

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9TH OCTOBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first full week of October has seen a return to more typical autumnal weather compared to the dry heatwaves we experienced earlier in the term. Looking at the number of casts, boots and crutches that we have seen around school, the return of sporting fixtures has unfortunately coincided with some very hard ground. I hope that visits to A&E reduce as the wetter weather begins to soften the playing surfaces.

Talking of Accident and Emergency, local school headteachers and trusts will soon be issuing a joint statement regarding the proposed redevelopment of Frimley Park Hospital. I would love to say that there is an update to share, but unfortunately there has been no recent communication about the project.

As summer turns to autumn, I am always struck by the cyclical nature of school life. This morning, we were showing prospective Year 6 parents around the school, whilst this evening our Year 11 teachers were discussing how we can celebrate and recognise the hard work that students are putting into their revision. Over the last month, our Year 11 students have spent 754 hours on the online revision platform Seneca Learning.

Year 11 also did something new today. Ms Doherty

delivered a masterclass to 150 students at a time, focusing on preparation for English Language Paper 1. She then repeated the session after break to reach even more students. Judging by the quality of the responses produced afterwards, this proved to be a highly worthwhile experience.

Yesterday, colleagues in the History and English departments began training on an AI-powered platform that will support the marking of extended writing tasks. The technology has been shown to provide highly accurate feedback, alongside detailed praise and clear next steps for improvement. It will also generate valuable whole-class feedback for teachers and, importantly, help students receive feedback on their written work more quickly, giving them more time to act upon it and improve their responses.

I look forward to sharing more details with Year 10 and Year 11 parents when we are ready to launch this initiative.

Please take a moment to read the article about our Gardening Club and share it with anyone you know who may be able to offer support. We would be very grateful for any assistance.

Have a lovely weekend.

Matthew Venton



KEY DATES

MON 28TH SEPTEMBER - FRI 16TH OCTOBER	YEAR 6 SCHOOL TOURS
WED 14TH OCTOBER	YEAR 7 ENRICHMENT DAY
THURS 15TH OCTOBER	YEAR 7 MEET THE TUTOR EVENING, 3:30-6:45pm
MON 19TH - FRI 30TH OCTOBER	2 WEEK HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
SAT 31ST OCTOBER	YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE
MON 2ND NOVEMBER	RETURN TO SCHOOL

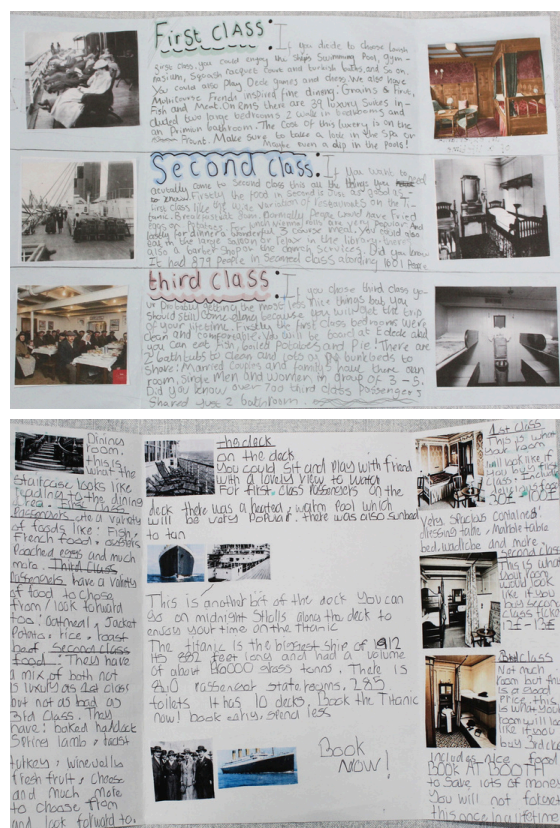
YEAR 7 SET SAIL ON THE TITANIC

Year 7 were transported back to the time of the Titanic as part of their study of non-fiction writing this half-term. Armed with their own boarding passes, students took on the identity of a Titanic passenger travelling in first, second or third class before putting their persuasive writing skills to the test. Their challenge was to create an information leaflet convincing the public to buy a ticket aboard the 'unsinkable' ship. While carefully adapting the language and presentation of their leaflets to appeal to passengers from different backgrounds, we also discovered some budding artists along the way!

If this has sparked an interest in the Titanic at home, a Titanic exhibition is coming to the Farnborough Exhibition Centre from 23rd October to 21st November.

To find out more:

[Farnborough Exhibition Centre: Titanic](#)
[Titanic Exhibition Tickets](#)



GOLD SUCCESS



A huge congratulations to Year 11 student Emily, who brought home three gold medals following an incredible weekend at the British Gymnastics Tumbling Championships!

After achieving double gold at the British Age Group Championships, Emily went on to claim the British Junior title, marking an incredible reward for her hard work and dedication.

