

Welcome to Tithe Barn Primary School



School Information for New Parents

2022-2023

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THE SCHOOL DAY

School starts	8.50
Morning Break	10.30 – 10.50
Reception Lunchtime	11.50 – 13.00
Reception Afternoon Break	14.00 – 14.15
End of School	15.10



It is very important that you bring and collect your child on time; if you are unavoidably detained you must contact the School (Tel. 0161 432 4941).

CAR PARKING

Following concerns about the safety of our pupils, parents are asked not to park in, nor walk through the staff car park when bringing or collecting children. Instead please ensure you walk in through the main blue gates and follow the path round.

Tithe Barn Primary Term Dates 2022-2023

Term	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn 1	Monday 5 th September	Friday 21 st October
Autumn 2	Tuesday 1 st November	Thursday 22 nd December
Spring 1	Monday 9 th January	Friday 17 th February
Spring 2	Monday 27 th February	Friday 31 st March
Summer 1	Monday 17 th April	Friday 26 th May
Summer 2	Monday 12 th June	Wednesday 26 th July

May Day Monday 1st May 2023

School Inservice Days

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 31st October 2022

Friday 23rd December 2022

Thursday 27th July 2023

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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- Royal blue school cardigan or sweatshirt
- White or yellow or school polo shirt
- Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers
- Pale blue or yellow checked summer dress (Summer term only)
- White or grey socks/tights
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Black shoes (no trainers)

Items are available from supermarkets, most large department stores and locally from:

Stockport School and Sports Wear, Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Moor, Stockport SK4 4NZ, Tel: 0161 442 8834 or MCS Stores, 220 Fog Lane, Didsbury, Manchester M20 6EL, Tel. 0161 445 7740



All children will also need an outdoor coat every day.

P.E. and Games

In the interest of safety and hygiene, children must change for P.E. and Games, remove any jewellery and tie back long hair. Each child should have a named PE bag, which is to be left in School and taken home each half term. The PE bag should contain the following equipment:

Black shorts and white T-shirt
 Black sweatshirt for outdoors
 Black pumps/trainers

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled, including coats, shoes and pumps/trainers.

ABSENCES

Absences due to illness

If your child is ill at home and will not be attending school you must call the School Office (Tel. 0161 432 4941) before 9.30am in order for them to be marked correctly in the register. You can leave a message using option 1. If we don't receive a reason for the absence the days are classed as unauthorised.

Requests for leave of absence

Requests for leave of absence during term time should be submitted on a form (available from the School Office). There will of course be genuine reasons for requiring time off school but please note that both the school and the Local Authority take the issue of school attendance very seriously. Leave during term-time will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

One of the most common requests for absence from school is a family holiday. Although we acknowledge that there may be financial considerations, taking holidays during term time has to be balanced against the effects on pupils' progress in school. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, leave for the purposes of a holiday will not be authorised.

Parents need to be aware that unauthorised absence could result in Education Penalty Notice fines (of £60 rising to £120 per parent per child) being issued by the Local Authority. Please note that Education Penalty Fines can still be issued even where a pupil's attendance record is otherwise good.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Dolce School Dinners



All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a free school meal, i.e. the Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme (UIFSM).

Our school meals are provided by 'Dolce'. Dolce use a computerised ordering and payment system called Live Kitchen which – once set up with an account - allows parents to go online, order meals from home and view recipes and ingredient information.

If your child has older siblings in school you may already have a Live Kitchen account and you don't need to do anything. Otherwise you will need to activate your Live Kitchen Account. You will be sent information explaining how to do this in due course.

Pre-Ordering

We ask that parents pre-order their child(rens) meals online at home (although it is possible to select meals at school on an interactive whiteboard in the classroom). If you would like to see sample menus please go to <https://www.dolce.co.uk/parents/>. Please note that you must pre-order your meal *by 9am* on the day that the meal is required.

What happens at lunchtime?

Children select their name on the red touch screen at the serving hatch. Their meal choice is displayed to the cook, as well as any dietary needs. The children will of course be helped with this especially during the first few weeks.

Packed Lunches

If you would prefer your child to bring a packed lunch, this should be in a secure lunchbox, clearly labelled with your child's name, and should not include any sweets, chocolate bars, nuts or fizzy drinks.

