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5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer and are ready for the new term ahead. For any new families who have joined us, we would like to welcome you all to Torridon. It has been a wonderful first week and the children have settled in very well indeed. Curriculum leaflets have been issued to today so you can find out more about your child's learning by clicking on the link below:

[Curriculum Bulletins 2025](#)

Building on the success of our silver status for Rights Respecting Schools, this week we launched our whole school theme week *'Our Rights, Our Voices'*. The children have been learning about how our core values link to the UN convention on the rights of the child. We would like to invite you to come and see some of our learning after school on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. We would love it if you were able to pop in at pick up time.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our welcome meetings in the year 5 hall next week. This will be a chance for you to meet the teaching team and to hear about some of the learning which will be taking place this year. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

			Year Group Lead
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	Year 1	Nikki Dodd
	2.45pm	Year 2	Suraiya Malcolm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	Year 3	Shally Sharma
	2.45pm	Year 6	Lucinda Gower
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	Year 4	Claudia Roe
	2.45pm	Year 5	Ada Chinda

Please remember to check the 'dates for your diary' section of the newsletter regularly, we do not want you to miss any upcoming events.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you this academic year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



# Families Invited – Our Rights, Our Voices Exhibition

To start the new academic year, we are excited to launch our new whole school topic: “Our Rights, Our Voices”. Each year group will be diving into one of our core school values and linking it to UNICEF’s Article of the Child — helping children understand their rights and how they can use their voices to make a difference. To celebrate all of the amazing learning, we will be inviting you to our exhibition on



**Friday 12th September from 3:30–4:30pm.** We hope you can make it! 😊

## OPAL Play

We are delighted to welcome the children back for another fun-filled year of Opal Play! As we start off the new term, we are excited to introduce some fantastic new play features that are already sparking joy and creativity in the playground:

- **Obstacle Course** – encouraging movement, coordination, and teamwork
- **Giant Tic-Tac-Toe** – a playful twist on a classic game
- **Gladiators Arena** – safe, energetic fun for our budding champions (opening Monday 8<sup>th</sup>)
- As the **autumn weather sets in**, please ensure your child(ren) comes prepared for outdoor play. We kindly ask that all children bring: warm **coats**
- **Hats, gloves, and scarves**
- Waterproofs if possible – we play rain or shine!

Outdoor play is a vital part of the school day, and being dressed appropriately helps your child enjoy it to the fullest.



 **OUTDOOR PLAY**  
**AND LEARNING** 

# Friends of Torridon PTA - AGM Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September



Please join us for our Annual General Meeting on **Friday, 26th September**, 9-11am, at school. All are welcome! Come along and enjoy free refreshments, meet other parents and carers, learn about the PTA's activities over the last year, and help shape our plans for the year ahead. Our pre-loved uniforms will be available for an optional donation by cash or card.

Not able to stay for the full meeting? Looking after young children? No problem! Children are welcome, and all are free to drop in and out as needed. We'll circulate presentation slides and notes after the meeting.

Thinking of joining the PTA Committee? Find out what's involved [here](#).

Questions or suggestions? Email [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com).

