

# Issue 7

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## 'Learning for a fuller life'

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# Taverham VC CE Junior School



## Newsletter



We are getting very close to the end of another year at school. Overall, it has been a year of positivity and achievement, and one that the whole school community can look back on with pride.

We have had some great recent events in school. On 15<sup>th</sup> June, we were able to have our first Summer Music Concert in three years. As always, I was so impressed with

the dedication, talent and bravery of all our musicians who learnt their pieces and performed them in front of a large audience. Thanks to Mrs Penwill for organising such a great event.

Children from our school competed in our first Swimming Gala with Drayton Junior and Queens Hills Primary on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Our swimmers did a fantastic job and we finished first overall. We hope to repeat this event in years to come.

At the end of June, we sent a team of athletes to the City Sports competition at the University of East Anglia. Once again, our team performed brilliantly and we ended up with our boys finishing in third place and our whole team finishing in third place overall. Special mention to Eliza (800m and long jump), Eli (800m and long jump) and Max (50m sprint) who won their individual events.

It was brilliant to be able to have our traditional lower-school and upper-school Sports Days earlier this month with spectators in attendance. Both days were hugely successful and it was great to see the children getting involved with such determination, resilience and enthusiasm. However, the most pleasing aspect from my point of view was being able to witness such amazing teamwork, positivity and sportsmanship from all the children involved. There were so many examples of children helping and cheering for each other, including incidences of pupils supporting others from a different team! Well done to all the children and huge thanks to Mrs Green, Mr Jones and Mrs Moulton for organising two great events. Please see below for the results and a list of children who broke school records.

Our cluster transfer days on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July also went really well. The Year 2 children from the infant schools were fantastic and showed lots of confidence in spending two full days with us. I would also like to give particular praise to our Year 6 children who spent two days at the high school. The feedback we received from Taverham High about their attitude and conduct was again very positive.

Last week we received the SATs results for our school. As always, the children and staff in Year 6 have worked incredibly hard in preparation for the tests whilst maintaining a broad and balanced approach to the curriculum. The results were absolutely brilliant and reflect the level of commitment by everyone involved with almost all results well above national averages:

<b>% at expected standard</b>	<b>2022 result</b>	National average (2022)
Reading	<b>85</b>	74
Maths	<b>85</b>	71
Writing	<b>65</b>	69
SPaG	<b>85</b>	72
Reading/Writing/Maths	<b>62</b>	59
<b>Average scaled score</b>		
Reading	<b>107</b>	105
Maths	<b>106</b>	104
SPaG	<b>107</b>	105

We are all so proud of the Year 6 children for how well they have done in these assessments. These are our highest results for a number of years and these improvements are in contrast to the national trend of results declining. Well done to everyone!

All parents should have received their child's end of year report by email last week. I hope the report gave you a comprehensive overview of how your child has done in school. We are so pleased with how the children across the whole school have worked hard to make up for the disrupted learning over the last couple of years. Please do email the office with any comments you have.

The Year 6 children have also been very busy in preparation for their performances of 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies' as their end of year show. Mr Hollidge and the rest of the Year 6 team have been very impressed with the levels of commitment and talent on show so I think those people coming to watch the performances are in for a real treat!

As is usual at the end of the year, we need to say goodbye to some people from our staff team. Firstly, Mrs Smith will be leaving at the end of the year to take up a position at Hillside Avenue Primary School. Abi has done a great job whilst at our school including lots of good work, with Mrs Cassidy, on improving how English is taught. We have also already said goodbye to Mr Hall, our fantastic Site Manager, who has moved on to a different role elsewhere. He will be replaced by Steve Howard who will be starting with us in the summer holiday. Finally, Mrs Guy will be ending her role as a teaching assistant to begin teacher training; we wish her the best of luck with this too.

Our PTFA Summer Fayre on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July was an incredible success. Huge thanks to our brilliant PFTA and school staff for all their hard work in organising and working at the event. Thank you also to all families who attended. A total of almost £4000 was raised!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone: staff, parents and children, who help to make Taverham Junior the school that it is. Everyone involved in our school has contributed to make the year as successful as possible.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

*Paul Henman*  
Headteacher

## Message from Chair of Governors

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It doesn't feel like a full academic year since writing for the first time as your new Chair of Governors. It has gone so fast!

Despite another challenging year for schools owing to the impact of Covid-19, the whole-school community has achieved so much, both academically and through the wider curriculum. It has been a delight to return to the wide-ranging activities and opportunities that Taverham Junior School has previously provided to its pupils and wider school community. It is always nice to hear the consistently positive feedback about how our children exhibit such exemplary behaviour when representing the school. I was lucky enough to meet in person with the school council last month where we discussed the many ways in which the school helps them to have the knowledge, values and skills to be safe in a range of contexts. I was struck by the clarity of their understanding around the role of the school values and how they always felt the benefits of these, in all places and areas of their lives. As we reflect on the hard work and achievements of our children and the staff there is so much to celebrate about how we realise our vision of 'Learning for a Fuller Life'. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the children on their achievements, particularly Year 6 on bucking the trend with their incredible SATS results, our staff for their hard work and our fantastic leadership team.

I would also like to thank the governing board who continue to support the school. One of the school council members asked me what had motivated my commitment to school governance. What I wanted to say was 'you', because in part that is very true. Being a school governor is an incredible privilege. We get to be a special part of making a positive difference to the lives of all our special children and the wider school community. We have very sadly said goodbye to our previous Chair of Governors, Chris Wilson-Town whose commitment to the school spanned a commendable 14 years. Chris brought exceptional experience and dedication. We wish him all the very best in his new ventures. We now have some vacancies on our governing board and actively encourage you to consider joining our friendly meetings and helping to make a difference. If you would like to find out more, please contact the school office.

