



Together Everyone Achieves More

Dear families,

As we come to the end of another busy term at Tollgate, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our whole school community. Despite the rather grey and wet weather we've all had to contend with, there has been so much fantastic work happening across the school. The children have shown great resilience, enthusiasm and curiosity - qualities that shine through no matter what the skies are doing outside.

It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout at our *Family Consultation Evenings*. These events are an incredibly important opportunity for families to learn more about their child's progress and their day-to-day experiences in school, and your engagement makes all the difference. I'm also hugely grateful to everyone who took the time to complete the family surveys. Your feedback is invaluable - capturing the parent voice so clearly, offering both encouragement and constructive thoughts about how we can continue to move the school forward together. It has been uplifting to read so many positive comments, and we look forward to working in partnership with you as we build on this strong foundation.

A special mention must go to our new PTFA team, who have hit the ground running this term. Organising the first school disco in years - and doing so early into their new roles - was no small task. It's fair to say it was a roaring success! The children's excitement and sheer joy at being together beyond the normal school day perfectly captured the spirit of our Tollgate community. A huge thank you to the PTFA and to all staff who supported the event. We can't wait to see many more PTFA events in the months and years ahead.

Thank you once again for your support throughout the term. I wish all our children and families a safe and restful break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting and productive term ahead.

Best wishes,

Mr Getty

Head of School





Volunteer Readers

In our recent Family Consultation Evening, we ran a survey that included a question about how regularly children read with an adult at home. For many of our children, they are only reading infrequently across the week.

We are currently on the lookout for members of our community who have time and interest in coming into school to read with children over the course of the week.

Please reach out to the school office to let them know if you are interested in a regular weekly slot reading with children across the school.

Ghana Trip

Last month a parent reached out to us as through her work she was heading to Ghana for a week to visit child & youth development initiatives associated with an international charity (Compassion).

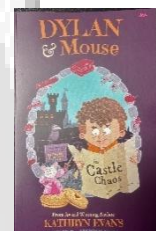
Mrs Wilson had the chance to take an extra suitcase of supplies and were able to donate a few bits of stationary and some exercise books.

Attached is a photo of the children gathered around the suitcase, and we understand they were very appreciative of our generosity.



Aim High Writers

Last Friday children took part in a story writing day at Oakwood Academy with an author, Kathryn Evans. The children behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. Some amazing book writing skills were learnt and budding authors created! A great time was had by all.



Safeguarding

In recent years, there has been a rise in the reported occurrences of CAPA (Child Against Parent Aggression) both nationally and locally.



CAPA First Response is an online platform for families impacted by child to parent abuse and professionals supporting them. At **Capa First Response CIC**, the challenges that come with child-to-parent aggression and harmful behaviours are understood. It is recognised that families often feel isolated, judged, and misunderstood.

CAPA First Response don't use the term 'abuse' because they recognise that these behaviours stem from complex factors, rather than intent to harm. Through **early intervention and pro-social modelling**, the intention is to help parents regain confidence and support all children develop healthier ways to express themselves.

CAPA First Response offer free support via online drop-in sessions, parent/carer groups and one-to-one support sessions.

Visit their [information page for families](#) and view their [resources for families](#).

SAFETY OFFICERS

IF YOU DO NOT FEEL SAFE OR YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE, YOU MUST TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST

MR GETTY

MR BERTHANE

MRS ALLEN

MISS BRODIGAN

MRS WILLGRASS

MRS WALLER

MISS BROCKMAN

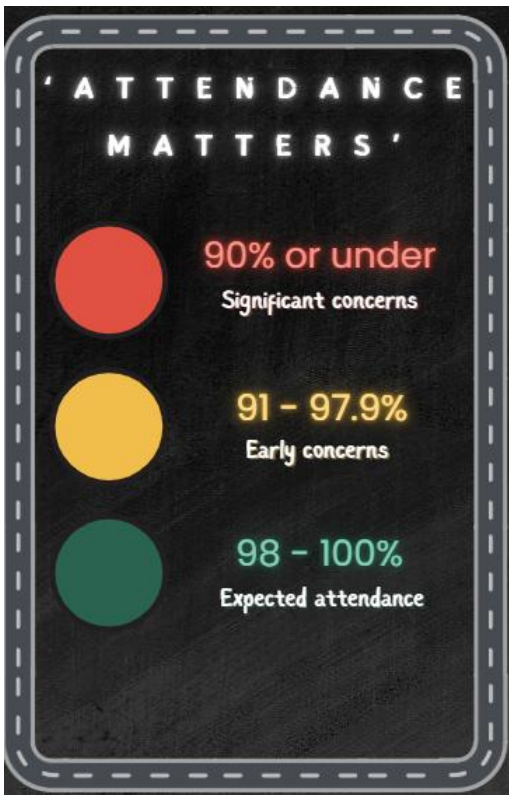
IF YOU HAVE ANY WORRIES, YOU CAN ALWAYS SPEAK TO ANY ADULT IN SCHOOL!

