

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Welcome to the Spring Term

Although very belated I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Templemoor team, to wish you a Happy New Year and, although a distant memory, we hope you all had a lovely festive holiday, managed to relax and that you enjoyed time with family and friends. As always, thank you for your continued support throughout 2022 and into 2023. The spring term has already got off to a flying start, everyone is busy and there is a lot of exciting things going on in school as we lead up to Easter.

## Safer Internet Day 2023

On Tuesday 7th February we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day, with the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. To celebrate the day we will be raising the profile of the safe and responsible use of the internet at school and at home. This year at Templemoor, we are asking the children to design their own avatar. An avatar is a picture that represents someone but keeps their actual photo image private. The children can be as creative as possible when designing their avatar either by drawing, painting or using creative materials. Your



child may incorporate their favourite sport, colours, hobbies, heroes, animals, food etc. but remembering not to include any personal details about themselves. Entries must be returned to school no later than Friday 10th February and a winner will be chosen from each class with prizes given out in Golden Book Assembly on 24th February. Good luck in the competition, we look forward to seeing lots of entries.

Further details about Safer Internet Day can be found by clicking on this [link](#). We also have a dedicated page for online safety on our school website which gives guidance to parents on a wide range of internet related matters as well as links to useful resources and videos. You can find the page [here](#).





### Templemoor Expansion Update

Construction work has finally started on the Templemoor expansion, which will see our school gradually move from two form to three form entry over the next three years. The contractors have been very busy preparing the site, which has included creating onsite entry from James Street, placing hoarding to enhance safety, preparing their work cabins etc.

Nursery have especially enjoyed watching the work commence - the children have been fascinated with the diggers! Site Manager Paul even visited Nursery to talk to the children about what life was like as a builder!

The next phase in the building works will see the expansion of the current Nursery play area, the relocation of a small part of the Templemoor Mile, the conversion of the current Reception outdoor classroom into extra hall space and of course the building of the new Reception classrooms themselves. Exciting times ahead!

### Half Term Reminder

School closes for the half term holiday on **Friday 10th February 2023** at 3:15pm. School will reopen for us all on **Tuesday 21st February 2023** after the half term break.



### Nursery Place Allocations

Nursery offers for this September will be sent out to parents on Friday 10th February 2023. Not long to wait!

### Year 1 and Year 2 Pencil Cases

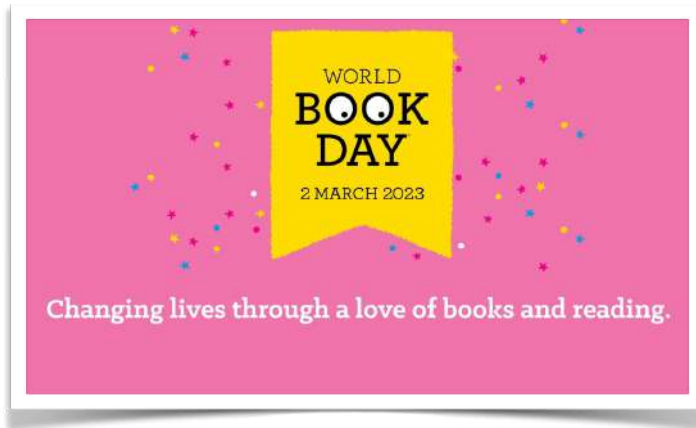
Over the half-term break, please can you restock your child's pencil case with pencils, felt pens, a rubber, sharpener and a glue-stick. Thank you.

### Children's Parties

The school hall is available to hire at weekends for children's parties. If you are interested please contact the school office.

### Spring Term Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening this term for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on two evenings - Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February. These consultations will be held in person in the school hall. We look forward to meeting with you shortly.



## World Book Day 2023

Thursday 2nd March is officially World Book Day. We will be dedicating this day to books and stories, completing a wide range of exciting activities to help your children foster a love of books and reading. We ask that children (and staff!) swap their uniform for pyjamas to help celebrate this annual event. We are also looking for parent and carer volunteers to read a story to children during the week beginning 27th February. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to take part. We are already looking forward to a really exciting week ahead!

## Learning themes for next half term

Our exciting curriculum themes continue next half term:

Nursery	Are eggs alive?
Reception	Do cows drink milk?
Year 1	The Greatest Explorers
Year 2	Amazing Activists

## Year 1 Music Concert

Year 1 parents and carers are invited to a special concert in the school hall on Monday 27th March 2023 at 2:30pm where the children will showcase the magnificent work that they have been doing with Mr McMinn, a music specialist from Trafford Music Service.



## Snow Closure

Let's hope that the weather does not result in any school closure this year. Snow at weekends only please! If the school is forced to close due to severe weather conditions we will notify all parents as soon as possible in the morning using the school's text messaging service. A notice will also be posted on the front page of the school website. Fingers crossed that any snow storms will keep away!

