



# TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents,

### Staffing Update

Unfortunately, Katie has made the decision to resign from her post as our School Business Manager. We are all very grateful for the time and dedication she has given to our school community, and the support and hard work she has provided to staff, parents and children. Katie will still be around to help with the transition process in the weeks and months to come and a recruitment process to find her replacement will begin shortly.

### School Lunches

A gentle reminder that lunch orders for school meals must be placed at least 10 days early, so orders need to be placed today (Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September) in time for meals beginning the week of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you to everyone who has already responded to the text reminders we send out to support this process.

We are also seeking to appoint a lunchtime server to assist with the smooth running of our midday provision. This role involves setting up tables, collecting the food and serving meals, and would be for 1½ hours per day, Monday to Friday. An advert will be published shortly but, in the meantime, please do let us know if you are aware of anyone who might be interested.

### Change of Date – Harvest Celebration

Reverend Andrew has requested a change to the date of our Harvest celebration. This will now take place on **Wednesday, 15th October** at St James Church. The service will begin at 9:30 am, should last about 30 minutes and all the children will be performing, whether it is singing, speaking, or showing off their work.

### Young Voices

We will be attending the 2026 Young Voices concert at Manchester Coop Live Arena on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026. This trip is for children in Years 4 to 6 and, at this stage, we just need to finalise numbers. Children have been given letters today providing further details—please can parents complete the return slip to let us know whether or not you would like your child to attend. We need to submit final confirmation to Young Voices by next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### FoTSS Meeting: 25.09.25

The Friends of Temple Sowerby School (FoTSS) will be holding a planning meeting for their 2025-26 events on Thursday, 25th September at 7.00 pm in The Kings Arms in Temple Sowerby.

If you would like to organise or help out with FoTSS events or have some fundraising ideas, please do come along - everyone is welcome. With the recent Year 6 cohort leaving, we have lost a couple of our long-time supporters and also have a further couple of parents who have been organising many of the FoTSS events also stepping away.

We are always grateful for anyone who can spare any of their time to be involved with FoTSS events, as we can only make what we do work with parent support!

### Online Safety Newsletter

Finally, please find attached our Online Safety newsletter, giving the latest information on how to keep children safe online.

Kind regards,

Mr K Laithwaite  
Headteacher

**Important dates for this half-term:**

Date	Time	Event
Every Thursday	1.30pm	Guitar tuition
Every Friday	9.15–10.30am	Temple Sowerby Tots
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> September	12.15 – 2.45pm	Ultimate Frisbee – Year 5/6 – Bolton School
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> September	AM	QEGS Entrance Test (for Year 6 children who signed up)
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> September	PM	Tullie House Virtual Assembly – Romans
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> September	After school	Morland Area Primary – Football Tournament
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> September	PM	Hockey Festival – Years 2-4
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> October—new date</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Harvest Festival – St James' Church</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00–12.00pm	Screen Savvy Kidz – online safety workshop
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	5.00pm	Screen Savvy Kidz – parent virtual workshop
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> October	4.00 – 5.00pm	FOTSS Halloween Disco

**Key dates for remainder of the year:**

Date	Time	Event
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Afternoons	Swimming week 1 (Y1-6, Rec swimming to be arranged separately)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	Nasal Flu Immunisation
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Nativity performance in village hall (Pre-school, Rec, Y1)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Christmas Service – St James' Church
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Afternoons	Swimming week 2 (Y1-6, Rec swimming to be arranged separately)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Leave in morning	Young Voices (date awaiting final confirmation)
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00 – 5.00pm	FOTSS Spring Disco
Week beginning Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Mornings	SATs Week – Year 6
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	After school	Temple Sowerby Kwik Cricket tournament
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4-6 Residential trip
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	PM	Sports Day
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	All day	Transition Day (awaiting final confirmation)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	After school	FOTSS Summer Barbecue
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Summer trip – whole school (awaiting final confirmation)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July		Leavers service (AM) and end of term service (1.30pm)