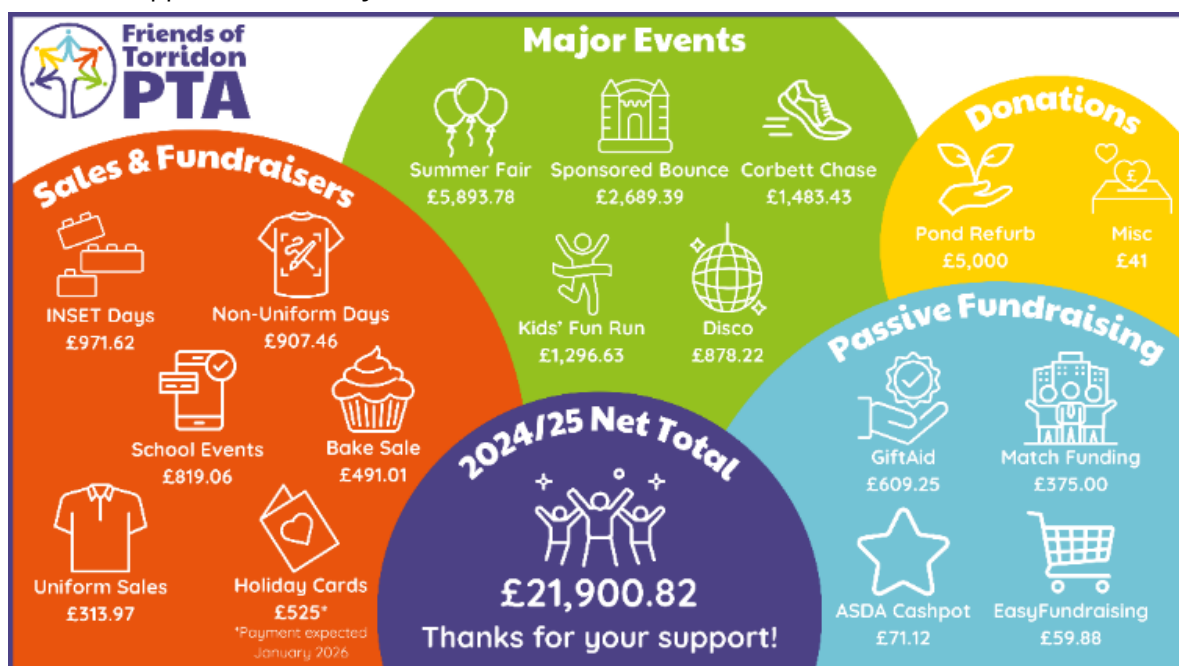
## Preloved Uniform Sale - Friday, 26th September

Stock up on uniforms at the PTA AGM at 9am on Friday, 26th September. We'll gratefully accept any item of official Torridon uniform, branded or unbranded, in good condition, free of stains holes, and freshly laundered. Bring donations along to the AGM, or drop them in PTA Donation Station outside the main school office.



## Why buy preloved?

- It's sustainable! Reduce consumption of new products by buying second-hand, and reduce waste by passing along items that still have life after child has outgrown them.
- It's affordable! All families should have access to high quality uniforms for their children, whether or not they can afford to buy new. PTA suggests a donation for items in our Preloved Uniform Sales, but payment is always optional.
- It supports the PTA! We use the funds we raise through sales and events to support the school and enrich the students' experience at Torridon. In previous years we've funded the climbing frames in the playground, trees and hedges around the school grounds, and the Creative Corner canopy. This year we're raising money for tablets and interactive whiteboards. We earmark 10% of all of our net proceeds to support vulnerable families.



## Morning Drop Off

Thank you for helping us to make sure the start of term ran so smoothly. The children have settled in beautifully and we are very proud of them.

From Monday, all children from Year 1 to Year 6 will make their way to class independently. Staff will be on the playground to accompany children who may need support in the first instance.

If you need to get a message to your child's teacher, please speak to the member of staff on the gate or email

[admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk). Staff will be very happy to speak to you over the phone or make an appointment to meet with you.

Thank you

## Fundrasing for the School

A number of our parents are running the Big Half this Sunday - and they are raising funds for the Friends of Torridon PTA.

Thank you to all the adults running. If you are able to donate please do so via the link below.



<https://www.gofundme.com/f/running-the-big-half-for-torridon>

Here are the names of the runners:

Tom: Alex and Eve's dad;  
Peter: Georgina's dad;  
Huong: Bernice's dad;  
John: Arlo & Luca's dad;  
Vince: Bobby's dad;  
James: Idris's dad





# Autumn Term Reminders

## PE kit

All classes are timetabled for PE and Dance lessons.



Year Group	Days
Year 1	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3	Monday and Friday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday and Friday

On PE days, children should come into school wearing appropriate clothing. For indoor PE, this should be black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, white T-shirt with or without the Torridon logo and trainers or plimsolls (preferably black).

