee



School Council Election Results!

A huge congratulations to:

Harriett J, Lysander CC,
Archie F, Annabelle M
Isaac J, Iona F,
and Mason H.



Parents' Evenings



We will be holding our parents' evenings on the 21st and 23rd October. You will be able to book your appointments through Arbor from 9am on Monday 13th October.

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.



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

Stars of the Week!

A huge congratulations must go to the following pupils who have been identified over the past 2 weeks. Well done!

Star Awards			Polite Person	Values Award	Toolbox Trophy	Birthdays
	3rd October	10th October				Oliver T William B 
Spring	Millie T Mason H	Skye M Effie W	Caiden P	Florence S	Ash L	
Summer	George P Lily E	David E Grace B				
Autumn	Archie F Betty B	Ella Mae B Jasmine H	Lysander CC	Flora W	Lily P	
Winter	Freddie Z William B	Peter C Kerry H				

Prayer of the week

This week's prayer was written by Summer Class.

Dear God,

Thank you for all the teachers that help us.

Please look after all the people in the world who are not as lucky as us.

Amen.



Volunteer Readers—please help!

We are looking for volunteers who can listen to children read. The children would be from Summer Class and Autumn Class. If you feel that you could help, please do contact the school office where we can give you further information.

Thank you so much.



Dates for the Diary



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.