



September 12th

Tunstead Primary Newpage

Strong Foundations: Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

This week we'd like to share a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for their generosity in purchasing a brand-new cookery oven for the school. Their continued support makes such a difference, and this addition will open up so many exciting opportunities for our pupils. From baking bread to experimenting with healthy recipes, the oven will be at the heart of hands-on learning experiences for years to come.

We would also like to give a very special mention to Maria Thompson, who has worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to set up our brand-new Cookery Club. Maria's dedication, creativity, and enthusiasm has been truly inspiring, and she has put so much care into preparing engaging sessions that our pupils are sure to love. Cookery Club officially begins Monday 15th, and we can't wait to see—and smell!—what the children will be making.

Alongside this, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Meale, who will be working with Sycamore each week in Forest School. Having worked as a TA at St John's for many years, she brings a wealth of experience and will be a fantastic asset to the team.

Finally, a big thank you to Stephanie, our Champion Reader, who visits Conifer each week to read with the children. If you'd like to get involved in this valuable work, please do get in touch—regular reading with adults makes a huge difference to our pupils.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September

15th First session of Cookery Club
29th Friend's AGM meeting straight after morning drop off
- 2pm RSE parent information session (TBC)

October

2nd Street Food lunch promotion
8th Best of British lunch promotion
13-14th Birch level 2 Bikeability
14th & 15th New reception 2026 open mornings. Slots available between 9 and 11am.
17th Last Dance Club session
22nd Cluster Football tournament at St John's
- Halloween Disco
24th Last day of term

November

3rd Back to school

Class News and Attendance

SYCAMORE

97.78%

CONIFER

95.93%

BIRCH

100%

We have been learning about colour mixing in Art this week. Can you find the Primary and Secondary colours around your home this weekend?

Conifer class have enjoyed their first swimming session this week.

Birch class have worked hard this week and especially enjoyed their Science and Art lessons. They have listened to some of the Year 6 children making speeches in their application to be Head Boy/Head Girl and are excited about finding out today who has been given those roles.

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's Award

Taran for demonstrating High Expectations from day 1 of starting school- listening well, sitting beautifully and being kind to all around him.

Well done **Taran!**

Class Gold Book Award Winners

Sycamore - Lilly for her fantastic writing about the Gruffalo

Conifer - Violet for her resilience in learning her spellings

Birch - Leo has shown maturity and responsibility in helping out in class and throughout the school and has been a great role model for the younger children

House Points

1st - 240 **Buttercup**

2nd - 215 **Poppy**

3rd - 161 **Bluebell**

3rd - 152 **Honeysuckle**

Announcement of Key Student Roles

We are very pleased to announce that our new Head Boy and Girl will be **Leo** and **Maya**, with **Carlynn** being their Deputy. House Captains are **Stanley** and **James** for Poppy, **Mia-May** and **Connor** for Buttercup, **Grace** and **Markus** for Honeysuckle, and **Emerson** and **Kitty** for Bluebell. And finally, **Alex** and **Beres** are our new school Librarians. You have all demonstrated excellent behaviours around the school, and we are pleased to welcome you to your new roles within school.

Forest School

Sycamore Class were very busy at Forest School this week. They prepared their fabric with bands to be then dyed with blackberry juice.

The children picked their own apple snack from the tree.



Governor's News

The Governors of the Green Shoots Federation welcome you back to this new term. Governors are a group of volunteers who include parents, staff and members of the local community. Our main role is to promote ongoing improvements in standards across the school.

Our role is sometimes described as a 'critical friend'. We try to ask useful questions to gain a greater understanding of the school and support the school in a number of ways. Our staff work hard in order to give your children the highest quality of teaching based in an inclusive environment.

It's important as parents, you feel welcome in school. The Governors are always keen to seek the views of parents, please contact us through the school office. We feel extremely privileged to be part of life at Tunstead Primary School.

Dawn Kightley (Governor with SEND responsibilities)