## Walking home alone

Please note that we permit only children in year six to walk home alone after school. They will not be allowed to take responsibility for taking younger siblings home.

## Mobile phones



Children are only allowed to bring a mobile phone to school in year six if they make their own way home. Children may bring a phone with basic functionality (calls and texts) but will not be allowed to bring smartphones to school. The phone must be switched off before the child enters the school premises and handed into the adult in their classroom. The phone must not be kept in a bag or pocket. Smartphones, or phones that are not handed in, will be confiscated.

## Jewellery:

Stud earrings and watches are the only items allowed to be worn. SMART watches are not allowed in school, and will be confiscated if worn.

## Nut and Seed Allergies

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



THANK YOU  
for keeping our school safe!

Due to some children in school having a severe nut allergy and the risk this poses to their health and wellbeing, we cannot allow any nut-based products in school. Allergies like this can cause what is called an 'anaphylactic shock' and even very small quantities have the potential to be life threatening. This means that the children cannot bring anything into school for snack or in their packed lunches that contains nuts or traces of nuts. Please note, children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame.

## Party Bags

Due to some children in school having a wide range of allergies, we do not allow any party bags or cakes in school.

# Lewisham Foodbank Support



Torridon plan to support Lewisham Food Bank with their Harvest appeal this year.

We are asking for the following donations which can be handed to your child's class teacher or Kelley on the Reception gate.

Year group	Suggested items
Resource Base	Tinned meat or sweet treats
Nursery	Tinned fish or savoury treats
Reception	Tinned veg or jams/spreads
Year 1	Tinned tomatoes or toothbrushes
Year 2	Rice or deodorant
Year 3	Pasta or shower gel
Year 4	Baked beans or shampoo
Year 5	Cereal or toilet roll
Year 6	Tinned fruit or sanitary towels

Torridon Primary School are proud to support the Lewisham Foodbank and have worked closely with them since COVID to support many families in need within our community.

We hope to help as many families as we can this autumn so every single donation will make a difference.



# Summer Forest School



This Summer we launched our in-house Summer camp at Forest School and what a great 2 weeks it was!!

The weather was kind to us and we welcomed children from Reception -Year 6, even some children from local schools!

We explored, we crafted, we built dens, dams, mini ponds, swings, ladders, cared for stick insects, played games and enjoyed campfire snacks and stories.





## Reception Settling In

All the children have been amazing reception this week! They have settled in so well and had lots of fun exploring the environment and making friends!





## Year 1 – Community

Year 1 have enjoyed settling into their new classes this week. We have learned all about the routines in our new classrooms and have enjoyed learning at our new choosing stations.

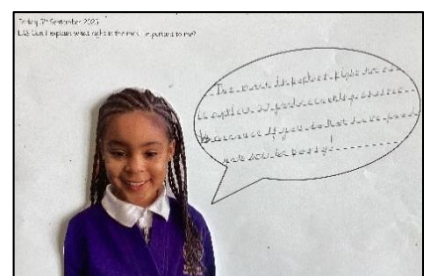
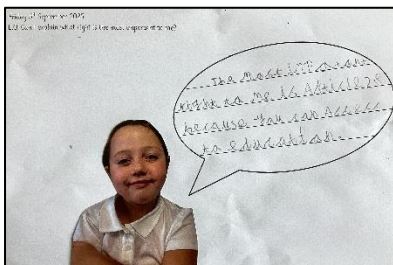
As part of the 'Our Rights, Our Voices,' theme week, we have been thinking about 'community' which is one of our school's core values. We learned that a community is a group of people who share the same interests, sometimes they work, live or help each other.

We drew the buildings that we notice in our community and used Lego bricks to build our homes.



## Year 2 – UNICEF Articles of the Child

This week, Year 2 have had lots of fun settling into their new classes 😊 We've also been busy celebrating the launch of our exciting new whole school topic: 'Our Rights, Our Voices'. As part of this, we explored the UNICEF Articles of the Child and had some great discussions about the rights that matter most to us. After looking through the articles, we chose the ones we felt were especially important to us and the reasons why we chose that article. Take a look at some of our lovely learning...



