

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Caring, Achieving and Making a Difference Together



## Time to say goodbye!

And so here we are! I have written many monthly newsletters home to parents over the past 9 years but this is without doubt the most difficult of them all. I can't quite believe that my time as Headteacher is coming to an end and my time as a student is about to begin (again!).

I have loved my time here at Templemoor and I have so many things to be grateful for.

I will miss the children the most. They have been an absolute delight! I will miss opening the main gate every morning and afternoon, seeing those happy beaming smiles and finding out what the children have been up to. I can say with complete honesty that Templemoor children are the best pupils I have ever met. Our children are full of compassion, they care for one another and live by our school values and rights respecting ethos every single day. They make me extremely proud and I know they will all go on to do great things in life.

Not many Headteachers have the experience of having an entire staff team that they love working with. The Templemoor Team work extremely hard

to give the best they can to our pupils. They make it a joy to come into work each day and are like an extended family.

I have also been supported by a fantastic leadership team and Governing Body who saw my vision and worked with me to make it happen. At times it hasn't been easy, leading the school through the Covid pandemic being a prime example, but even through the tough times we've always managed to be there for each other and to keep smiling. I will truly miss you all.

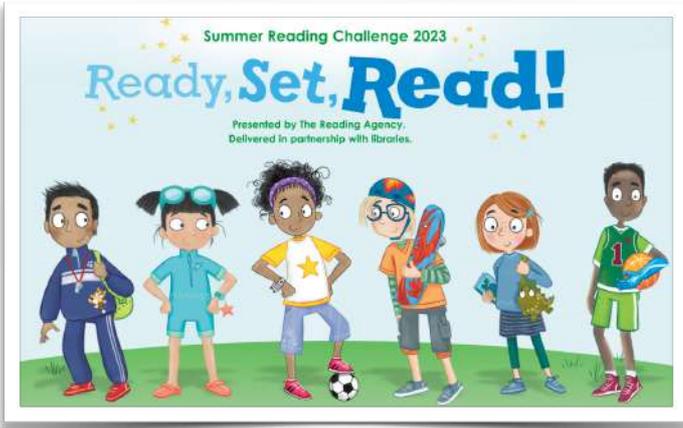
To all of our Templemoor parents and families, I cannot thank you enough for your support and kindness. You have made my time at Templemoor so memorable. I hope that you have found that I've been approachable and that I have taken the time to listen and take on board your comments and suggestions. I will never get everything right all the time but I do strive to do my very best!

Templemoor will always have a very special place in my heart and I wish our Templemoor family all the best as it continues to grow from strength to strength, under the dedicated and committed leadership of Mrs Brown. Thank you for nine amazing years. I will miss you all!

Mr Hodgson

Headteacher (until the end of today!)

**I will miss you all!**



### Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Children across the country can take part in the sports and games themed Summer Reading Challenge: 'Ready, Set, Read'! The reading challenge opened on 8th July and runs until 9th September 2023. This year children will join a fictional team (and their animal mascots!) as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course. Children will be encouraged to read at least 6 books of their choice. As they read, they collect stickers and rewards. If they complete the Challenge, they will be rewarded with a medal and certificate. Please see the following [link](#) for more information. Good luck, and happy reading!

### Holiday Postcards

Whether you are staying near or travelling far this summer, please encourage your child to send a postcard to school telling us their news. This is a fabulous way of encouraging writing for a purpose. We will share the postcards with your child's new class when they return in September. Happy holidays!



### Year 1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

Our Year 1 children recently went on a thrilling adventure to Knowsley Safari Park. Despite the rather rainy weather, the children were all very excited from the moment they boarded the coach! When they got there they went for a guided coach tour of the park and saw lots of wonderful animals from rhinos and baboons to buffalos and lions. The children also watched an amazing sea lion and birds of prey show.



After lunch, the children went on a walking tour of the park where they saw giraffes and some rather cheeky meerkats! Thank you to our Year One team for organising such a memorable trip and to our Year One children who were so sensible and made us all so very proud of them.

**September Return**

Year 1 and Year 2 children will return to school on Monday 4th September. New Nursery and Reception children have been given their own individual start dates.



### The Summer Fair 2023

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Summer Fair in early July. What a spectacular, sensational and super Summer Fair it was.

There was a fantastic atmosphere and all the children and families that I talked to were full of smiles. These events are about so much more than fundraising - they form the memories of children's school days - especially the Sponge Bob Sponge Throw (which I am really going to miss!)

Congratulations and a massive well done to our wonderful PTA - I'm sure you can imagine an event like this isn't put together overnight. They did an amazing job! Thank you also to everyone who volunteered, had a stall and produced or donated items for our Summer Fair. We raised £2962, a phenomenal amount! Wow!



### The Penny Drive 2023

Over the past few weeks lots of our children have been bringing in pennies to fill their class penny banks. We held a competition to see which class could make the longest line with the coins that they had collected. The children worked splendidly as a team to line their coins up and the results were as follows...

