



14th November 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**

At the start of a new half term its always exciting to see the children back at school and getting hooked by their new topics. These have begun with gusto and have really grabbed the children's interest and they are full of enthusiasm. I was delighted to spend a few days with Winter Class as they embraced new challenges at the annual residential at PGL. Following their visit to Liddington, Winter Class are continuing their topic on ancient Greece. Autumn Class are still engrossed in their 'Hail Caesar' topic and started off the new term with a Roman banquet. Summer Class have begun their dinosaurs topic. Spring Class have begun their 'Come and Join the Celebration' topic so they will be learning all about different celebrations around the world leading towards the festive season. Long may this continue especially as the joys of the festive season are suddenly not too far away. As always this time of year is very busy for you as parents and us as a school. On the back of this newsletter are the dates of events up to 'the festive season' (I'm even avoiding using the 'C' word!)

Earlier this week, the children completed some work linked to Remembrance Day. The whole school marked the two minutes silence and I was delighted that Mrs Gooding played the Last Post on her bugle.

You should have received raffle tickets for this year's Christmas Raffle. Mrs Juniper, the Friends of HBT and Vinoth from the Family Shopper, have worked incredibly hard to source this years prizes and I would like to thank everyone involved including those that have donated a prize. This year, the raffle will be drawn during the Celebration Worship on Friday 12th December at 2pm. Best wishes as always,  
Gareth Dee

## Prayer of the week

This week's prayer was written by Autumn Class.

*Dear God,  
Thank you for all the people who have raised money for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who helps children.  
Amen.*



## Weather

**Just in case...! I will always endeavour to keep the school open during the winter months but should a heavy snowfall occur then please listen to Andover Breeze or Solent FM for school closure information. You could also check [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk) or the school website where information will be posted.**

**Please could you ensure your child has a coat at school now that the weather is getting colder.**



## Maths Information Evening

If you would like to know more about how to support your child in maths, there will be an information evening for Spring and Summer Class parents on the 24th November at 3:30pm. A similar meeting for Autumn and Winter Class parents will take place in the new year. If you are unable to make this meeting, all the slides will be available on the 'Useful Information' page of the website.



## School Lunches update

ABM Caterers have now been supplying our lunches for just over a term. As a school, we have been pleased with the quality of food the children are eating. The food is freshly cooked and there is definitely more colour on the plate—with a salad bar available for the children. The children also have access to the new hydration station and are given a clean plate sticker if they eat all their food.



## Bucket Time


It was great to pop into Spring Class to observe a 'Bucket Time' session led by Mrs Tuson. The aim of these sessions is to develop listening, attention and communication through the use of visually exciting objects that are gradually revealed from the bucket. There was a real sense of curiosity and excitement among the children.



# '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
	7th November	14th November				
Spring	Jemima C Eva H	Hector M Olive T	Archie F	Grace B	Olive T	Grace V Willow P Arthur J Flora W Grace P Eva J  
Summer	Jorgia H William B	Flora W Rowan P				
Autumn	Arthur P S Ruby C	Lily P Antek L	Anna D	Wilf M	Ethan B	
Winter		Charlie D Tommy C				

## Reading Reward Scheme



Please don't forget to record in the 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!



## Dates for the Diary



Wednesday 19th November		Summer Class tree planning at Bury Hill Meadows
Thursday 20th November	1:30pm	YR Open Afternoon
Friday 21st November	8:45am	PGL Assembly for Winter Class parents
Monday 24th November	3:30pm	Maths Information evening for Spring/Summer Class
Friday 5th December	9am	Autumn Class Outcome
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.