## Year 3 – Commitment to our Rights

In year 3, we have been looking at our rights and thinking about the UNCRC charter. We thought about how we can all feel safe, happy and healthy. As a year group we also thought about how we could protect our rights. Everyone made a promise to show our commitment to protect our rights.



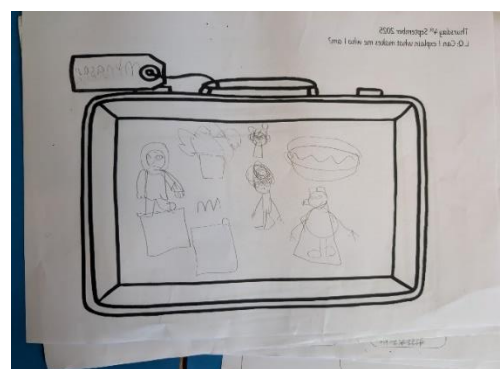
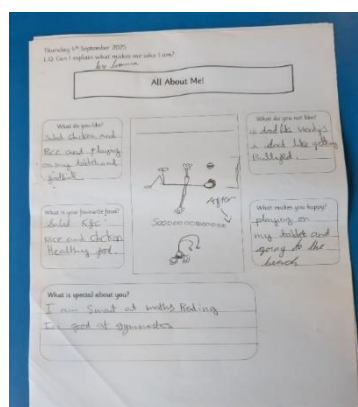
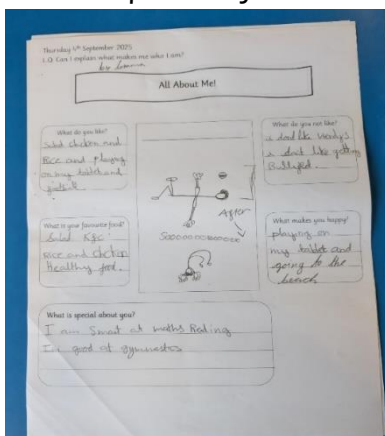
## Resource Base – Respect

It's been lovely seeing everyone back after the summer break, and we are especially pleased to welcome the new children who have joined the Resource Base. The start of the new school year has been full of positivity, energy, and a real sense of community.

This week, we have focused on getting to know one another—learning about our interests, strengths, and what makes each of us special.

We have also explored *respect*—what it means, how we show it to others, and why it's such an important value in our school.

We're so proud of how everyone has settled in and are excited for all the learning and fun the year ahead will bring!





## Year 4 – Excellence

As part of the 'Our Rights, Our Voices,' theme week, we have been thinking about which rights enable us to achieve our school's core value of **Excellence**.

We have been learning about someone who we think shows excellence in what they do – Sir David Attenborough. We think they he is excellent because he has learned a lot about animals and the natural world across his lifetime. He has used what he has learned to educate others through his nature documentaries. He has also used his voice to speak out about the devastating effects of climate change to urge others to act. Theses rights support us to do the same.



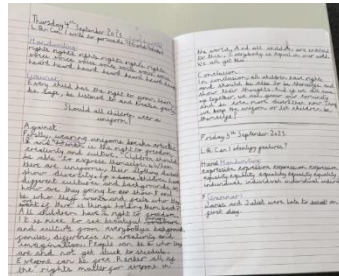
We have begun creating mixed media collages of David Attenborough to show his lifetime interests and achievements. We have used watercolours, pencils, newspapers, magazines to create them. We haven't finished them yet but we are looking forward to showing the final pieces at next Friday's exhibition.



