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Toftwood Infant and Junior School Federation

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Diary Dates

Please see below for the dairy dates already planned for next term.

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Mon 6th January	Staff Training day – schools closed to pupils	
Tuesday 7th January	Schools reopen to pupils at 8.40 am	
Thursday 16th January	Year 1 dance and story telling workshop	
Friday 17th January	Year 2 dance and story telling workshop	
Thursday 23rd January	3.30 – 4.30 Book Fair in the Junior Hall	
Friday 24th January	3.30 – 4.30 Book Fair in the Junior Hall	
Monday 27th January	3.30 – 4.30 Book Fair in the Junior Hall	
Tuesday 28th January	3.30 – 4.30 Book Fair in the Junior Hall	
Friday 31st January	Reception Well Being session with Ellise Owen	
Week beginning 3rd February	National Storytelling Week	
Week beginning 3rd February		Year 6 residential to Thorpe Woodlands
Wednesday 5th February		Year 5 and 6 sportshall competition for selected children at UEA
Wednesday 5th February	2-3 Computing Workshop for parents/carers at the Infant school for all year groups	
Tuesday 11th February	9.15 – 11.30 Pre school activity morning for all children due to start school September 25	
Wednesday 12th February	Wellbeing sessions with Ellise Owen For Years 1 and 2	
Thursday 13th February		Year 3 and 4 PE event for selected children
Friday 14th February		Wellbeing sessions with Ellise Owen for Years 3-6
Friday 14th February	School closes at 3.15 (Infants) and 3.25 (Juniors) for half term	
Monday 24th February	Schools reopen to pupils at 8.40 am	
Thursday 6th March	World Book day – details to be confirmed nearer the time	
Thursday 6th March	Online booking opens at 5 pm for online parent/carer consultations	
Friday 7th March		Possible Years 3-6 girls' football event for selected children

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Friday 7th March	Federation open afternoon from 2-3 for parents/carers to come and look at books ahead of parent consultations No younger children in the classrooms due to space, but please ring ahead to the office if you need to bring younger children and we can arrange a space for you to look with your child at their books.	
Monday 10th March	Year 1 and 2 Cricket festival for selected children at UEA	
Thursday 13th March	Parent consultations online 4-7	
Monday 17th March	Parent consultations online 4-7	
Wednesday 19th March	Active maths festival at Dereham Leisure Centre for selected pupils	
Friday 21st March	World Poetry Day	
Wednesday 26th March	9.15 – 11.30 Pre school activity morning for all children due to start school September 25	
Friday 28th March	Dance show – details to be confirmed by those who run dance clubs	
Wednesday 2nd April		Junior Rocksteady Concert at 10am
Thursday 3rd April	Infant Rocksteady Concert at 10am	
Thursday 3rd April		Year 3 and 4 non football club festival for selected children at Goals in Norwich
Friday 4th April	School closes at 3.15 (Infants) and 3.25 (Juniors) for half term	
Wednesday 23rd April	Schools reopen to pupils at 8.40 am	

Christmas Performances

Thankyou all for coming to our Christmas performances. With over 500 children performing over seven school days it was a really magical (and busy) time.

Thank you to all the staff for their work in ensuring everyone could join in, to the families for sending in costumes and most of all to the children who all did an excellent job of entertaining everyone. They really showed our school values of resilience and collaboration.

We hope you all enjoyed being a part of our Christmas celebrations in our schools.

Lost Property

Mrs Knox put out all of the lost property at the end of the performances and we still have a mountain of jumpers, hats, coats etc. these are all unnamed.

These will now go into our pre loved uniform for families to buy or swap.

We do now have several coats, so if your child needs a new coat, please check if we have one to fit.

You can email Mrs Knox with a request on fedadmin@toftwoodfederation.co.uk and she will be able to assist you.

You can also swap items your child has grown out of for the next size up if we have them in stock.

SRB Updates

We had our planning exhibition for our SRB and only had two local people come to look! The build is now due to start in July and open now in January 2026.

Goodbye and Good Luck

On Friday we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Yeoman and Mrs George. They have both been with us for many years and we thank them for all of their work for us and wish them well for the future.

In January Miss Jenna Ray will be joining us as our new assistant Head, and Mrs Jade Sprought will join us as a TA in HP4.

We look forward to working with them both.

Change of Menu

On the first day back after Christmas, there will be a change of menu due to deliveries being restricted. The packed lunch menu will be cheese sandwiches.



Poppy Collection

Thankyou to everyone who made a donation to the poppy appeal collection this year.
At **Infants** we collected **£213.39** and at **Juniors** we collected **£440.21** giving a grand Federation total of £653.61. That is a tremendous donation for their good work. The Junior total was the highest donation total in the whole area.

Lunch Money

Can all junior parents/carers please make sure they pay any lunch arrears before we come back in January as the catering company requires those funds. Please do top up accounts before we return.

Last day of Term

On Friday, remember it is the children's chance to sparkle and shine and come in non uniform. This should be suitable for school, no heels, short skirts or short shorts, crop tops etc This is a just for fun day, and we will be having an end of term assembly for the children which includes a Christmas Quiz!

Christmas Celebrations

At the end of a very busy term, we look back on what we have been up to.
As well as the Christmas performances, every child attended a Christmas year group party.
All of the children joined in the festive lunch today, and a huge thankyou to all of the staff who got that ready and served hundreds of children!
We have enjoyed special visits and visitors also to enhance our learning and look forward to more in the future.
A huge thankyou to all of the staff, governors, families and children for all of their commitment to our children and our schools. It has been a pleasure to work with you all and we look forward to a bright New Year!
Thankyou also to our families for the lovely cards, messages and gifts; they are much appreciated.

Wishing you all a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas

Joanna Pedlow