



**13th
October
2026**

‘A rainbow of opportunities’

Respect Perseverance Justice Compassion Wisdom Joy Humility

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” – Isaiah 43:19

The start of a new academic year always brings a sense of excitement and possibility. It has been wonderful to see how quickly our children have settled into their new classes and routines, approaching each day with enthusiasm, independence and perseverance. I am incredibly proud of the positive attitudes they have shown throughout this first month! Together, we look forward to all that this new year will bring.

The new school year has got off to a fantastic start, and it has been lovely to see our school buzzing with energy and enthusiasm once again. We were delighted to welcome so many prospective families to our recent Open Day, and I would like to give a special mention to our Year 4 pupils, who were outstanding ambassadors for the school. They spoke confidently, showed great maturity and respect, and did a wonderful job of sharing what makes Tardebigge such a special place to grow and shine.

Thank you, too, for the incredible support you showed for our recent Book Fair. It was wonderful to see so many children excited about books and reading. Thanks to your generosity, we have earned commission from the fair and have already invested £330 in brand-new books for our library and classrooms. We know how important it is to nurture a love of reading, and these new additions will be enjoyed by children across the school.

It was also a pleasure to welcome many parents and carers to our Meet the Teacher Evening. We hope you found the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, learn about the year ahead, and see their beautifully presented books both informative and reassuring. Building strong partnerships between home and school is so important, and these early conversations help us work together to support every child to flourish.

Looking ahead, we are looking forward to our upcoming Reading Workshops. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to learn more about how reading is taught within your child's year group and how you can support them at home. Each workshop will begin at approximately 8:50am with a short presentation, followed by the chance to spend a little time reading with your child. The sessions will last around 30 minutes in total, and we hope as many families as possible will be able to join us. Please see the diary dates section for further details.

– Mr Hartshorn

Dates for your diary

22nd Oct – Last day of half-term for children
2nd Nov – Children return to school
4th Dec – Christmas Fayre (3.30-6.30pm)
8th Dec - Reception Nativity @ 9.05am
15th Dec – KS1 Nativity @ 9.05am
16th Dec – KS2 Carol Service @ 6pm
17th Dec – Christmas Lunch & Party Day
18th Dec – Last day of term
5th Jan - Children return to school
12th Jan – Parents’ Evenings (3.30-8.30pm)
22nd Jan - 23rd Jan – Y3 Space Camp
27th Jan - Y2 Showcase Assembly @ 8.50am
11th Feb - Y3 Showcase Assembly @ 8.50am
12th Feb – Last day of half-term

A Polite Parking Reminder

As our school lanes and car parks can become very busy at drop-off and pick-up times, we kindly ask all families to take extra care and consideration. The Community Hall car park is reserved for families with children in Reception and Year 1; all other families should use the Church car park. Please be mindful of other road users when pulling into and out of parking areas, and allow a little extra time where possible. We understand that everyone is often in a hurry, but by working together and driving carefully, we can help keep all members of our school community safe.

Could You Help Shape the Future of Our School?

We are currently looking to welcome new Foundation Governors to join our Governing Body at Tardebigge CE First School. Governors play a vital role in supporting and challenging school leaders, helping to shape our vision and values, and providing oversight of finance and school improvement.

The role involves attending approximately one meeting per month, undertaking one or two monitoring visits each year, and working alongside fellow governors to ensure the very best outcomes for our children. Whilst we do not currently have any vacancies for parent governors, we would be very grateful if you could share this opportunity with friends, family members, colleagues or others in your wider networks who may be interested in serving the school and wider community.

For more information, please contact the school office or visit the Governors section of our website. Thank you for your support in helping us find volunteers who can contribute to the continued success of our wonderful school.

Attendance for 2026-27

96% or higher = GREEN

Government Target: 95% and Tardebigge 2025-26: 96%

94-95.9% = AMBER

Less than 94% = RED

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Whole School
98.6%	97.4%	96.9%	96.6%	95.6%	97.1%

Polite Reminders for Home-School Communication

- 1. Contact the School Office:** Please direct all messages or queries to the school office. You can do this by emailing or calling during office hours. This ensures your message reaches the right person promptly and avoids any miscommunication.
- 2. Avoid Using ClassDojo for Messages:** While ClassDojo is a fantastic platform for sharing photographs and celebrating achievements, it is not monitored for urgent or administrative messages. Using the office as the main point of contact allows staff to manage their workload effectively.
- 3. Messages at drop-off time:** Sharing messages informally at the door/gate during drop-off can lead to important details being overlooked especially as staff on the door are sometimes supporting children or welcoming children into school. To ensure accuracy and timeliness, please use the school office as your first point of contact.
- 4. Allow 24 Hours for a Response:** Staff are dedicated to providing the best possible education for your children and spend their day focused on teaching. We kindly ask for your understanding in allowing up to 24 hours for non-urgent queries to be addressed. Staff will respond during their working hours.