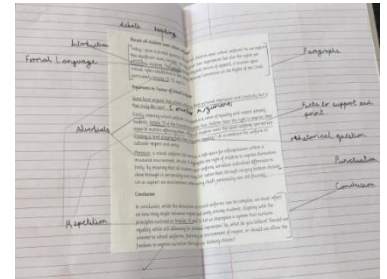


# Year 5 Writing

Feature	Purpose of the feature
Introduction	To let the reader know what the text is about.
Paragraph	To give a group of sentences.
Technical Vocabulary	To make sure words and sentences are linked to the topic and for look in and engage in audience.
Punctuation	To make sure the writing is understandable and not messy.
Rhetorical Question	To get the reader to think.
Conclusion	To get the reader to act and agree with you and help.
Emotive Language	To get the reader to feel some emotions and.
Formal Language	To get the reader to take the text seriously and to make it sound more formal.
Addressed To	To build action and to Conjunctions link the sentences together.

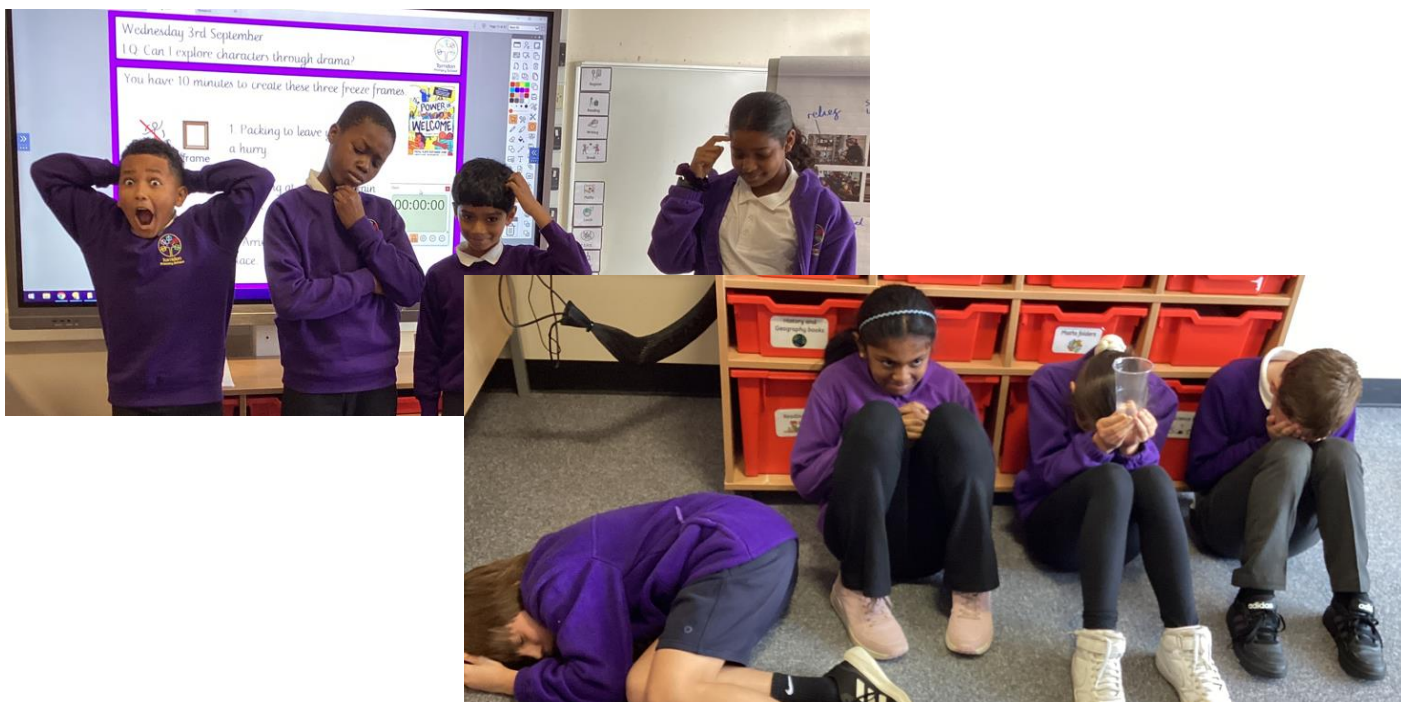


Year 5 started their theme 'Our Rights Our Voice' this week by exploring the UN Conventions of the rights of a child. They explored Articles 12, 13 and 14 which centres on freedom of expression, thoughts and diversity. As they are working towards writing a speech to persuade their audience on a global topical issue, they started with a cold write before moving on to exploring the text type and identifying the key features of a debate. They also went on to explain the purpose of each feature.