Next stop is China, where she will compete at the Junior World Championships in just four weeks' time, taking on competition favourites from Australia, Russia and China.

A phenomenal achievement, Emily, and we wish you the very best of luck in China!

CELEBRATING YEAR 10 ART

Year 10 Art and Photography students have been finding inspiration in colour, texture and the natural world. Getting up close with sea creatures gave students the opportunity to photograph the fascinating patterns, textures and details they discovered, creating a bank of imagery to inspire their own work.

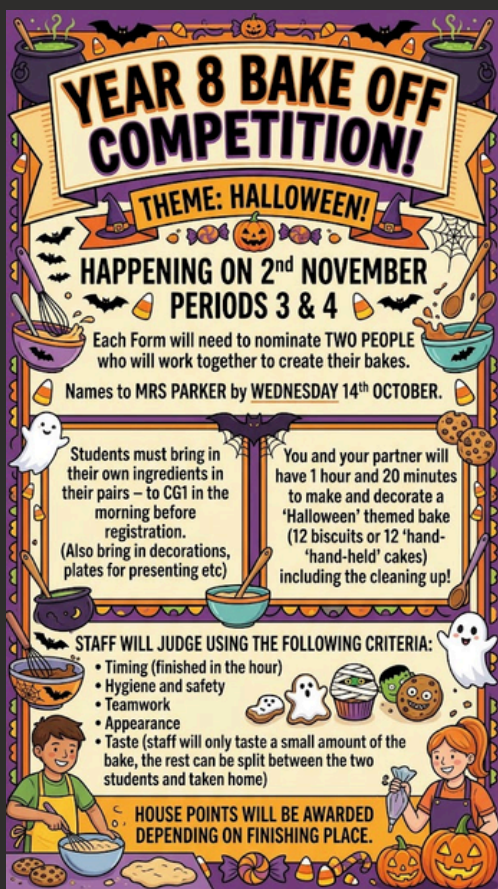
Their exploration of colour has continued through the work of Caroline Venencie, with students combining neon watercolours, masking fluid and metallic foils to create their own interpretations.



TOMLINSCOTE TEAM RESULTS

Home Team	Score	Away Team	Player of the Match
Y7B Boys Football	2 - 1	Court Moor School	Raees K Mikael M
Y11 Netball	26 - 17	Weydon School	Courtney M Imogen S
Y9 Netball	8 - 12	Weydon School	Amelia C Mia G
Y7A Boys Football	3 - 2	Ash Manor School	Brody C
Y11 Netball	16 - 30	St George's Weybridge	Imogen S Eloise W
Y8A Boys Football	9 - 2	Frogmore Community College	Blake D
Y7B Boys Football	1 - 2	Ash Manor School	Mikael M
Tournament	Final Position	District	Team
Y10 Netball District Tournament	3 rd Place	Aldershot	Hanna, Annabel, Katie, Madeleine, Louise, Darcey, Caitlin, Claudia, Samantha
Competition	Final Team Position	District	Team
U12 & U13 Girls Cross Country Friendly	1 st Place	Woking	Ellie - 1 st Place Evni, Hannah, Ivy
U12 & U13 Boys Cross Country Friendly	4 th Place	Woking	Jacob, Zach, Matt, Ethan

COMING UP AT SCHOOL



WEEKLY MATHS PUZZLE

If **only one statement is true**, which envelope contains the £20 note?

1

The £20 note is not in this envelope

2

There is a £20 note in this envelope

3

1 is an even number

Last Week's Puzzle Solution: Cards B and 3



Help Our Gardening Club Grow

Supporting students to create, care for and improve our school environment



About Our Gardening Club

Our Gardening Club has a wonderful group of students who are passionate and committed to gardening, horticulture, and caring for our school environment. They have already achieved Levels 1-4 of the RHS School Gardening Certificates, with one level left to complete. We would love to develop the club further and reach the Level 5 RHS Certificate, but we need some additional resources and funding to help provide what our students need.

Gardening Club is about much more than gardening. Our students have developed practical skills, responsibility and teamwork, while learning about growing food, seasonal planting, biodiversity, sustainability, and caring for our natural environment.



With your support, we could...



Purchase good-quality soil and compost



Plants perennials for an established garden



Build planters for raised vegetable beds



Develop new areas around the school



Give more students the opportunity to get involved

Could you help us grow?

A contribution towards our Gardening Club, however large or small, would give our students the resources to bring their ideas to life.

For our Year 11 students, achieving RHS Level 5 would be a wonderful legacy. Having helped develop our school gardens since their first weeks at Tomlinscote, they are determined to leave behind a thriving Gardening Club for future students to enjoy and build upon.

With your support, their hard work can keep growing long after they leave.



Partner with us

We would love to discuss how your organisation could support our club.

Please speak to us today.