On behalf of the governing board at Taverham Junior School, we wish you all a very enjoyable summer.

## PE for next year

PE/Games lessons have already been scheduled for next year and you can see the timetable below. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their sports kit on these two days:

<b>Year 3</b>	Weds/ Thurs		<b>Year 4</b>	Mon/ Fri		<b>Year 5</b>	Tues/ Thurs		<b>Year 6</b>	Mon/ Tues
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## Sports Day results

Lower school winners – Willow

Upper school winners – Birch

Tug of War champions:

- Year 3 – Willow
- Year 4 – Mulberry
- Year 5 – Oak
- Year 6 – Willow
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New school record holders:

- Year 3 boys Hurdles – Ronnie S

- Year 4 girls Hurdles – Emily H
- Year 4 girls 400m – Lily P

- Year 5 girls 200m – Eliza S-W
- Year 5 girls 600m – Eliza S-W
- Year 5 girls Javelin – Kida G
- Year 5 girls Triple Jump – Eliza S-W
- Year 5 boys Javelin – Henry G
- Year 5 boys 600m – Jensen H

- Year 6 girls 200m – Kaitlyn C-C
- Year 6 girls Javelin – Jessica C
- Year 6 girls Triple Jump – Imogen C and Yasmin S
- Year 6 boys Hurdles – Louie R
- Year 6 boys 600m – Eli D
- Year 6 boys Javelin – Albie C-W



## Holiday fun

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun is an activity programme providing holiday activities for children aged 5 – 16. The programme will take place between 25<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> September. Children in receipt of free school meals, can claim free spaces on the activities. Click on the link for further information <https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>

Tots2Teens run holiday activities for children aged five years and upwards during all school holidays for children living in the Broadland district. Click on the link below or see attached information

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/t2t>

# Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

## GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

### Bookable Summer Events

- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 2-3pm **Stop Motion Movie Making**
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2-3pm **Balancing Robots**
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2-3pm **Marble Run**
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2-3.30pm **Spaghetti Engineering**

[\(Please see event details or speak to staff to book\)](#)

At Taverham  
Library



## Dates for Your Diary

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<b>July</b>	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Awards Assembly 9-10am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Play 6-7:30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Play 1.30-3pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Leavers Breakfast 8.00-8.45am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of Summer Term 2
<b>September</b>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Autumn Term 1
W/B 12 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Activities Week
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Gressenhall Trip – Victorian Day
<b>October</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Bingo & Chips Y3/Y4 – More information to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Bingo & Chips Y5/Y6 – More information to follow
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	National Child Measurement Programme – Y6
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Autumn Term 1
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	First Day of Autumn Term 2
<b>November</b>	
W/B 21 <sup>st</sup>	Travelling Book Fair
<b>December</b>	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service – More information to follow
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Autumn Term 2
<b>January</b>	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Spring Term 1

**Dates/Times are subject to change. Please check future newsletters and the school website**

## TERM DATES 2022-2023

2022/2023	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term 1	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Spring Term 1	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Term 2	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer Term 2	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
INSET DAYS	<i>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept</i>	
	<i>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</i>	
	<i>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</i>	
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	<i>Monday 1st May 2023</i>	

## TERM DATES 2023-2024

2023/24	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Spring Term 1	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Term 2	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Summer Term 1	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer Term 2	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET DAYS	<i>TBC</i>	
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</i>	

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## Lottery raises £30k for good causes



Since the first draw in February 2021, our Community at Heart Lottery is well on course to raise our target of £45,000 for good causes in the district in its first year.

So far 59 good causes have joined the lottery for free, including Cup-O-T: Wellness and Therapy Services. Catherine Gray, CEO and Founder, said: "Being part of the lottery means we are able to continue delivering our Occupational Therapy and EMDR trauma therapy services to young people in rural parts of our county. Keeping the therapy van on the road has been challenging over the last year, and funds from the lottery enables us to do this."

Several schools and nurseries are fundraising through the lottery.

"With so many children learning through play every week, our resources need constant replacement, so fundraising is a vital part of ensuring we have lots of good quality toys and resources for the children to play with," said Lacey Douglass, Administration Manager of The Heathers Nursery.

Without the lottery funds, the nursery would have had to spend the next few years raising money

to cover the costs of a recently purchased sandpit, reading chair and benches.

Debbie MacMillan, PTFA (Parent, Teachers and Friends Association) Secretary for Taverham Junior School, said: "The lottery funds have helped with our big outdoor projects, such as hedgehog houses in our wildlife garden. The garden projects have helped create more outdoor learning environments for the children, and teach them about the importance of looking after our environment and wildlife."

Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Club uses funds raised by the lottery to support the community. Trustee Mike Clipston said: "The proceeds go into our general charity fund, from which we have recently assisted a lady referred to us by domestic abuse charity Leeway, the local St John Ambulance, and Afghan refugees evacuated to this country."



Support your community  
and you could win  
£25,000

Cllr Trudy Mancini-Boyle

Our Deputy Leader Cllr Trudy Mancini-Boyle, said: "I'm delighted that the Community at Heart Lottery has generated such a significant sum of money for good causes in Broadland, particularly as many of these groups encountered fundraising challenges due to COVID-19 restrictions. It's great to see our lottery directly benefitting Broadland residents."

**To register your good cause or be in with a chance of winning up to £25,000, visit [communityatheartlottery.com](https://communityatheartlottery.com)**