A huge thank you to all of our families for supporting this year's Harvest celebrations through your generous donations to Redditch Food Bank and by joining us for our very first Outdoor Harvest Festival. It was wonderful to see our children shine with confidence as they shared their songs, and a special mention must go to our Reception children, who performed in front of an audience for the very first time. They were simply brilliant! Harvest is a time to reflect on growth, and it was lovely to see just how much our children have grown in confidence and character. We were also incredibly fortunate that the weather stayed dry... just! Sharing the occasion together outdoors, surrounded by the colours and crisp air of an autumn morning, made it a truly memorable celebration. 🍂



A selection of photos from the working party! Well done and thank you, Tardebigge family! 🙏🌈

Front fence and gate painted; including second coat at front.

New gate at front

Adventure play area bark re-levelled

Bark all cleared back into veg area

Moss areas cleared all around school

Gutters cleared

Drains cleared

New flowers planted

Old wood cleared from front area

ACO drains cleaned

Skirting boards in y3 painted

Loose cloakroom pegs reattached

New single view film attached to y4 porch windows and office

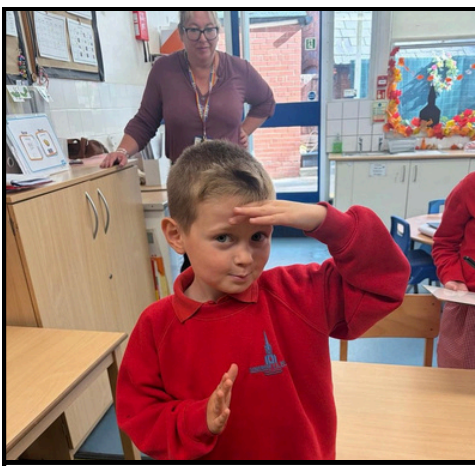
Cable ties added to y2-4 tables to prevent constant sliding

STAR garden decking replaced

Wendy houses on playground repaired

Guttering fixed around school





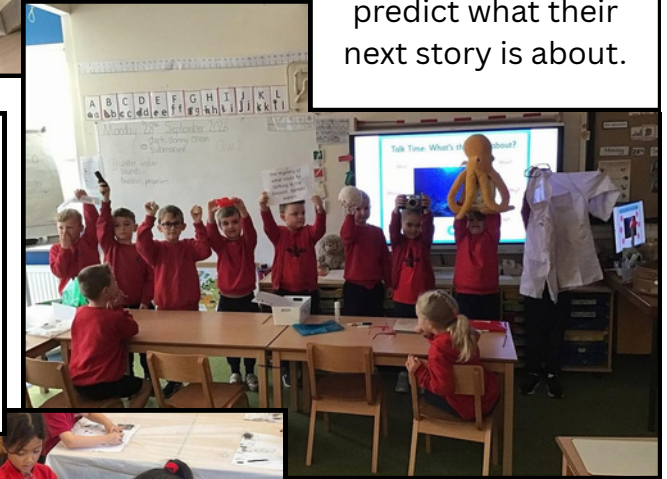
FREEZE! Year 2 have been practicing freeze framing in English, imagining what it would be like to **persevere** when looking for the mysterious Carmella.



Year 2 were **respectful** when observing items showing what classrooms were like beyond living memory.

Year 2 found lots of clues, and used their **wisdom** to help them predict what their next story is about.

Year 3 have **persevered** with charcoal during their art lessons to create different effects.



Discovery time has given children the opportunity to develop their **wisdom** by using new tools.



Year 1 have shown **respect** and **compassion** for one another when settling in to the new school year.



Children have experienced **joy** when learning alongside their friends!



Children in Year 1 have **persevered** in the creative area.



Year 1 displayed **joy** during forest school, where they had the opportunity to try some tasty snacks!



Reception have **enjoyed** having the opportunity to explore the mud kitchen!

Café Church



Worship

prayer



Every Sunday 9am
starting with breakfast



Crafty
Activities

Songs



Bible Stories



St Bartholomew's Tardebigge



Tardebigge Community Hall

Modern, superbly equipped event space with large hall, committee room, kitchen, free WiFi and ample parking

Available for hire, perfect for wedding receptions, parties and meetings

For more information, please see our website or leave a message on **07763 446902** or email tchbookings@gmail.com