



Tividale Hall Primary School Newsletter

Monday 21st January 2026



A message from Mrs Pugliese

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a fabulous break and for those who celebrated, enjoyed a fabulous Christmas and New Year.

Weather

It has been a very disruptive start to the new year since returning to school. The weather conditions have caused many issues regarding getting children in and out of school safely.

On Monday to Thursday last week, we put procedures in place to enable parents in most year groups to drop children off, and collect them through the main school entrance. This was to avoid any use of playgrounds as they were completely covered in snow and ice and would not have been safe to use. We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parent, carers and children for their cooperation with this. Your patience and support was greatly appreciated and really helped us to ensure the safety of everyone.

Closures

Unfortunately school was closed on Friday due to the storm and then again today due to the conditions of the footpaths on Regent Road. Although a lot of the debris and snow has now cleared, we could not risk the safety of our families, having to walk in the road, in order to access the school site. We also try our best to give parents plenty of notice so that they can make the relevant arrangements. Hopefully you will have been able to access the home learning provided and that children found it useful. We anticipate the pathways being clear tomorrow, enabling us to open as normal. Unless you hear otherwise, normal entrances and exits will all be open and registers will close at the usual time of 9:00am.

Parent Sessions

We have parent sessions this week for years 1, 4 and 6. These sessions will consist of a brief presentation about the statutory assessment that will take place, towards the end of the school year, for children in those year groups. We will put the PowerPoints on the website for parents to access, if they are unable to make it. Dates and times can be seen below on our diary dates for the Spring Term.

Maths Workshops

You will also find the dates and times for a maths workshops for parents. We hope you are able to attend and join your children with some of their learning in maths. Please note that on the 4th February, times for year 3 and 4 workshops have been changed from the original diary dates.

Swimming

The last swimming sessions for Hawks will be on Wednesday 28th January and Kingfishers will begin their swimming lessons on Wednesday 4th February. Please ensure you have signed and returned the consent form if your child is in this class.

Apologies that there was no newsletter on Friday; this one replaces the one from last week. Therefore this week's newsletter will be sent out on Friday as normal. Have a lovely rest of the day and yet again, your support and understanding is very much valued. Let's hope we have no further visits this term, from Jack Frost or Storm Goretti!

Kind Regards

Mrs G. Pugliese
Head Teacher

GOLD AWARDS



Class	Gold award
Reception	These will start on Friday 16 th January.
Dragonflies	
Grasshoppers	
Hedgehogs	
Squirrels	
Badgers	
Foxes	
Woodpeckers	
Kingfishers	
Eagles	
Hawks	
Jaguars	
Panthers	



Lunch Time Awards

Butterflies	These will start on Friday 16 th January.
Ladybirds	
Dragonflies	
Grasshoppers	
Hedgehogs	
Squirrels	
Badgers	
Foxes	
Woodpeckers	
Kingfishers	
Eagles	
Hawks	
Jaguars	
Panthers	

Spring Term- first half (Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February inclusive)	
Monday 5th January	Term starts – Children Return to School/Learning Launch
Tuesday 13 th January	Y6 SATs Talk for Parents – 2.30pm
Wednesday 14 th January	Y4 Multiplication Check Talk for Parents – 2.30pm
Thursday 15 th January	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Talk for Parents – 2.30pm
	Nursery Maths Workshop for parents 11:00am & 2:15pm
Tuesday 3 rd February	Year 2 Maths Workshop for parents 9:15am Year 1 Maths workshop for parents 2:15pm
Wednesday 4 th February	Year 4 Maths Workshop for parents 9:15am Year 3 Maths Workshop for parents 2:15pm
Wednesday 4 th February	Kingfishers swimming until 22 nd April
Thursday 5 th February	Year 5 Maths Workshop for parents 9:15am Year 6 Maths Workshop for parents 2:15pm
Friday 6 th February	Reception Maths Workshop for parents 9:15am
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th February	Keeping Safe Week
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10 th February	Online Safety Workshop for Parents – 2.30pm
Thursday 12 th February	Y5 Chinese New Year Performance for Parents – 9.15am
Thursday 12 th February	Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 6:00pm
Friday 13th February	Break up for Half Term
Spring Term- second half (Monday 23rd February – Friday 27^h March inclusive)	
Monday 23rd February	Children Return to School
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March	Reading Week
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Mon 9 th - Fri 13 th March	Science Week
Thursday 12 th March	Special Person Performance for Parents – Reception – 9.15am
Friday 13 th March	Special Person Shop
Friday 20 th March	Curriculum Showcase for Parents (Times TBC)
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Easter Bonnet Parades Reception/Year 1–9:15 am Year 2 and 3 – 2:30pm Decorated Egg Competition entry deadline Y4,5 and 6
Thursday 26 th March	Nursery Easter Performance for Parents – 11:00am and 2.30pm
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Term

Year 4

Seconds before the eruption had ended, I began to feel the air still
warm. The distant mountain seemed to be a distant ceiling, no mountains
in the sky. There was a thick black blanket of ash falling thick and wet
down the city. Several white clouds had been removed by the ash. The
roof of the dome was washed through the city. On the ground there were
large piles of debris. The once large streets were covered in ash. The floor
glazed on a broken table. The old bridge buildings stood like broken egg
shells.

