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A Message from the Headteacher...

Well...that week went so quickly...I can't believe I'm already writing the second Newsletter of the Year!! On Newsletter 2 in 2024 I wrote the following as my 'Did you know...'

As some of you know, for the last few months I have been eagerly waiting for my first Grandchild to be born.

I am very pleased to announce that Paige Elizabeth Ann was born on Saturday 7th September at 7.35am weighing 8lbs exactly. Her Mum (my daughter Charlotte) and her Dad (my son-in-law Dan) are naturally glowing and so, so pleased. My wife Sandra and I are, of course, totally and utterly thrilled and are proud to be a Paige's Nanny and Gramps. Welcome to the world Paige!!

I can't believe that Paige is now a 1 year old (and 2 days...))!!

Celebration Worship

Please note that the first Celebration worship of the academic year is this Friday (12th September). If your child is chosen to be on the Bench - you should get a message on Dojo or a slip in their bag saying that they are on the Bench and you are also invited to join us in the hall for Worship. We let you in around 2.40pm!!

Are You Applying for School/Academy Places for September 2026??

Do you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026, or is his/her last year of Primary School from 1st September 2025?? - then for Lancashire resident families you need to apply for a school place, even if an older brother or sister is already attending your preferred school/academy.

The means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at: -

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (or simply click [here](#)).

This already went live on 1st September 2025. It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed on-line application. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application.

The closing dates for applications for September 2026 are at 11-59 pm on:-

[Secondary school applications](#) - 31st October 2025

[Primary school applications](#) - 15th January 2026

For prospective parents, or indeed anyone who is interested in life at THT, our [Open Day](#) for this year is on Wednesday 15th October, with both afternoon and evening sessions. We hope to see you there!!

Meet the Teacher Evening - Wednesday 17th September 2024

On Wednesday 17th September, we are holding our annual meeting where parents and carers are invited into school to meet your child's new teacher. The meetings are very informal and will take place in your child's classroom. The teachers will send you a PowerPoint of all the relevant information on their class on the Monday before, and will be available for you to 'drop in' from 3.45 'till 5.00pm for you to ask any questions. You do not need to make an appointment.

Please note - this is not a parents' evening and books will not be available to view.

Please also note that the evening is for Parents and Carers only and unfortunately, we do not have any Crèche Facilities for the evening.



On the same Wednesday, Mrs Seeley and members of the Infant team will be running a workshop looking at the teaching of Phonics. This is open to ANY parent or carer. If you would like to attend the session it will be held in the School Hall after the Meet the Teacher sessions. It's free of charge so just turn up if you would like a greater insight into the teaching of Phonics at school.

The timings of the Meet the Teacher Evenings are as follows:

Teachers in classes - 3.45 to 5.00pm.

Phonics Workshop in the School Hall - 5.00 to 5.30pm.

Stepping Stones

A reminder that Mrs Bates' runs our Stepping Stones group every Friday. It is on every Friday (unless we have to cancel - we use Facebook to do this) and it is at the slightly earlier time of 10.15 am (until 11.40am). If your 'pre-school' child would like to join us for Stepping Stones, they (and you) are more than welcome to join us each Friday - when I say pre-school I actually mean any age of child before they start Primary School - so babies and older!! You don't have to book - just come along and bring £2 which goes towards refreshments. If you know someone who has a 'pre-school' aged child who doesn't come to Stepping Stones - please let them know!!

Earrings

If your child has pierced ears - please remember that they are not allowed to wear them for PE or for swimming (LCC rules). If they are healed it would be beneficial for the teachers if children did not wear earrings on PE days - if not - the child can remove them before the lesson. If not they have to be taped over so please send the tape into school.

Next Week's School Dinners

The week beginning 15th September - week 3 of the LCC Summer Menu

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional Main Course	Red Booths Pork or Vegetarian Sausage Hot Dog & Tomato Ketchup with Potato Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Red Golden Crumb Salmon or Vegetable Fingers with Paprika Potatoes Mixed Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans	Red Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Red Spaghetti Bolognaise with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection	Red Golden Crumb Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Pizza & Pasta	Green Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Green Loaded Pizza Panini with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips (v)	Green Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Green Ploughman's Picnic Lunch with Homemade Crusty Bread & Mixed Salad	Green Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)
Jacket potato	Blue Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Blue Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Blue Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Blue Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Blue Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
Sandwiches	White Tuna/cheese/ham	White Tuna/cheese/ham	White Tuna/cheese/ham	White Tuna/cheese/ham	White Tuna/cheese/ham

Just a reminder that if your child has a paid for school meals - these need to be booked by 11.59pm on the Thursday of this week through ParentPay. Meals are priced at £2.95 per meal.

School Calendar for 2025 - 2026

The important dates for the 2025 - 2026 Academic Year are here!! Click [here](#) to have a look at what we're up to this year!!

Every year we publish our 'Calendar of Events' as soon as we can so that parents / carers know when things are happening at THT are for the forth coming year. Events include Open Day, Parents' Evenings and Sports Day for the 2025 - 2026 School Year!!

Friends' Pyjama-Rama

One extra date for the Calendar is that our Pyjama Rama event will take place on Friday 17th October. The Pyjama-Rama is our first Friends (PTFA) Fundraising Event of the Year and Alice Murphy has volunteered to run the event this year. She would like some help in setting up the event, however, as it is her last year at THT as her son leaves Year 6 in July 2026. If you would like to work alongside Alice this year - to take over next year - please get in touch!!