SCHOOL MILK

Children are entitled to a carton of free school milk until the Friday before their fifth birthday (funded by the UK Government's Nursery Milk Scheme). You can register by going online at www.coolmilk.com. When your child turns five, if you wish them to continue receiving milk at school you have the option to pay for milk at a subsidised price of around £14 per term).

Please note that children who receive Pupil Premium (see below) continue to be entitled to free school milk after they have reached 5 years old.

SNACKS

Tithe Barn takes part in *The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme* - a national government programme entitling all children aged four to six in infant, primary and special Local Education Authority maintained schools to a free piece of fruit or vegetable each school day.

In addition, children can pay £1 per week for an additional healthy snack and drink of cordial or water during afternoon break. This will be paid via eSchools (you will be provided details about this in due course)

AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE/ACTIVITIES

We run a before and after school club called 'Stay and Play' just for children attending Tithe Barn. All monies generated by this provision are reinvested back into school. The after school club runs from 3.10pm until 5.45pm (children can be collected at any anytime). It costs £10.50 and includes a snack/drink. The breakfast club runs from 7.50am until the beginning of the school day and costs £4.85 per session. Childcare vouchers are accepted (payable under 'Tithe Barn Primary School').

As your child progresses through the school a variety of after school activities become available to them as well (which in previous years has included Judo, Football, Tag Rugby, Cricket, Netball, Gymnastics, Multisports and Laurel Lane Choir!).

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

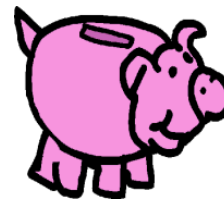
Extra Funding for our school through Free School Meals

Even though your Reception child gets free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) scheme it is still very important that parents in receipt of certain benefits (e.g. Income Support, Universal Credit, Income-based Jobseekers allowance) register for Free School Meals (FSM).

For each child registered for FSM the school receives **up to £1,320** extra funding from central Government each year. This fund is known as the 'Pupil Premium' which the school can spend on resources to benefit your child's education.

Registering for FSM means our school will receive the extra funding and also your child will continue to receive free school meals when they move to Year 3 (if still eligible).

To register your child please visit Stockport Council's website where you can apply online or download the necessary form or contact the Free School Meals and Clothing Grants Team on T: 0161 217 6015, E: benefitsfsm@stockport.gov.uk



ESCHOOLS

Tithe Barn use an online learning platform/website called eSchools. The website address is www.tithe-barn.eschools.co.uk and you will be sent your individual parent login details once your child/ren starts in September (those of you who already have siblings at the school will be able to login using existing password/username).

When you are logged on you will have access to a whole range of features – attendance, letters home, calendar, class pages and homework - which will be rolled out over the first term. You will also be able to update your child's contact details by clicking on the blue cog in the top right hand corner of the screen. And the website translation tool allows you to view the website in a choice of 80 different languages!

Here you will also find **ePay, our online payments system**, where you can pay for school trips, residential, after school clubs, snack and toast.

We really hope you will enjoy the platform and that you will find it an effective way of communicating, sharing information and learning. If you have any questions – or problems with initially logging in - please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

EMAIL/TEXT COMMUNICATION

Along with eSchools, Tithe Barn use 'Teachers2Parents' email and texting system as a quick and efficient way to communicate with parents. Therefore please can you ensure that we have up-to-date mobile phone numbers and email addresses so we can contact you with newsletters, messages and information.

ILLNESS AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your child is ill at school, we will always attempt to contact a parent or relative so please ensure that we have your up-to-date home and work telephone numbers and also an emergency number in case we are unable to contact you directly.

Please ensure you fill in the relevant data collection form (which will be sent to you in due course) identifying any medical conditions or medication that your child may have. This enables the school to keep its records up to date and ensure that your child is cared for appropriately. Any changes to your child's medical needs during the year must be communicated as quickly as possible.

If your child has a short term medical condition that requires prescribed medication during school hours (e.g. antibiotics), please ensure it comes into school clearly marked with their name. You will be asked to fill in and sign a Parental Consent Slip stating the time and dose required. Please note that 'over the counter' i.e. non-prescription medications such as paracetamol and ibuprofen cannot normally be administered at school. This is a Local Authority Policy and is due to the dangers if taken inappropriately.

