



Tollerton Primary School

Newsletter



July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of another academic year. The end of a school year is a good opportunity for reflection, to think back over the successes and the highlights of the year – there have been many. The trips, the visitors, so many sports fixtures and some wonderful FOTS events which have all been a wonderful chance to build those all important relationships in our community. We have also found time to squeeze in some learning!

This last term has been busy with so much packed into the fair weather months, and we have been so lucky to be able to do so much outside. We are so very lucky to have such fantastic outside space.

Sporting Endeavours



We are always really proud of the way our children represent our school. Not only do they perform brilliantly, they do so with such fantastic positivity and sportsmanship. On top of the standard fixtures

we have had a girl's football festival, a scatterball and rounders festival and a cricket tournament in the last few weeks. We are really hopeful that as we move into the next year we will start a Tollerton cricket team so that we can compete in both football and cricket school leagues.

Recent trips and residentials

Our Year six children enjoyed their residential to Newby Whiske where they enjoyed a fantastic week packed full of outdoor pursuits. The staff really enjoyed the company of the children who demonstrated such courage when stepping out of their comfort zones during some of the activities.

Our year 1 children enjoyed a trip to Twycross Zoo, Year 3 ventured to Southwell minster and our Reception children had a fabulous day at Wollaton Park.

A huge thanks to the staff who spent lots of time planning and staffing these trips, they are a really important part of the educational experience.



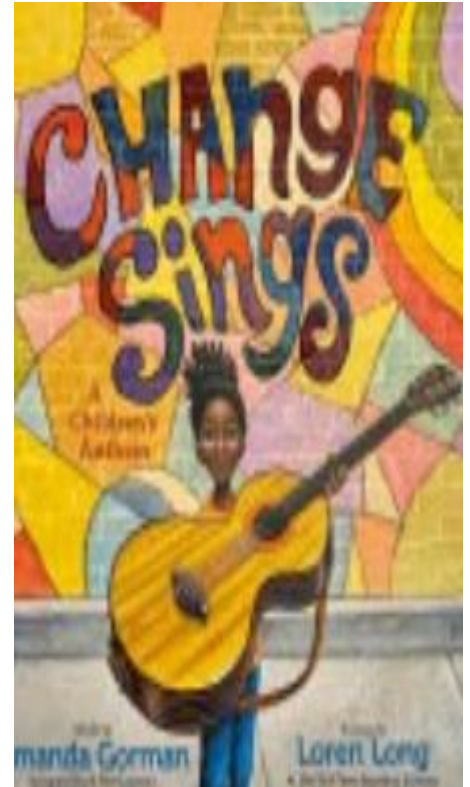
Out and about during fieldwork week

A large part of the geography curriculum in schools is fieldwork. This year we had a fieldwork week where children had the opportunity to explore our school grounds and our local area. A big thankyou to Mrs Westgate for organising!



Transition

We have done transition slightly differently this year to enable teachers to build relationships with their new classes in different ways. We had a whole school transition day where children spent the whole day with their new teacher. We had a lovely book that we used across school called 'Change Sings' to inspire some art work and some written work ready for display in the children's new classrooms. We also had Boots and Brambles sessions for each class with their new teacher. This was a fantastic way for us to get to know each other outside of the classroom environment, being together in the woods was a really fantastic way for us all to spend some time.



A huge congratulations

I'm thrilled to be able to offer the most heartfelt congratulations to Mr Isted who along with his wife welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Isla Robyn Lee-Isted, into the world on Tuesday 22nd July. What a wonderful start to their summer as a newly established family of three. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Isted back in September with plenty of coffee!

Some sad goodbyes

Our wonderful Year 6 children leave us on Friday, ready to set off to pastures new. They are a special bunch, and I know for a lot of the staff who've been at Tollerton for some time it has been a joy to watch their journey. We were so proud of their performance in their end of year Gogglebox show. They were confident, funny and showed some fantastic creativity. A huge round of applause to Miss Massie for writing the script, making the costumes and props and for coaching the children through their preparations, it was a hit!

Good luck Year 6, we are cheering you on from Tollerton as you take your next big important steps, we think you are all fantastic!

A very exciting new purchase

Mrs Gordon has just posted a video of one of our children saying a big thankyou for something we have bought in school. Thanks to a huge donation from FOTS we have been able to buy our new stage which will be ready for all of our wonderful performances next year. Thankyou to all who have come to or contributed to the events throughout the year!

Smartphone Free Childhood

Below is a message from the Smartphone Free Childhood Group:

Hi, we just want to introduce the Smartphone Free Childhood Tollerton parents group. It's a friendly non-judgemental group where those of us who are concerned about the impact of smartphones on our children can share information and ideas about how to help our kids navigate digital technology safely into secondary school. If you'd like to join us head to <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/get-involved> where you can join the WhatsApp group.

On this website you can also get tips on how to ease your child into digital independence with non-smartphones, how to talk to your child about the issue and sign the Parent Pact along with over 145000 other parents who are choosing to delay giving their child a smartphone. We are all navigating unknown territory and trying to balance what is best for our kids, and it's easier when we come together so we'd love to have you join us 😊

Some reminders for next year.....

Uniform – Children should come to school in full Tollerton uniform each day. This includes grey trousers, black or grey school skirts or summer dresses, white polo shirts and a dark green jumper. This does not need to be a branded Tollerton one, but does need to be the correct colour. Children should wear black school shoes. Smart plain black trainers are fine.

PE kit can be worn on PE days (Years 1-6) you will be informed of PE days when you are back in September. This should consist of black shorts of an appropriate length, black leggings or joggers if it is cold and a plain white t-shirt. Again children should wear plain black trainers or plimsolls. Girls should tie their hair back for PE for health and safety purposes.

Jewellery – Jewellery should be minimal. If children have pierced ears they should wear a pair of plain studs, no hoops. Earrings should be removed or covered for PE. A watch is allowed although please no smartwatches.

Lunchboxes – A reminder that lunchboxes should be as healthy as possible and there should be no nuts (including peanut butter and Nutella) as we have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies.

Attendance and punctuality – School doors open at 8.45 and children must be in class for the register at 8.55. From September fining for poor punctuality and term time holidays will come into effect. If children miss ten sessions (5 days) in a rolling ten week period schools are required to issue a penalty notice through the local authority. Please see the Trust attendance policy on the website for further details.

A few final words

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past year, it is a privilege to be part of the Tollerton community. A huge thank you to everyone for the kind gifts that the staff and I have received, we never expect anything but are so appreciative of your generosity.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer holiday with your lovely children and we will look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

Best wishes,

Mrs Smith