Nursery	9.3 metres
Bees	25.6 metres
Ladybirds	51.2 metres
Class 4	46 metres
Class 3	19.4 metres
Class 2	13.4 metres
Class 1	58.7 metres

Well done to Class 1 who had the longest line. They won the much sought after Templemoor Penny Drive trophy! Well done to every class that took part. We managed to raise a fantastic total of £201.81.

### Timings of the School Day

From September, classroom doors will open in the morning at 8:50am and close at 8:55am. In the afternoon, classroom doors will open at 3:20pm. Nursery timings will remain the same. These slight changes in timings are in response to new Department for Education guidelines.





### Year 2 Disco

Last Thursday evening the children (and staff!) had a great disco and boogied the night away with DJ Pete who kept them well entertained! There was groovy dancing (including a conga around the school!), fabulous singing, lots of surprises (including custard pies!), delicious party food (supplied by the Friends of Templemoor), and overall lots of fabulous fun! Keep dancing Year 2!

### So Long, Farewell Mrs Phoenix



We are really sad that one of our fantastic teaching assistants, Mrs Phoenix, will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to begin her new career as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant/ Learning and Attendance Mentor. Mrs Phoenix started at Templemoor in 2018. She has given her absolute all to the school and has supported so many children with their learning - always with a huge smile. We will greatly miss her when she leaves us. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Phoenix the very best of luck for the future and her new exciting adventure!



### Year 2 Leavers Assembly

The end of year leavers' assembly yesterday was a tremendous celebration of our Year 2 children's time at our school. The children spoke so clearly, sang so beautifully and made us all so very proud of them all. I can tell you that tears were shed by our teaching and support staff who have known the children from Nursery/ Reception right through to Year 2. The children all received a certificate and a very special leaving gift, which was provided by the Friends of Templemoor, to remind them of their time with us. A huge thank you must go to the Year 2 team for putting the assembly together.

### Keeping Children Safe

With the Summer holiday fast approaching, may I remind you that if you become aware of any serious concern regarding a child's wellbeing, their safety or safeguarding, you can contact Trafford Children's First Response Team. Please find their details below and a link to their website where you will find more information.

Telephone: 0161 912 5125

Website: Click [here](#).

**The Templemoor Team**

We would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the staff at Templemoor for all of their hard work this year. Without them our children would not enjoy such a positive learning environment, make the great progress they do and achieve such excellent results. It has been another successful year and this is testament to the dedication and commitment of a very hardworking team! We wish them an enjoyable and restful holiday.


 A graphic with the text "THANK YOU SO MUCH!" in large, colorful, block letters. The background is white with a yellow border.

## A message from the Chair of Governors



It was an absolute privilege to be part of the Year 2 Leavers' Assembly yesterday and to hear such wonderful singing and confident speaking from the children.

They certainly did themselves, their parents/carers and teachers proud! The children reflected on their memories of Templemoor and how much they have enjoyed being at school but also spoke about how going through a period of change can sometimes bring uncertainty and anxiety along with the excitement for a new adventure.

As a school we also are going through a period of change: saying goodbye to Mr Hodgson, awaiting the results of the consultation on the proposed merger of Templemoor with Moorlands and completing the project to expand our school. There is so much to think about at the moment!

Through the Templemoor learning powers we help our young children to learn about how important it is to be resourceful, resilient and open to learning new things, how to stay safe and healthy and to be kind and respectful at all times. These are the skills that we all need in life to thrive and to get through times of challenge and change. Hopefully, our children will take these important skills with them to their new schools and beyond.

During his headship, Mr Hodgson has embodied these core values and I know that he too will be taking them forward into his very own new adventure as he returns to full-time study. Through his unstinting professionalism, positivity, dedication and compassion, Mr Hodgson has excelled at leading our school and we are so privileged to have had him as our Headteacher for the past nine years. He has taken our school from strength to strength ensuring that Templemoor is a

vibrant, caring and forward-thinking school, where families feel supported and the needs of our children remain firmly at the very heart of everything we do.

I know that Mr Hodgson will be missed by our whole school community but I hope you will join myself and members of the Governing Board in celebrating Mr Hodgson's achievements, thanking him for his dedication and wishing him every success in his future endeavours.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy, safe and restful Summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

With best wishes,

Judith Davenport - Chair of Governors



## Expansion Update

The expansion works continue at an impressive pace. The new reception classrooms actually look like classrooms now (see the photograph above of the Bees new class!) During the Summer holiday the existing Nursery class will be refurbished with new windows, flooring and increased classroom space. The Early years outdoor space will be completely transformed all ready for September, with new outdoor seating, a circular storytelling tree and new artificial grass areas.



