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Newsletter

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TEMPLE HERDEWYKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From Mr Hibbert

It has been a brilliant first couple of weeks back at school, and I am immensely proud of how settled, focused, and engaged our children have been. Despite the excitement and inevitable noise from the ongoing building work, the children have remained undistracted and enthusiastic in their learning.

I would like to give special praise to our Reception class, who have started their school journey with remarkable calm and concentration—even with the builder's yard close by! In over 25 years of working in schools, I have never seen a group of new Reception children demonstrate such outstanding learning behaviours. A huge thank you must go to Miss Loveday, whose hard work in setting up the classroom and resources so quickly has made a real difference. A huge amount of credit also goes to our Nursery team, whose excellent work last year helped instil these behaviours in many of the children. It really shows the impact Early Years has in teaching children how to learn and as such, the next 14 years of their education.

Building Update

The building work continues to progress well. It's exciting to see the walls of our new Year 1 and 2 classroom going up! Internally, there's been lots of development too. A new classroom is being constructed behind Miss Loveday's class, which will eventually become a SEN, family room, and community space.

In approximately two weeks, Year 5 and 6 will temporarily move into this new space while their current classroom is transformed. This will also include the conversion of our IT area into a Design Technology space, complete with a student kitchen and worktops - an exciting addition to our curriculum!

Learning Tools: Numbots & Times Tables Rock Stars

This week, children will be bringing home letters about Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars. These platforms are fantastic tools to support maths learning:

- Numbots helps develop counting, addition, and subtraction skills—fundamental to mathematical understanding.
- Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun and engaging way to improve speed and accuracy with times tables.

Children can access both platforms via computers, tablets, or even parents' phones using the apps. This term, we'll be running competitions between year groups, with certificates and prizes awarded in assemblies to those who show the most effort and progress.

Celebrating Success

A huge well done to all the children who received awards in our first All Star Assembly this morning. It was a special moment to present badges to our newly appointed student leaders:

- House Captains: Rebecca, Emmett, Omario and Theo
- Vice House Captains: Maysie, Filip, Amelia and Asiyah
- Digital Leaders: Omario and Theo
- Art Ambassadors: Arabella and Tegan
- Deputy Head Boy: Emmett
- Deputy Head Girl: Amanda
- Head Boy: Oliver
- Head Girl: Alexis

We'll be announcing our Student Council representatives very soon, following the upcoming votes.

Thank you for your continued support. It's shaping up to be a fantastic term, and I look forward to sharing more updates with you soon.

Updates from the classrooms

Eagle Owls

Eagle Owls have had a fantastic week. We have been looking at Ancient Greece; studying art and the influence it has had on the modern world. We have been looking at writing stories with a Greek theme. We have also been learning about Roman Numerals through singing.
Behaviour and attitude to learning has been fabulous. We are now looking forward to next week and seeing what it will bring.
Well done to all of the children for making the classroom such a fun and exciting environment to be in.

Mrs Greenwood

Barn Owls

We have had a fantastic week. The children have settled into routines and gelled well as a class. We have started our Ancient Egypt topic. In English we have been learning about diaries by reading some extracts from Howard Carter's diary, a British archaeologist who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun. In Maths, we are learning about numbers and how they can be split or partitioned into hundreds, tens and ones. Mr. Hibbert also introduced the children to Times Table Rockstars. They were very excited to login and have a go!
We are very pleased to see our new Barn Owls doing so well and with their fantastic attitude to learning, it looks a promising year ahead!

Mrs Atkinson & Mrs Teasdale

Tawny Owls

In the Tawny Owl Class we have had a very busy and successful first full week of the new term.

All the children have settled in and are already showing Miss Fisher, Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Owens our school value 'Determination' in all that they do.

We have launched our History topic 'Transport' and we are looking forward to all the new learning that this will bring and a school trip to the motor museum.

The children have had a strong start to the term with their maths, showing their understanding of number. Many children have enjoyed accepting math challenges on completion of their work. Amazing!

We are excited that Drawing Club has followed the Year One children into the Tawny Owl Class. The story of the week has been 'Not Now Bernard' The children have enjoyed drawing Monsters, thinking of some food for the monster to eat and thinking of way for the monster to leave the house. It has been great fun! We have learnt new vocabulary and we have produced some fantastic creative writing.

Miss Fisher and Mrs Teasdale

Snowy Owls

The children in Snowy Owl class have had a fantastic first week at school. They have settled in brilliantly, and we have been blown away by their calm, happy and engaged nature.
This week we have been reading the colour monster! We have done lots of different arts and crafts activities making colour monsters. We have also started drawing club where we've been drawing different monsters and coming up with imaginative and crazy things to happen when we say our magic codes! What a great start to Reception!

Miss Loveday

Little Owls

Welcome back! The children have been settling in wonderfully, forming new friendships and beginning to explore the nursery with curiosity and confidence. The

children have been finding their feet and working out their new routine and we are really watching their confidence grow in every session.

