



Tomlinscote School Newsletter

3rd July 2026



Dear parents & carers,

On Tuesday, it was lovely to see 300 year 6 students on site on the Transition day. The assembly hall was a sea of different bright coloured uniforms and the students had their first secondary school experience. We have a new cohort starting Tomlinscote whereas on Thursday the Year 11 students had their last event with their Prom at Farnham Castle. The location of the event creates a special atmosphere for the students and many staff attended in order to celebrate with the students. There were many stunning dresses and smartly dressed students. It was a lovely event!



Congratulations to all the students who received an award at the Creative Arts Evening on Wednesday. It was a lovely event with a mixture of Dance, Drama, Music displays and awards presentations.

Also, a huge thank you to the parents who ran the Tomlinscote uniform station, it is much appreciated as always.

On Thursday, the Tomlinscote staff had a INSET day. The main focus for the staff training was about curriculum planning through the lens of Inclusion. It provided time for staff to discuss teaching & learning approaches within the classroom and time to plan curriculum changes for next year.

The weather next week looks like it will be rising in temperature again, we will keep you updated about expectations.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Mr Major

Key Dates

Thursday 9th July 2026

Summer concert in the Main Hall
7pm-8.30pm

Monday 13th July

Years 7 & 8 Awards Evening

Tuesday 14th July 2026

Years 9 & 10 Awards Evening

Friday 12th July 2026

Year 8 reports sent home

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Last Day of term
School closes at 12.30pm



A HUGE THANK YOU FROM THE UNIFORM STATION!

We want to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported our Uniform Station event earlier this week. It was a wonderful, bustling evening and we were absolutely delighted to welcome **over 70 families** through the doors!

The queue started building from 6:00pm and we kicked things off just before 6:30pm. A special shout-out goes to our new **Year 7 families**, who turned up in the highest numbers to get sorted for their big September start. Welcome to the school community!

Supporting a Great Cause

Thanks to your incredible generosity with cash donations on the night, coupled with funds raised at our March event, we have reached a fantastic grand total of **£235.71 for Age UK.**

Looking Ahead...

- **Mobile Donations:** To make things even easier, we are currently working on setting up a QR code system for future events, allowing those who prefer to donate digitally to do so in a flash using their mobile phones.
- **Join Our Volunteer Team!** We will sadly be losing a couple of our fantastic parent volunteers before the next event. If you would like to help out and join our friendly team, please send a message to **Louise Grainger** via Facebook or Messenger. We would love to have you!

Thank you again to everyone who donated uniform, dropped change into the collection box and of course, our wonderful parent volunteers who made this all happen. Community spirit at its finest!



A Sizzling Year in the Food Department!

What an absolutely spectacular year it has been in the Food Department! Our classrooms have been a whirlwind of slicing, dicing, baking, and plating as students from all year groups stepped up to the plate—literally. From high-stakes kitchen competitions to inspiring industry workshops, our students have showcased incredible talent, teamwork, resilience, and passion.

Here is a look back at the mouth-watering highlights and events that made this year so memorable:

The Competitions

The Great Tomlinscote House Bake Offs (Years 7, 8, & 9)

House pride was firmly on the line this year. Bakers from all of our houses throughout the year went head-to-head in a flurry of flour and sugar. The creativity, precision, and presentation skills on display were enough to give professional pastry chefs a run for their money!



The Healthy Lunch Competition:

Our students proved that nutritious food can be absolutely delicious in our inaugural recipe design competition launched in January to promote healthy eating. A massive congratulations to our overall winner, Hana Sabzevariha whose inventive, wholesome dish 'Chipotle Style Fiesta Bowl' was scaled up, produced, and **sold live to students and staff in the Beehive canteen!**



Future Chef Savoury Tartlet Bake Off (Years 7&8)

Our junior chefs demonstrated culinary maturity far beyond their years, whipping up beautifully crisp pastry and expertly balanced savory fillings in their home kitchens over Christmas. Tomlinscote winner Ria Dani created this beautiful Chicken Dinner Tart with rosemary infused shortcrust pastry filled with chicken, vegetables, mashed potatoes and served with gravy.



Food Teachers Centre Tunnocks Teacake Challenge (Year 10)

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Our Tomlinscote Winners are:



Thomas Flood—1st Place



Jennifer Dolbear—2nd Place



Quinn Wiltshire—3rd Place

Workshops & Industry Trips

Fantastic Fish Workshop (Year 10)

A huge thank you to our brilliant local fish shop, [The Fish Shop](#), for coming in to work with our Year 10s and providing free fish for all our Year 10 students. Students learned the essential, hands-on skills of fishmongery, from scaling to filleting, and gained a deep appreciation for fresh, sustainable seafood.



Royal Navy Culinary Visit (Year 10)

The kitchen turned into a high-energy, military-grade operation when the Royal Navy catering team dropped by! Students took part in a fast-paced practical workshop, learning what it takes to feed hundreds of people under pressure as well as learning about the fantastic career opportunities that the Royal Navy can provide.



The Hilton Trip to Brighton

We took learning on the road with an unforgettable trip to the Hilton Doubletree Metropole in Brighton organised by Springboard UK. Students got an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at the fast-paced world of luxury hospitality and commercial catering including bed making and mocktail making!



We are incredibly proud of every single student who donned an apron this year. Whether you were mastering a tricky pastry, learning to fillet a fish, or representing your House under the glare of the kitchen timer, your enthusiasm has been inspiring.

A final, heartfelt thank you to all the parents, local businesses, and guest speakers who supported our events and classroom activities this year. We can't wait to see what our talented students cook up next year!