TOWNGATE PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEK!

A Fond Farewell to Mrs Hartley

We are sending a huge, heartfelt thank you and farewell to Mrs Hartley, who will be leaving us after 5 and a half wonderful years at Towngate.

During her time with us, Mrs Hartley has made a massive difference to school life and touched the lives of so many children across all year groups. From providing a warm, welcoming start to the day at Breakfast Club to keeping children entertained and cared for at After School Club—as well as supporting a wide range of pupils during the school day—she has been an invaluable member of our Towngate team.

She will be greatly missed by children, staff, and parents alike. Please join us in wishing Mrs Hartley the very best of luck in her next chapter!

SEND Coffee Morning – Tuesday 8th December

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join Miss Darby for our upcoming SEND Coffee Morning on Tuesday 8th December, from 2:15pm to 3:15pm.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

As the cooler weather sets in, we want to make sure all of our students stay cosy and comfortable during outdoor play! Please remember to send your child with appropriate warm outerwear each day, including a heavy coat, hat, and gloves as temperatures continue to drop. Layering is especially helpful for chilly mornings that warm up by afternoon. To help us ensure missing jackets and accessories make their way back to you, please be sure to clearly label all clothing tags with your child's name.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Please note that all lunchtime and after-school clubs will continue running as scheduled into the next upcoming half term. Parents and guardians can re-register their children directly through the Arbor App by navigating to **Activities › Clubs**. We will email when these will go live on Arbor next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

17.10.26	Early Years open morning 9.00am – 12.00pm	Prospective parents to Reception and Nursery are welcome to book a slot to vis our Early Years setting.
20.10.26	Parents/Carers consultation evening 3.30pm -5.00pm	ALL CLASSES
21.10.26	PTA Halloween Disco	Early Year: 2.00-3.00pm KS1:3.15-4.15pm KS2:4.30 – 5.30pm
22.10.26	Parents/Carers Consultation Evening 3.15pm – 6.00	All Classes
23.10.26	Break up today	All Classes

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



My name is Mrs. Phillips, and I joined the lunchtime team toward the end of the summer term. Throughout my career, I've always worked in roles centred around helping others, so joining our school community feels like a natural fit.

Outside of work, I love spending time with my grandchildren—playing silly games and going on fun outings together. When my husband and I get the chance, we love taking trips in our caravan, and whenever I need a quiet moment, you'll usually find me lost in a good book.

PARENT CORNER

Our attendance target is 97%, let's take a look at the attendance each class has achieved this week.

Nursery	100%	Year 3	97.86%
Reception adventures	97.62%	Year 3/4	96.07%
Reception explorers	99.05%	Year 4	97.93%
Year 1	99.23%	Year 5	93.33%
Year 2 RA	98.95%	Year 5/6	97.69%
Year 2 RU	100%	Year 6	96.4%

Star Of the Week

Year 3	Mahbeer
Year 3/4	Paisley
Year 4	Emily
Year 5	Mia
Year 5/6	Lucia
Year 6	Taylor

PEAKS OF THE WEEK

EYFS

Peak of the Week: Literacy Excellence!

Inspired by *The Leaf Man*, Reception have demonstrated fantastic literacy excellence! Pupils collected colourful autumn leaves and used brilliant descriptive vocabulary to describe their textures and colours—exploring whether they were smooth, shiny, or crunchy.

This week, the nursery children explored the poem *'Faces'*. They collaborated brilliantly to share their ideas and recreate the different facial expressions!

KS1

Peak of the week: Taking ownership!

This week, our pupils have been busy writing their very own postcards, which they can't wait to post to their families! Taking inspiration from the story *Meerkat Mail*, they wrote about different places around our school, sharing what they like about each one. We're so proud of the ownership they have shown in their writing!

LKS2

Peak of the week: Great collaboration in maths!

LKS2 have shown fantastic determination and focus in maths this week as they took on subtraction. The children have been working hard to master standard written methods, including exchanging, and applying their skills to solve multi-step word problems. We are incredibly proud of their resilience, positive attitudes, and the great progress they have made!

UKS2

Peak of the Week: Superb Team Spirit!

Our Year 6 pupils showed incredible support for one another this week as they tackled their assessments. They cheered each other on, encouraged everyone to try their absolute best, and proudly celebrated each achievement together as a team. Fantastic community spirit! Thank you to Year 5 for being so flexible in helping Year 6 do their best this week too!

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HEAD OF SCHOOL: **MRS LAURA POOLE**

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: **MRS SALLY O'DRISCOLL**

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