As the distance the burning Moon Venus could be seen and not to it
not drifted down like water away but without the rays of the cold the sign
person in the air, like the human abundant and dense, the stone after
the sun on heavy over the sky like a head breath it was a terrible
trend.

Emily
Kingfishers

It was a public day, and I find it a really organised market. It was very calm and a fairly pleasant but opposite the gloomy day, was actually sunny, and all the members were very kind. It was very peaceful. I soon wanted to leave with a group of people from camp nearby and shared a "Smile with the outside" they passed. It was the best day ever for me.

Everyone was running their own business but noticing the gentle rumble under their feet. Dogs suddenly started chasing people and barking for a special reason. People started kicking them away, then the cars joined in. They tried to warn the people of Pompeii but no one took any notice of them. Cars crashed and smashed. Birds came from overhead and the strong, helical leader squeaked and landed on people's heads. Suddenly below, small holes fell off the floors and it got dark. Small roofs blew away but everyone walked on in a daze. Today, trees stand quietly.

Seconds after the eruption, choking smoke was coming from the black ash. The smoke was like a monster. They looked down. They would see it. Pompeii was completely covered with a filthy layer of ash and dirt. It was completely destroyed. The black grey monster was a lingering haze. As the smoke was still, there was a little light and it was as if from a fire. There were shattered houses and broken windows. It was a desolate landscape. Here once beautiful city of Pompeii was memory. In its place was a scene of utter devastation.

Ayla
Kingfishers

All of a sudden, there was a big bang! Mom & I were both startled. After that noisy explosion, the place was left in a eerie silence. You could hear faint screams in the distance. The sky looked lifeless and deadly. The once busy street was now dead - deserted. It felt very empty and large. Little puddles of lava ran in small holes. It also felt very warm, like a warm orange, hot sun. A hot. Luckily enough, everyone got away in time. It had now an unhappy, dusty street. It was awfully broken down and as far as a house. Surprisingly too quiet... It was a 3 hit as an even Nobody was ever seen there again.

Emma
Woodpeckers

There was a lovely local market with lush evergreen pine trees in the background. There was a scent of the freshness of the light-grey delicious-looking white pots in a rectangular water basket. There was also a oven full of deliciously-baked bread. Everyone was chatting along the stone path and the shopkeepers were talking to the kind customers. It was a very calm, welcoming market.

Everything was perfect in the beautiful town of Pompeii. Was it actually? Birds squawked a warning to the people down below before heading to the shore. Cats jumped to any hiding place and squealed alarmingly. Dogs were whispering in corners and surprising everyone. Something peculiar happened... There was an almighty rumble and the once-perfect town of Pompeii started its moulds of ash and rubble. Everyone was terribly alarmed and rushed to sea. It appears that Pompeii was not a perfect town...

After the chaotic eruption from Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii was no more. There was no furniture, compacted mounds of choking ash and the dotted silhouette of Mount Vesuvius still releasing thin strips of smoke from its top. The atmosphere was sad and eerie because there was no more market stalls, shops, houses and other buildings, everything slowly but surely being buried. It was like looking to a future if they were invisible but birds still there, a reminder of the life that has now passed. It was too silent, possibly dead. It was as silent as a Super hot sauna.

Noah F

Woodpeckers

In the quiet town, wonderful market, citizens wandered around under the scorching brightly lit sun. You could feel the heat of the scorching sun on your skin. The smell of the circle, red pizza caught my mind. It was not attractive. There was no market, or was there?

Everything was perfectly fine in the city of Pompeii, well before we knew it. Suddenly walls started vibrating. Suddenly dogs started barking as if something bad was about to happen. Then cats were leaping and hissing while trying to escape the city of Pompeii. Then birds started to chat with the other birds or maybe they were trying to warn the people about what was about to happen. But then they smelt ash like their was a fire or volcano erupting on the city of Pompeii. Was there really one?

After the eruption, the black lifeless sky was full of ash. Pompeii used to be a calm, peaceful place. Suddenly, a thick, grey blanket covered Pompeii, but buildings, people, and charred remains were visible. There was nothing here anymore, no voices, you could only hear the crackling lava covering Pompeii. It was like an abandoned playground. You could feel the heat touch your face. The once beautiful Pompeii was now a nightmare.

Toby

Woodpeckers

Months after the eruption, black, piggy smoke still lingered. The clouds were grey like wet wool. Half of the demolished houses were as broken as a child's toy. Thick, black toxic smoke surrounded Pompeii. There were frozen people buried like statues in the ashes. The wind was howling like a wolf. In the darkness, the suffocating smoke was everywhere. It was a scary and desperate scene. A cold and icy wind blew through the scene.

Oliver

Kingfishers

Achievements Out Of School

A huge well done to Maddie in Badgers. One of Maddie's Brownie challenges was to raise money for a charity of her choice. She chose Pudsey and made a lot of resin Christmas decorations which she sold at the Brownie Christmas Fayre. She managed to raise £62 which is fantastic!



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