## Year 6 – Drama

In our writing, we are preparing to write in role as refugee children. We have used our knowledge from our reading lessons and research to explore characters through drama. We explored how refugee children would feel leaving their homes, travelling to an unknown country and beginning a new life in a safer place. We created freeze frames and had to carefully consider our body language and facial expressions.



# Forest School Developments

Darren Morgan, who is a former Torridon parent, donated an extremely generous amount of money to our school to regenerate the existing pond area as it was a special place for his son Oscar during his time at Torridon.

Over the Summer, Mike Collins, dad of Vivien 4K has been building a decking extension which will enable more children to access the area. Our new decking incorporates seating which opens opportunities for reflection and calm. There is also a new ramp for easy access.

New planters have been added behind the decking for us to create a sensory garden.

A water feature is under construction to create a calming atmosphere.

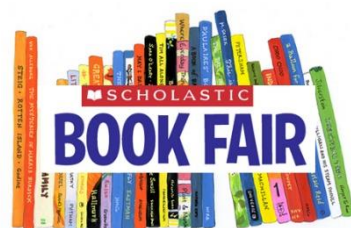
Over the Autumn months Mike will continue to develop areas around Forest School to create more planting.

We have such incredible people within our community, their kindness and generosity never cease to amaze us!



# Scholastic Book Fair

We are very excited to announce that we will be holding a Scholastic book fair next week and would like to invite you all to visit. We are hoping to sell as many books as possible, so that we can earn back FREE books for our reading room. Here are the dates and times you can visit our book fair:






Thursday 11th September – Wednesday 17th September – Year 3 and 4 hall – 3:15pm-3:45pm

## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 Year 1 welcome meeting for parents and carers 2.45 Year 2 welcome meeting for parents and carers
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 Year 3 welcome meeting for parents and carers 2.45 Year 6 welcome meeting for parents and carers
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 Year 4 welcome meeting for parents and carers 2.45 Year 5 welcome meeting for parents and carers
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Book Fair in the year 3 – 4 hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 5 and 6 Tri-golf tournament Our Rights, Our Voices Exhibition yr 5 hall
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 3 and 4 Tri-golf tournament
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	First weekly tour for prospective families
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Family coffee morning with the mental health schools team
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Friends of Torridon PTA AGM
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> / Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 trip to Museum of London Docklands
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 trip to Catford Braodway Theatre
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception and yr 6 flu immunisations
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>



# Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	98%		3A	96%		5A	95%	
1N	91%		3G	94%		5C	97%	
1W	88%		3S	86%		5V	99%	
2E	95%		4C	87%		6L	96%	
2S	95%		4K	92%		6LG	95%	
2SW	92%		4S	99%		6R	98%	

Well done to all the classes who won the attendance cup this week! It's been a great start to the first full week back!