This week, our focus has been on learning about our bodies through the story From Head to Toe by Eric Carle and the much-loved song Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. The children have also enjoyed creating self-portraits and engaging in activities designed to support and strengthen their fine motor skills, helping them to grow in independence and creativity.

Naomi

Temple's Superheroes and All Stars

This week's Temple Superheroes and All Stars are:

Superheroes

Year 6 - Theo
Year 5 - Freya
Year 3 - Oliver
Year 2 - Hussain
Year 1 - Evie
Reception - Wilson

All Stars

Eagle Owls - Tegan and Ella
Barn Owls - Courtney
Tawny Owls - Oscar and Diksha
Snowy Owls - Roman

Well done everyone!

PTA

The PTA now have a Facebook page to keep parents and carers updated on all PTA events.

Please find them on Facebook - 'Temple Herdewyke Primary PTA'.

Dates will be coming soon for this term's events.

Parents Guide to Times Tables Rock Stars

Parent Guide

We recommend a "little and often" approach; 3 minutes practice a day, 4 or 5 times a week is a good target.

What are the different Game Modes?

Single Player	
Jamming 4 or 8 coins/correct answer	The only game mode without a timer, players chose the table and operation (× or ÷ or both) they want to practise. Answer 10, 20 or 30 questions.
Gig 10 coins per correct answer	Gig games last 5 minutes and contain up to 100 questions, which come in 'waves', starting with the 10s, then the 2s, 5s, 3s, 4s, 8s, 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s. Novices are not expected to get past the 5s. Gigs provide the child (and their teacher) with a simple measure of their current skills, which is why learners should concentrate fully for the whole Gig as they won't get another try until next month.
Garage 10 coins per correct answer	Players are given a personalised set of 6 multiplication questions (and their matching division questions) in each round. The questions they get keep adjusting to provide the best fit for every learner's needs. This is probably the best game made for improving their recall while they're still learning.
Studio 1 coin per correct answer	Here your child earns their Rock Status, which is based on their Studio Speed. The faster they are the better their status. Studio Speed is the average of their most recent 10 Studio games. Suitable for confident players.
Soundcheck 5 coins per correct answer	Soundcheck games ask 25 multiplication questions (up to 12×12), allowing 6 seconds for each question. Suitable for confident players.
Multi Player	
Festival 1 coin per correct answer	Children compete against others from around the world, with their identities protected behind their rock names. Suitable for confident players.
Arena 1 coin per correct answer	Children race against other members of their class who are logged in and choose the same arena name at the same time. Arena games use the same smart question algorithm as Garage games.
Rock Slam 1 coin per correct answer	Players challenge their classmates or teachers to answer as many questions as they can in 60 seconds, setting a score for the challengee to beat. Pupils don't need to be online at the same time.
Tournaments	**Battle of the Bands** – groups of children within the same school (usually classes, year groups or teams) compete to have the highest *average* score per player. **Top of the Rocks** – like a Battle of the Bands *between* schools. The winning class or school is the one with the most correct answers per person. **Important**: Each correct answer (in any game mode) earns 1 point towards the team's total in addition to the coins earned. For example, in Garage games each correct answer is worth 1 point for the team and 10 coins for the player.

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Parent Guide

Learners with different needs

How can I hide the timer?	Start a game and press ☼ > Hide Practice Clock. You could also play a game in Jamming.
How can I increase the length of Garage games?	Single player > Garage > press the little arrow below "play solo" > choose 1, 2 or 3 minutes.
The tables are too hard	Make sure your child is playing in Garage or Arena game modes. If this does not resolve the issue, please speak to your child's teacher. Remember that Jamming mode allows the child to choose the tables themselves.
My child gets anxious	Try the three above plus: setting mini goals (e.g. complete 2 minutes today, get 1 more point in the next game, pass 1 level); having a break from online play (come back in a couple of days); and reminding them of Baz's words: "A good rock star stays chillaxed by accepting they make mistakes."
My child has visual impairments; what settings are available?	Head to the Profile page where you can: change the colour scheme; reduce the visual stimuli with Declutter mode; increase the font size or switch to a dyslexia-friendly font called Lexie. play.ttrockstars.com is also screen reader compatible.
Can I turn off division?	Yes in Jamming mode but not in the other games. The reason for that is that practising multiplication and division at the same time supports the recall of both and is the most successful approach. If your child is finding division confusing, please speak to their teacher about starting with the 10s only and for advice on how to help at home.

Troubleshooting

My child's coins and/or Studio speed have suddenly dropped	Another child may have logged in as your child. Please reassure your child that this can be rectified. Contact their teacher who can set a new password, refund any coins, delete Studio games and talk to the class about online safety.
My child plays too much	Set firm TTRS time limits; reward healthy choices; take away devices before bed.
My child's name is showing on a school leader board.	Please ask your child's teacher to change the settings at their end so that rock names show on the leaderboards instead of real names.
What does the 🎧 mean?	If this symbol appears over a game tile (e.g. over Garage) it means the teacher has set your child a certain number of minutes to practise in that game mode for homework. Once they complete those minutes the other games unlock.
Is TTRS safe?	Yes. There are no adverts, no in-app purchases nor any chat functions. See more in our Privacy Notice (mathscircle.com/privacy-notice).

