



TEALBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Aspire, Believe, Achieve'

Headteacher: Mrs Z Humberstone

Autumn Term Newsletter 1

Friday 5th September 2025



We are delighted to welcome all our children and families back to Tealby School for the start of an exciting new school year. A very special welcome goes to our new pupils and families who are joining our school community for the first time – we are so pleased to have you with us.

This year promises to be filled with wonderful learning opportunities, new challenges, and plenty of memorable moments.

Our dedicated staff have been busy preparing classrooms and activities to ensure every child feels inspired, supported, and ready to achieve their very best.

We look forward to working together with you all to make this year a happy, successful, and rewarding one for all.

Here's to a fantastic start and a year full of curiosity, creativity, and kindness!

Goodbye and good luck Mrs Osborne!

We would like to say a heartfelt goodbye and good luck to Mrs Osborne, who has left us after securing a well-deserved promotion in the summer term. Mrs

Osborne has been a steadfast and supportive presence in the school office, ensuring everything ran smoothly and efficiently for children, parents, and staff alike. While we will miss her here at Tealby School, we are proud of her achievement and wish her every success in her new role.

We are also pleased to let you know that we have successfully appointed a new member of staff, who will be joining our team very soon. We look forward to sharing more details and introducing them properly in our next update.



educationhub/prime-ministers-letter-to-parents-and-carers



installed along the Woodland Trail. These posts are a fun way



for children to make tree bark rubbings,

and all that's needed is ordinary paper and a few wax crayons. If you'd like your child to have a go next time you visit, please do bring some along!

Village Green Update

We're excited to share that, alongside a new finger post to help families explore more of the Village Green, four **tree rubbing posts** have now been



Why School Attendance Counts (and What the Rules Say)

At Tealby School, we know every school day helps your child grow—academically, socially, and emotionally. Under the School Attendance Regulations 2024,

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

our record-keeping and attendance practices are more precise than ever. **Here's what that means for you and your child:**

1. Registers: we take both morning and afternoon attendance registers electronically, using updated national codes for every absence.



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2. Absence Explained—Let Us Know

If your child is unwell, your message is usually sufficient to authorise their absence. Medical evidence is only requested in rare cases.

4. Permissions: Only

Absences like family holidays or special events require prior approval and permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. The headteacher will use the statutory guidance to approve or decline.

5. Data-Sharing for Support and Safeguarding:

We have to share absence data with our local authority and the DfE—if a pupil misses 10 consecutive sessions (5 school days) or has frequent unexplained unauthorised absences Lincolnshire County Council will likely issue a Penalty Notice.

6. Penalty Notices & Consequences

From August 2024, fines for unauthorised absences increased to £80 if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid later, and each parent is capped at two such fines within three years. Persistent absence may lead to fines up to £2,500, parenting orders, or court action

1 I'm a parent and I want to take my child out of school for a half or full day.
Any absence must be recorded on an absence request form. The form enables us to communicate whether an absence will be authorised or unauthorised. Holiday requests will not be authorised. If your child will miss 5 school days, they will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £80 per parent, per child, if you pay it in 21 days, otherwise it is £160.

For each child a penalty is given...

+£80 +£80 +£80 +£80

4 children & 1 parent = £320
Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

For a family of 2 parents & 2 children

+£80 +£80

£160 x2 = £320
Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?

Photos on Facebook? Foreign mobile dial tone? Other children talking about your holiday? Amazing sun tan? Home visit shows no-one at home?

Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!

2 What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?

No, not anymore. If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised then...

2nd TIME
2 parents and...
1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280
NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

3rd TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken forward for prosecution. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.
1 parent & 2 children = £5,000
2 parents and 2 children = £10,000

3 What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice?

If your child is absent (or late after registers) for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to issue penalty notices / prosecution.

PENALTY!

So, half a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks (across years or terms). If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

4 What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?

Examples of unauthorised absences

A family member or child's birthday
Shopping for uniforms
Inadequate clothing for school
Child being used as a carer
Problems with transport
Visiting relatives abroad

Sickness of parent or sibling
Sibling's school closed
Refusing to attend, but able to
Poor family organisation
Family holidays
No absence request completed
Non-essential appointments

Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given.

Please click on the link for a larger version

<https://www.tealby.lincs.sch.uk/safeguarding/attendance.html>

School Day Timings:

Class 1: 8.45-8.55am and 3.15pm

Class 2: 8.40 – 8.50am and 3.15pm

Class 3: 8.40 – 8.50am and 3.10pm

Class 4: 8.35 – 8.45am and 3.05pm



Friday 12 th September	Year 3 Swimming starts at Wragby Swimming Pool
Thursday 18 th September	Forest School Y5
Thursday 25 th September	Forest School Y5
Friday 26 th September	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Event 2.30pm
Thursday 2 nd October	Forest School Y5
Friday 3 rd October	A book and a biscuit event in school 2.30pm
Wednesday 8 th October	Flu vaccinations NHS
Thursday 9 th October	Forest School Y5
Monday 13 th October	Parents Evening
Tuesday 14 th October	Parents Evening
Friday 23 rd October	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 5 th November	Gardening afternoon and Annual Bonfire event
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need – Non uniform and donations on the school gate
Friday 5 th December	Community Christmas Crafts Afternoon – Whole School 1.15 – 2.45pm
Tuesday 9 th December	School Nativity performance for parents – Tealby Church 2pm
Friday 12 th December	Final Swimming session
Tuesday 16 th December	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Party Day – Non uniform
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Carols at Tealby Church 2pm Break up for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 6 th January	Back to school