YOU CAN ALSO LEAVE WORRIES IN THE WORRY BOX

The poster features a blue background with a white shield icon containing a checkmark at the top left. The title "SAFETY OFFICERS" is in large white letters, accompanied by a high-visibility vest icon. Below the title are seven individual portraits of staff members, each with their name printed underneath. On the left, a white text box contains the instruction: "IF YOU DO NOT FEEL SAFE OR YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE, YOU MUST TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST". On the right, a white thought bubble contains the text: "IF YOU HAVE ANY WORRIES, YOU CAN ALWAYS SPEAK TO ANY ADULT IN SCHOOL!". At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a wooden crate labeled "YOU CAN ALSO LEAVE WORRIES IN THE WORRY BOX".

Attendance at Tollgate

Next term, we will be running a new Attendance Raffle for those who show excellent attendance (98% +) or a significant improvement from the term before (5% +).



Lates

From February 23rd, the school register will **close** at 9.20am. This means that any child arriving after this time will be given a mark of 'Late After Register Closes' which counts as an Unauthorised Absence, contributing to non-attendance figures.

We will be working closely with our families to continue reducing our number of children arriving Late in school and escalating this where necessary.

A Message from St Wilfrid's Hospice

We're inviting the local community to help shape a new art installation at St Wilfrid's Hospice in Eastbourne. Precious Pebbles encourages people of all ages to decorate a pebble - whether in memory of a loved one, to mark a special place or moment, or simply to share a colourful design or meaningful message. Supply your own pebble or collect one from the hospice. Pebbles should be dropped off at St Wilfrid's Hospice in Broadwater Way by 28th February. For more information, please visit www.stwhospice.org/preciouspebbles or email hospice@stwhospice.org



St Wilfrid's Hospice

PE Sessions after half term:

Class	PE days	
3I	Monday & Thursday	
3LT	Monday & Friday	
3T	Tuesday & Thursday	
4B	Monday & Friday	
4G	Monday & Thursday	
4T	Thursday & Friday	
5E	Monday & Tuesday	
5F	Tuesday & Wednesday	
5L	Monday & Wednesday	
6CW	Tuesday & Friday	
6P	Tuesday & Wednesday	
6S	Wednesday & Friday	



YEAR 6 LEAVERS PROGRAMME



2026



FAMILIES INVITED



23 FEB –
27 MAR
LEAVERS HOODIES
ORDER WINDOW



15TH
MAY
END OF SATS
CELEBRATION



10.30AM
15TH JUNE
LEAVERS' SERVICE
AT CHURCH



DATE TBC
JULY
LEAVERS' COLOUR
RUN



6-8TH
JULY
RESIDENTIAL TO
BUSHY WOOD



15TH – 17TH
JULY
LEADING THE SCHOOL
PRODUCTION



20TH JULY
6 – 8PM
LEAVERS' PROM



21ST JULY
9.15AM
LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY
IN SCHOOL

This week is the RSPB's Big School Bird Watch, children have made bird feeders and enjoyed watching and recording which birds have come to visit.



Tollgate is on Facebook

Exciting news, you can now find us on Facebook and we will be sharing updates and information about school life on here from now on, alongside our usual Arbor messages. Go give us a follow!



Tollgate Community Junior School

6 followers • 0 following
■ Primary school

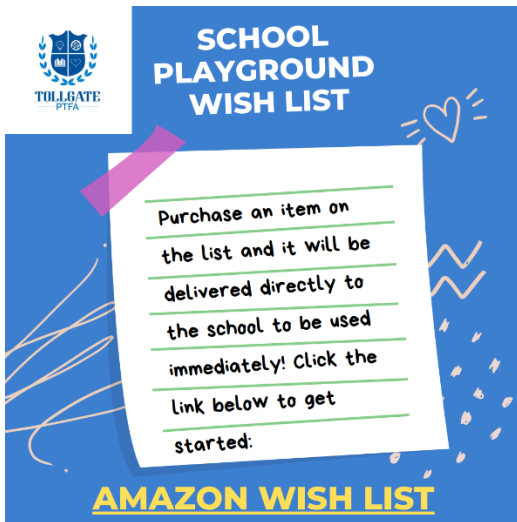


Mufti Money:

Today we raised £185.00 for the school fund. Thank you

Thank You

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1L7LKL8NKDOB3?ref_=wl_share



We are keen to reignite the central role of 'Community' at Tollgate Community Junior School. As such, we are hoping to find opportunities for members of our local community to visit school over the course of the year as volunteers, to run workshops or talks, or to help the school become involved in projects beyond the school that you may be aware of from work or other commitments.

This includes parents, carers, grandparents and extended family members of our school community. We will review all responses and reach out where answers align with the school's needs. Thank you in advance for helping with this important part of our school development.

[Family Survey: Skills, Talents, Careers – Fill in form](#)



Diary Dates



- Friday 13th February- Last Day of Term/ Mufti Day
- Monday 23rd February- Term 4
- Friday 6th March: World Book Day (reminder to dress up (Favourite Book Character))
- Friday 20th March: Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)