## Autumn Term Attendance

As you know, it is very important that children attend school at all times. Our whole school attendance for the Autumn term was 96.6%. This is compared to 92.2% nationally. Well done on ensuring that your children maintain excellent attendance.

## Respecting the Local Community

Our Templemoor community is very dear to us and it goes wider than just our school gates. The neighbours that live near us are very accommodating, but please can we ask that you are all respectful in return. We have had a few complaints recently about cars blocking driveways and pavements. For safety reasons, parents **should not park on Nursery Close**. We do not want to affect our positive reputation with local residents and I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.





### Reception Baking

As part of their learning project 'Will you read me a story?', Reception children have enjoyed baking some delicious fairy tale treats, including 'Blue Berry and Orange Soda Bread', 'Star Anise Gingerbread People' and 'Very Berry Breakfast Muffins'. The children have been amazing - following the recipes, measuring out the ingredients and working as a team to make and bake the treats! Well done children!



### Year 1 Firefighter Visit

Year 1 were lucky enough to receive a visit from Colin and Mark the firefighters. The firefighters gave the children a talk on fire prevention and what to do in case of an emergency. We explored the fire engine and had a go at using the hose, which was great fun! A huge thank you to Colin and Mark for giving up their precious time to come and talk to the children.



### February Holiday Club

The Templemoor Holiday Club is now open for bookings. The fantastic team work really hard each holiday to plan an exciting range of activities to suit children of all ages. This February's holiday club is based around a number of themes - Get creative on Art Day, be kind on Valentine's Day, investigate on Science Day and build some super structures on Construction Day! Our Holiday Club really is a fabulous additional provision to our school. For further details see the advertising posters around school, or contact the X Club via [xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk).

### Reception Assembly

All parents and carers of our Reception children are invited to join us in the school hall on Thursday 16th March at 9:10am for our first Reception Assembly of this academic year.

### Doughnut Friday

The Friends of Templemoor are once again offering families the chance to buy Krispy Kreme doughnuts which will be delivered to your child on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please place orders via the following [link](#) by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Thank you for your continued support in raising much needed funds for school.



### Contact Telephone Numbers

Did you get a new mobile as a Christmas present? Have you treated yourself recently to a new phone? If so then please remember to let us know if your number has changed. You would be amazed at the number of parents who we try to contact only to find that their details have not been updated. This also includes landline numbers when you move house! Thank you for keeping school informed.

### Year 2 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 2 children are invited to join us in the school hall on Friday 24th March 2023 at 9:10am for our Year 2 Assembly.



### British Science Week

We are really looking forward to British Science Week, during March 2023. The aim of the week is to focus on our children's knowledge and use of the scientific skills of enquiry and also to have fun experimenting. We are also excited to be welcoming parents into school who work in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM). If you have a role that could fit with this brief and would be willing to come in to school to talk about your role please get in touch with Mrs Leigh (our Templemoor Science Lead) by emailing the school office. We are aiming to make this week really exciting and want to make it as interactive as possible. Please look out for further information to come, including a visit from an exciting science company - Sublime Science.

### And finally...

Thank you for your continued support. We could not be more proud of our wonderful school community. Enjoy the well deserved break!



## Dates for the Spring Term 2023

Week beginning Monday 6th February 2023	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 6th February 2023	Parents Evening
Tuesday 7th February 2023	Parents Evening Safer Internet Day
Friday 10th February 2023	School breaks up for the half term holiday
Tuesday 21st February 2023	Back to school!
Saturday 25th February 2023	Friends of Templemoor Family Fun Night at 5:30pm
Thursday 2nd March 2023	World Book Day
Week beginning Monday 13th March 2023	British Science Week
Monday 13th March 2023	Reception Height and Weight
Thursday 16th March 2023	Reception assembly at 9:10am
Friday 17th March 2023	Mother's Day Gift Shop
Wednesday 22nd March 2023	World Water Day
Friday 24th March 2023	Year 2 Assembly at 9:10am
Monday 27th March 2023	Year 1 Music Assembly at 2:30pm
Friday 31st March 2023	School breaks up for the Easter Holiday
Sunday 16th April 2023	Volunteer to be a Marathon Marshall and raise funds for school
Monday 17th April 2023	Back to school for the Summer Term



## Spring Term 2023

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 10th February 2023
<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 21st February 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 31st March 2023

## Summer Term 2023

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 17th April 2023
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 1st May 2023
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 8th May 2023*
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 26th May 2023
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 12th June 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Wednesday 26th July 2023

\* School will be closed on Monday 8th May 2023. This change has been made to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

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

Monday 20th February 2023
Thursday 27th July 2023
Friday 28th July 2023

**PLEASE NOTE:** Term dates for the academic year 2023 to 2024 will be published on Friday 3rd February 2023 and will be sent home with this weeks Home Links. Thank you.