Asthma

If your child is asthmatic and requires an inhaler in school, this should be clearly marked with their name and prescribed dosages. Please ensure that new inhalers are sent in promptly after their expiry date. Guidance on use of emergency inhalers for children with asthma has recently been updated by the Department of Health. Therefore, if your child has been diagnosed with asthma and/or has been prescribed an inhaler, we require your consent for the use of emergency salbutamol inhalers. Again please ensure you have completed the appropriate data collection form.

Rashes and Skin Infections

Children with rashes or skin infections should be considered infectious and be assessed by their doctor. The recommended period to be kept away from school for *chickenpox* is until all vesicles have crusted over. For *Measles* and *German measles* it is four days from the onset of the rash.

Diarrhoea and Vomiting Illness

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, he/she should not return to school until 48 hours after the sickness/diarrhoea has stopped.

Vulnerable Children and Female Students/Staff in Pregnancy

Children with chickenpox, measles or slapped cheek/parovirus B19 should inform the school promptly as these conditions may present risks to pregnant women and/or to certain children vulnerable to infection.

As a school we follow the Public Health England guidance which provides advice on preventing the spread of infections, which diseases to vaccinate for and how long to keep children away from school. For the full guidance please refer to their website;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infection-control-in-schools-poster>

FRIENDS OF TITHE BARN (FOTB)

FOTB organise a variety of successful social and fundraising activities throughout the year. Funds raised are used to buy additional resources and activities which benefit the children. We are always looking for more help but even if you can't help run the event please come along to support.

Other Useful Information

School Telephone Number: 0161 431 4941

Email: admin@tithebarn.stockport.sch.uk

LEARNING AT TITHE BARN

The Learning Jungle




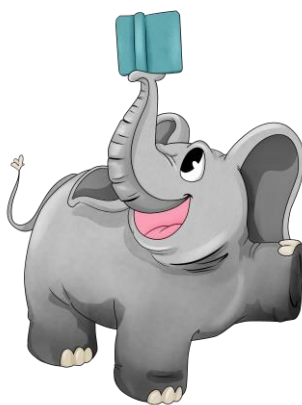
At Tithe Barn we want our children to become effective learners and to develop their skills in metacognition, which enables them to have ownership of their learning. When we began our metacognition journey, we discussed as a staff, which attributes contributed to being an effective learner. We examined research from a range of sources including Guy Claxton's dispositions (2002), Costa and Kallick's Habits of Mind (2002) and Chris Quigley's Secrets of Success (2010). We then identified key behaviours we wanted to encourage our children to develop.




The idea of the Learning Jungle was created in conjunction with the children. The children were asked to reflect upon how they could illustrate learning. The idea of a Learning Jungle with animals as characters, which represented the learning powers, was popular amongst the children. The idea of a jungle creates an image of something that is complicated and challenging. Learning can then be envisaged as the creation of a path through the jungle that learners travel on, with barriers and challenges along that path, which the learner has to navigate. The animals represent the learning powers that support the development of effective learners, who can overcome barriers and rise to the new challenges.

The Learning Jungle consists of five animals, each representing a learning power. Each learning power is directly taught through lessons, assemblies and classroom culture. The children easily relate to the different characters, their individual stories and behaviours.

The Learning Jungle - overview of characters and learning powers



Character	Learning Power	Behaviours
<p>Kelly the Koala</p> 	To be curious	<p>Asks questions Notices things Looks for patterns and connections. Thinks of possible reasons. Research Ponders – What if ...?</p>
<p>Emily the Elephant</p> 	To concentrate	<p>Manage distractions Get lost in their learning Breaks things down into smaller steps. Focuses on one thing at a time. Looks for patterns and connections. Plans and thinks thing through. Jot things down to help you think.</p>
<p>Albert the Armadillo</p>	To be resilient	<p>Uses a growth mindset Doesn't worry if it goes wrong. Learn from your mistakes Is excited to try new things.</p>

		
<p>Sadie the Squirrel</p> 	<p>To co-operate</p>	<p>Listens to others Explains things to help others Is kind when you disagree Tolerant Works together to ...</p>
<p>The Monkeys</p> 	<p>To self-improve/ continuously improve</p>	<p>Keep reviewing your learning. Improve one thing first Try to be better than last time. Take small steps. Don't compare yourself to anybody else.</p>

