

# Townlands C of E Primary Academy

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*A journey of learning in the light of God's love*



October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new academic year is now well underway, and it has been pleasing to see how positively the children have settled into their classes and routines. They have approached the term with enthusiasm and are making a strong start to the year. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families. At Townlands, we are committed to ensuring that every child is happy, safe and able to thrive. It has been encouraging to see our EYFS children settling so well into school life.

## **New Website**

We are delighted to launch our new school website, which provides a fresh and updated way to access information about school life. As with any new website, there may be occasional amendments as we continue to refine and improve it. We hope you enjoy exploring the new site. Please note that accepting cookies will enable all website features, including embedded videos, to display correctly.

## **Wildlife Area and Pond**

Our new wildlife area and pond is already proving to be a valuable addition to our school grounds. It provides children with opportunities to explore the natural world, observe wildlife in its habitat and develop a greater understanding of the environment. The area will support learning across a range of subjects while also offering a calm and engaging outdoor space for children to enjoy and appreciate nature.

### **Before**



### **After**



## **EYFS settling in morning**

We were delighted to welcome our new parents and carers for coffee and cake as the children settled into their new routines at school. It was a lovely chance to meet, chat and begin developing the positive relationships that are so important in supporting our children's success and wellbeing.

Co-Headteachers Mrs A Hawksley & Mrs L Martinson

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Punctuality plays an important role in your child's education. Arriving on time ensures children are ready to learn from the start of the day and do not miss valuable learning opportunities. Please remember that the school gates open at **8:30am** for an **8:35am** start.

Any child arriving after **8:40am** must report to the school office, as this is when registers close and your child will be marked late. If your child is unable to attend school, please notify the school absence line by **8:30am**. Townlands remains committed to working closely with families to promote strong attendance and punctuality, ensuring every child benefits from the best possible education. If you require any support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Wrap Around Care**

This is just a reminder that after school care is available Honey Pots. For enquiries, please email [honeypotstownlands@happyhived.com](mailto:honeypotstownlands@happyhived.com) or telephone 07986 491249

### **Year Four's walk around the village**

Year 4 enjoyed an educational walk around Earl Shilton, developing their geographical knowledge by identifying different types of land use and using maps to navigate the local area. We were extremely proud of their excellent behaviour and the way they represented our school.

### **EYFS Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Parents and carers from EYFS joined us for our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning, which was a great success. A huge thank you to our EYFS team for organising the event, and to everyone who donated cakes and contributed so generously. Together, we raised approximately £190 for this wonderful cause.

### **Travelling Book Fair**

Our Book Fair was a great success. Every book purchased helps to inspire a love of reading while also earning free books for our school library, allowing us to provide even more exciting titles for our children to enjoy.

### **Upcoming Events**

| Date                                                                 | Event                                                                           |
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| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                 | Inclusion Surgery 8:35am to 9:00am                                              |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                | Harvest Festival – 10:00am at St Simon & St Jude Church – Year 2 to Year 6 only |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 | Parents/Carers evening                                                          |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                               | Whole school - Religion and Belief Roadshow                                     |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                 | School closes for half term                                                     |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                | School photos                                                                   |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                              | Year 5 Swimming starts                                                          |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026                                 | Road safety – EYFS, Year 2 and Year 5                                           |

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school. We look forward to sharing more successes with you in the coming weeks. We hope you all enjoy a restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October**.

With kind regards

Mrs Anne Hawksley and Mrs Louise Martinson  
Co Headteachers