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From the office

Hello All,

I am sorry to update that unfortunately Mrs Spence resigned before the Summer Holidays which meant she did not return to Temple this term.

I will now be permanently working every day in the office, 8.30am - 4.00pm.
Please continue to either message me on dojo or email the office on templeherdewyke@stowevalley.com.
Any questions please just let me know.

School Data Collections sheets will be coming home next week with children. These are to check that our information records are up to date and to ensure we have the correct contact details for students/parents.

Also a reminder, individual school photos are next Friday 19th September.

Have a lovely weekend.

Thank you,

Mrs Bartlett

ParentPay, lunches, and wraparound care
To ensure our kitchen can plan ahead, please book your child's lunches in advance, before Thursday of the week before.

The same goes for Breakfast Club and After School Clubs.
Early After School Club ends at 4.30pm, and if you are late to pick up, your child will automatically be booked onto Late Club at a charge of £5.
Late After School Club ends at 5.30pm.
Please check for any outstanding balances on ParentPay and clear them by the end of term.

Studybugs
We use Studybugs to report your child's absence due to illness efficiently and securely. If you haven't already, please register for Studybugs and use it to let us know when your child is unable to attend school. It's quick, easy, and automatically reminds you to keep us posted. By using Studybugs, you'll also be helping the NHS and other public health organizations improve children's health.
Get the app or register now

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium
Have you recently checked your eligibility for free school meals? If not, it might be worth your while. Even if your child already receives universal free school meals, you might qualify for free holiday activities and food. This could also bring in additional funding for the school.
Please use the following link.
Free School Meals and Pupil Premium information

School Uniform
Please ensure that the school's main colour for uniform of Royal Blue is adhered to. Whilst there is no obligation to purchase school uniform with a logo, we do have a range of items available from Zeno Sportswear should you wish to choose this option. All the essentials, such as polo shirts and t-shirts are available as well as waterproof forest school suits, skorts, hats, PE hoodies and bags.
The link for the uniform shop is here: Zenosportswear
Our uniform and kit list can be found here: Uniform and Kit List

STUDYBUGS

Stowe Valley MAT Secondary School Open Evenings

The deadline for 2026 Secondary School places is 31 October 2025, so we are just sending out a reminder to Year 6 parents and carers to submit their application on time.

All applications received by the deadline of 31 October will receive a school offer on 2 March next year, which is National Offer Day. Any applications submitted after the deadline will only be considered after this, meaning the child is much less likely to be offered a place at a preferred school.

Applications should be made online at: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/secondaryplace, where you can also find lots of useful information on school transport, priority school areas and admissions criteria.

Useful links

Internet Safety Guides
Group Chats
Screen Time
Toddler Screen Time
Age Ratings
Horror Games
Supporting Mental Health and Online Safety

Warwickshire Cost of Living Website: Warwickshire services are working together to help people find the information they need to manage increased household costs. This is a difficult time for many people and finding direct support can be hard. National and local links to services are listed on this page as well as information on related topics. Cost of Living

Healthy Start: If you are pregnant, or have a child under four, you may be eligible for a healthy start card to help buy food and milk. Once activated, the card is regularly topped up with money to enable you to buy certain types of milk, infant formula, fruit, vegetables, and vitamins. You can apply online through the Healthy Start website: Get help to buy food and milk (Healthy Start)

Household Support Fund: Warwickshire County Council's Local Welfare Scheme aims to support vulnerable Warwickshire residents most in need of financial support with food, energy and water bills. For more information please contact:
Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme - 01926 359182 or 0800 4081448
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

For information about wider support from the council and other services, go to:
https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/costofliving

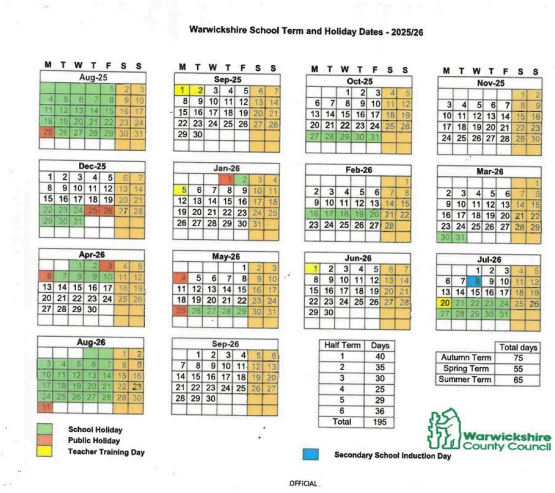
Free School Meals and Pupil Premium information

Free School Meals

Important Dates

19th September - Individual School Photos
24th October - last day of half term
3rd November - school reopens
19th December - last day of Autumn term

2025/2026 Term Dates



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