## Attendance Matters



## Every Day Counts....



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Blue Class	The whole class	Everyone has settled well into Reception. Well done everyone
Red Class	The whole class	Everyone has settled well into Reception. Well done everyone!
Yellow Class	The whole class	We are so impressed with how all the reception children have settled in. Well done everyone!
1M	The whole class	For settling into Year 1 so beautifully! They have all worked hard to learn the new routines and have shown great effort in everything they do. Keep up the great work!
1N	The whole class	For coming into their new class with big smiles and lots of enthusiasm! Keep up the great work. 😊
1W	The whole class	For returning to school with such positive attitudes to school. Everyone has shown enthusiasm learning all about community, one of our core values. Well done 1W!
2E	The whole class	For settling into Year 2 so wonderfully. They have such positive attitudes towards their learning and are so enthusiastic and hardworking. Well done Year 2, keep it up! 😊
2S	Raul	For settling into Torridon Primary School so well. We are so happy to have you in 2S! 😊
2SW	The whole class	For settling into Year 2 so wonderfully. They have such positive attitudes towards their learning and are so enthusiastic and hardworking. Well done Year 2, keep it up! 😊
3A	Erin	For being an excellent role model for the whole class.
3G	Louie P	For his kindness towards his peers and for always being respectful to adults and children. Keep it up!
3S	Daisy	For making a fantastic start to year 3. Well done for trying hard with your learning.
4C	Anice	For making such an excellent start to the year and serving as a fantastic role model.
4K	Everyone	For showing an eagerness to learn and demonstrating excellent behaviour.
4S	Everyone	For trying their best to make a great start to year 4. Fantastic focus, polite manners and enthusiasm for learning. Well done!
5A	Emmaline	For being an excellent role model and displaying the core value of aspiration in all her learning this week. Keep it up!
5C	Everyone	Everyone has returned from the holidays with great focus and teamwork— well done to everyone!
5V	Everyone	For settling into year 5 amazingly well and displaying great behaviour for learning.
6L	Evan	You have already shown a good attitude to learning and have made a great effort with your presentation. Well done!
6LG	Julia	For having high expectations for her handwriting at the start of the term. She takes great care with her presentation, making her learning neat, clear and easy to read. Well done!
6R	Tommy	For contributing consistently and thoughtfully to class discussions and when collaborating with others. Well done.
Resource Base	Everyone	Everyone has come back with a positive attitude and a real aspiration to do well. It's been inspiring to see so much enthusiasm, focus and determination from the start. Keep it up!

# Term Dates 2025-2026



## Torridon Primary School



### AUTUMN TERM 2025

INSET DAYS	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025
First Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
INSET DAY	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026

### SPRING TERM 2026

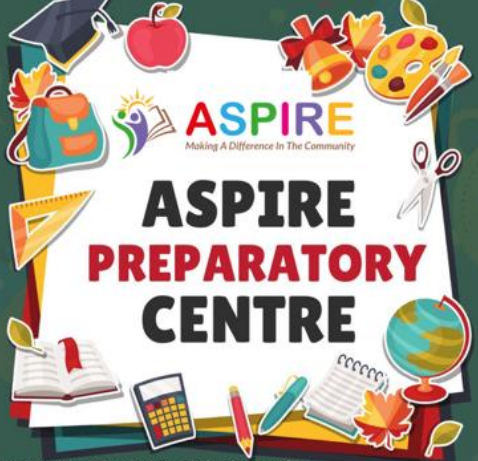
First Day of Spring Term	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
INSET DAY	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
EASTER HOLIDAY	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026

### SUMMER TERM 2026

First Day of Summer Term	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
Children do not come to school on INSET Days	



# Community Activities



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**DBS CHECKS**

## NEW YOUTH CHOIRS

**Junior Choir - Years 3-6**  
Tuesdays 4.30-5.45pm

The Junior Choir is for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and gives children who love singing the chance to come together and meet other like-minded singers. Whether they want to come with friends from school, or meet others from different schools, they can all come together every week to do something they love. We sing a range of music covering all sorts of styles, as well as lots of music that is written especially for children's choirs. We have high standards – but don't audition. We just ask that children are willing to work together in a group, and be open to singing anything!

**Senior Choir - Years 7-11**  
Tuesdays 6-8pm

The Senior Choir is for upper voices in Years 7-11. This choir sings more regularly in parts, and is open to girls and boys (with unchanged voices) and offers an inclusive space for all young people. The group doesn't audition, but loves to welcome anyone who likes to sing.




We love to sing a wide range of music, covering musicals, pop, folk and classical. The choir gives everyone the chance to make other like-minded friends, singing as they go.

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**Wednesday 10 September**



**14:00 - 14:45**