Our Pyjama Rama is the day when your child comes into school a little bit earlier, and comes in their Pyjamas (or Onesies) rather than their School Uniform (and trainers) - and they stay in their Pyjamas for the whole day!! They go on a sponsored run around the school yard and then go back into school for some breakfast. More information will come out to you later!!

Volunteers to Help Walk with Year 5 to Swimming

This is a request to Parents not in Year 5.

Is there anyone willing to give up their Friday afternoon to help walk Year 5 to and from the swimming baths at Tarleton Academy. The children set off at about 12.40pm and are back in school at 2.45pm. Mrs Lancaster will lead the 'walking team' - but we could do with an extra pair of hands - or even someone on 'stand by' - just in case. Please get in touch if you can help!!

Reminders from Fr Mark for Parents/Guardians of Pupils in Year 5.

If it is your intention to request a Faith Reference for your child to attend Bishop Rawstorne CofE Academy or Hutton CofE Grammar School from Autumn 2027 please can you make yourself known to Fr Joe or me.

Faith references are based on the church attendance of Parents /Guardians. Bishop Rawstorne asks for twice per month all year round. To help with this a register is available in our churches to sign in when you attend church, please be sure to complete this register. If you have any queries do get in touch: rector@rsmtht.church or 01772 814431

Other messages from Church

Three things to announce...

1. Heritage Open Days Event - Stained Glass in Perspective

We are delighted to be hosting this special event as part of Heritage Open Days. You can find full details here: [Stained Glass in Perspective](#).

2. Families@4 Pet Services

We are very excited to welcome families and their pets for our annual Pet Services:

- Tarleton: Saturday 13th September at 4.00pm
- Rufford: Sunday 14th September at 9.15am

These services are always joyful occasions and we would love to see families from THT school join us.

3. Diamond Disciples - New Time & Day

Our Diamond Disciples group for children aged 7-11 (Years 3-6) has now moved to Tuesdays, running from 3.30pm to 5pm (with a 3.30pm - 4pm drop in). We are excited about this change and look forward to welcoming both new and returning children. We are exploring the possibility of arranging for children to be walked directly from school to church by an agreed adult, with parental permission. This would mean that parents would not need to collect them first. We will let you know ASAP.

See the posters below for more details.

Pantomime Visit at Christmas

A reminder that this year we are planning on taking the whole school to see the Pantomime at Southport's Atkinson Theatre. We are posting this in advance so that parents / cares know and don't have the children seeing the Panto twice if not needed. More information regarding this will come out to you at a later date.

Fund 'Raisin'

Before the Summer Break we sent the children home with a box of raisins later and the idea was to eat them and then fill the box with 20ps - donating the money to school at the end of the Summer Break. We are trying to replace all the Interactive Screens in our classrooms. There is already one in Year 4 and over the Summer one will be installed into the Year 3 classroom. Through a special pot of money called DFC (Devolved Formula Capital) we can afford two more this academic year - but would like one in each classroom!!

Please can you now send the boxes in - even if not full - so we can count up how much money has been raised through our Fund Raisin' event!!

Thanks for reading...yours sincerely,



Stephen B. Smith (Headteacher)

Did you know...

Mrs Lancaster did an amazing job of finishing the Great North Run in 3 hours and 8 minutes!!

She did it all to raise money for Cancer Research. If you would like to 'congratulate her' by making a donation, please use the link below for her 'Giving Page'. Thank you for your support!!

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/andreas-giving-page-12346091>

And for those who watched the news last night... yes - Mrs Lancaster's medal does have the 'wrong map' on it.

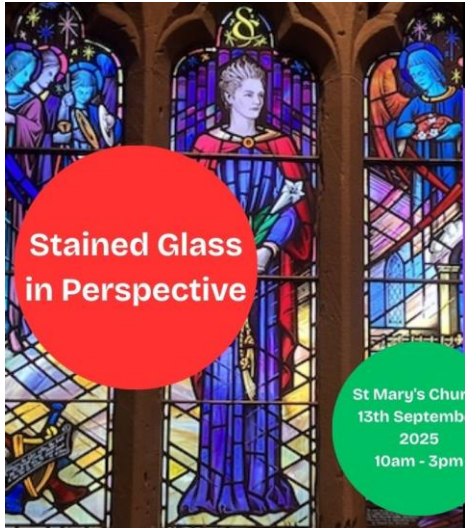
"The organisers of the Great North Run have apologised after finisher T-shirts and medals were printed with a map of rival north-east city Sunderland instead of Newcastle.

About 60,000 people took part in the half marathon on Sunday, running 13.1 miles from the centre of Newcastle, across the River Tyne, and through Gateshead, finishing by the coast in South Shields.

After receiving their finishers' merchandise, runners noticed that the river on their T-shirts and medals matched the shape of the north-east's other famous river and not Newcastle's Tyne.

While the map on the medal has been printed with the words "Newcastle", "Gateshead", and "South Shields", they appear to have been overlaid on to a map of Sunderland's streets, shown either side of the River Wear."






**Stained Glass
in Perspective**

heritage open days

An interactive workshop for families to understand the great art of stained glass

St Mary's Church
13th September
2025
10am - 3pm



Tarleton Holy Trinity All Age Worship

Families@4

4:00PM

★ Join Us! ★
Be part of a community that celebrates faith, family and friendship. We can't wait to welcome you!



When To Find Us:
Saturday 13th September
Saturday 11th October
Saturday 8th November




For children aged 7 - 11 (Y3 - Y6)

Opportunities to get involved with wider worship in church.

Groups meets every Tuesday during term time
3.30pm - 5pm
Tarleton Holy Trinity Church

Scripture, Games & Fun!