It's also full steam ahead within main school too, with the transformation of the existing Reception classrooms into Year 1 classrooms. The main office is also getting a revamp, with a brand new parent waiting area. Works are also happening in the kitchen, with a whole new kitchen being installed! Outdoors will see new bike and scooter racks installed alongside works to the existing bark areas outside our existing Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. When families return in September it really will be all change! We cannot wait for you to be able to see the finished building works... not long to wait!

### Class Names for September 2023

Please see below details of our new class names for September.

Nursery	Mrs Berry & Mrs Rowland
Bees	Miss Bamforth
Ladybirds	Mrs Cundick
Dragonflies	Mrs Drinkwater & Mrs Ree
Grasshoppers	Mrs Leigh & Mrs Ree
Spiders	Mrs Wynne & Mrs Ree
Beetles	Miss MacIntyre
Ants	Mrs Campbell

### The Wonderful Friends of Templemoor

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing Friends of Templemoor, who have worked tirelessly this year to raise a record breaking £12,800. We have enjoyed some amazing events from the sell out family nights, Summer and Christmas fairs, the much loved Mother's and Father's Day gift shops and the eagerly awaited annual Break the Rules day. Events that undoubtedly enhance the amazing community we have here at Templemoor.

The end of this year sees the end of an era with the majority of elected committee members moving on from Templemoor. We would particularly like to thank Kath, Vicky, Becca and Karen for doing a fantastic job and always with a smile and such positivity and a great 'we can do it' attitude! You are all amazing.

We are pleased to announce that a new committee is in the wings ready to take over. All will be made official at our AGM on Thursday 21st September at 7pm - all of you are invited. If you would like to get involved in next years committee, members are gratefully received and there's a whole host of roles available for all busy schedules. Please come down to the AGM or email us for more information at [templemoorfot@gmail.com](mailto:templemoorfot@gmail.com).



**A message to our Year 2 children**

How can it be that time of year already where we have to say goodbye and good luck to all of the children in Year 2? The year has flown by and it is amazing how much you have all grown since you came through the Templemoor Infant School doors for the first time as small Reception children in September 2020! We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and watching you grow into the fabulously unique, independent and confident children that you are today. We hope that you look back on your time at Templemoor with happy memories that will bring a smile. Remember we are very proud of you all and will miss you very much. Keep working hard, be caring, respectful and resilient, look after each other in the Juniors, be proud of your achievements and embrace the challenges ahead. But most importantly remember to believe in yourself and to follow your biggest dreams. Well done Year 2.

From Mr Hodgson

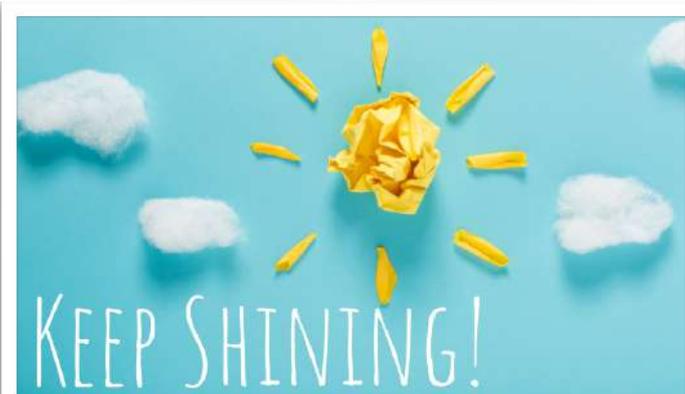
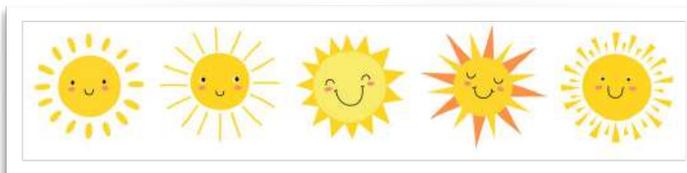


**... and finally**

**Happy holidays!** Yet again all of our staff have been completely overwhelmed with the kind gifts and cards that they have received from our children and parents. The messages of thanks have been very touching and have been very much appreciated at the end of yet another busy year. Thank you!

Thank you too for everything that you have done for us this year. You have been so supportive and this is so appreciated by all of us. It is a privilege to be at Templemoor and to have the gift of working with your wonderful children every day. I hope that this Summer brings you some time to rest, recharge and to spend time doing the things you love with the people that matter the most. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you all again in September.

From Mrs Brown and the Templemoor Team



### Autumn Term 2023

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 4th September 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 20th October 2023
<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 31st October 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 21st December 2023

### Spring Term 2024

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 8th January 2024
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 9th February 2024
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 19th February 2024
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 22nd March 2024

### Summer Term 2024

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 8th April 2024
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 6th May 2024
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 24th May 2024
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 10th June 2024
<b>Closes</b>	Wednesday 24th July 2024

### Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Thursday 31st August 2023
Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 30th October 2023
Friday 22nd December 2023
Thursday 25th July 2024