

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Re: Head Teacher Welcome 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a brand-new academic year at Tetherdown! I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful summer filled with special moments together. We are thrilled to begin another year of learning, growth, and community, and I cannot wait to see our children return on Wednesday morning at 8:50am.

Morning Drop-off

Please note the following line-up points for your child's class:

- **Y1:** C & D
- **Y2:** P & Q
- **Y3:** J & K
- **Y4:** M & N
- **Y5:** E & F
- **Y6:** G & H

Playground Health & Safety

For everyone's wellbeing, we kindly ask that you follow these guidelines:

- **Dogs:** must remain off the ground.
- **Scooters:** not to be ridden in the playground.
- **Climbing Frames:** upper playground frames are out of bounds.
- **Safe Play:** no ball games or running.
- **Supervision:** children should not be left unattended before 8:50am (except independent travellers).

Parking reminder: Please do not park in front of neighbours' driveways. Even short stops cause frustration, and I often receive complaints about blocked access.

Dates for Your Diary

Meet & Greet Sessions



We warmly invite you to our annual Meet and Greet sessions. These provide a chance to hear from your child's class teacher about the year ahead and our expectations. Children will be supervised separately during these meetings.

Year Group	Date & Venue	Time
Year 3	Mon 8 Sept – Y3 Classroom (Yellow floor)	8:50–9:15am
Year 5	Mon 8 Sept – Y5 Classroom (Green floor)	2:50–3:15pm

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Year 6 Tue 9 Sept – Y6 Classroom (Red floor) 8:50–9:15am
Year 2 Tue 9 Sept – Y2 Classroom (Blue floor) 2:50–3:15pm
Year 4 Wed 11 Sept – Y4 Classroom (Yellow floor) 2:50–3:15pm

Teachers will present via PowerPoint. If you can't attend, presentations will be uploaded to our school website afterwards.

Family Picnic – Friday 12th September

Join us for our school community picnic at Fortis Green Covered Reservoir (Archery Field), Southern Rd, N2 9LH.



Arrival: 12:20pm

Infants (Y1 & 2): Lunch 12:30 – Leave 1:15pm

Juniors (Y3–6): Lunch 12:30 – Leave 1:30pm

Please send your child with a packed lunch, water bottle, and sun protection. Adults are warmly invited to bring their own lunch and picnic blanket. *For safety, no dogs or alcohol please.*

This picnic offers a relaxed opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher, connect with other families, and celebrate the start of the school year together. It's a chance to put a name to a face, hear how your child is settling in, and begin building relationships within your year group. Teachers will be happy to answer quick, general questions, while any detailed concerns can be discussed at a separate time. After the picnic, children will return to their afternoon lessons.

Coffee Meeting for Class Champions

Friday 19th September, 2:00–3:10pm, Music Room (Green Floor)



An informal opportunity to meet with me, our Senior Leadership Team, and Friends of Tetherdown. We'll share ideas, answer questions, and discuss how to make the most of your role as Class Champion.

Further key dates will be shared soon, but please keep an eye on our school website calendar for the latest updates.

Our 2025–26 Focus Areas (in partnership with Friends of Tetherdown Fundraising Initiatives)

This year, we are focusing on several key priorities designed to enrich learning and support every child's development:

OPAL Play & Outdoor Learning: We are excited to expand opportunities for imaginative play, risk-taking in a safe environment, and learning about biodiversity.

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New playground features will include sandpits, ball game nets, and climate-friendly planting to attract insects and birds. We warmly encourage families to continue sending in items that children can use for play, and invite you to look out for updates in the newsletter from our OPAL team, now led by Ms. Louisa Koschyk and Coach Da Silva.

Oracy (Voice 21): Strengthening children’s confidence in speaking, discussion, and effective communication.

Arts Enrichment: Deepening experiences in design, art, and music to spark creativity and expression and expanding our library in this area of the curriculum.

Community Links: Building stronger connections through buddy partnerships, local collaborations, and social action projects in Key Stage 2.

Computing & Technology: Equipping every child with the right tools to succeed—whether they need extra support, are developing English as an Additional Language (EAL), or require additional challenge to reach greater depth.

Help us keep Tetherdown’s doors open and lights on—every donation, big or small, protects our children’s future.



Our school is facing a serious funding crisis. The government gives us only £8,000 a year to maintain the building—nowhere near enough to cover the real costs of keeping it safe, warm, and fit for learning. Without extra support, we risk losing the spaces and resources our children depend on every day.

The “Keep the Lights On” Fund is our lifeline. With your help—through a monthly donation or a one-off gift—we can keep classrooms lit, warm, and welcoming. Every single contribution makes a difference.

Please donate today via JustGiving so we can protect our children’s school and their future. [Clicking this link](#) or selecting the QR code.



Above all, thank you for being the heart of our Tetherdown community. Your support, warmth, and partnership make all the difference. Please feel free to stop me or any member of the Senior Leadership Team in the playground or contact us by email—we are always here for you.

Together, we will make 2025–26 a year of discovery, joy, and success for every child.

With warm regards

Annie Ashraf
Headteacher

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