

# TWA Telegraph - Seventh Edition - Christmas Special



Welcome to the **seventh** edition of the TWA Telegraph!



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*WOW! We are already on the seventh edition of the TWA Telegraph! In this edition you can meet some of the staff at TWA and learn a little about them as well more about what really has been a packed term and one of the longest in my teaching career!*

*This edition marks our second Christmas together. Those of you that have had previous editions of the TWA Telegraph will know that every time there is something new and exciting happening here at TWA! For example this year we opened Year 9 for the first time and now have 51 students on roll!*

*I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2024!*

*Best wishes*

*Paul*



## Meet a member of staff

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*I am Stacey and I am the Director of Behaviour and Safeguarding at TWA.*

*I am passionate about making a positive difference to young people's lives and supporting them to grow into adults that are able to live happy and healthy lives. I have worked with young people for my whole career and have worked in various school settings, where I have had the privilege of working with some fantastic and inspirational pupils.*

*I love dancing and in addition to my work in schools over the years I have also taught dance and am a qualified dance teacher. I have a passion for performing arts, theatre and music and I have helped many young people over the years to develop their confidence and become performers on stage with pride.*

*I am wholeheartedly dedicated to safeguarding everyone and ensuring that all children and adults that I work with are protected and supported in order that they are able to live healthy, positive lives and be the best they can be at TWA.*

*I have loved joining the team and meeting all the young people this year. It is a very exciting time to be a part of the school and I am very much looking forward to continuing to work with all the young people and staff at TWA in the new Year.*

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## Harvest 2023



*On the 10th of October, children and staff at TWA donated food to be taken to the Coventry food bank to help those in need. The school raised 63.2kg worth of supplies which will now be shipped*

*across the UK. Due to the cost-of-living crisis, our donations were crucial in supporting those less fortunate.*

*In total, the food bank support over 200,000 people in the UK throughout the year.*

### ***How did it all begin....***

*Whilst watching our daily Newsround, the children identified how the cost of living is a struggle for many and how food banks were struggling to support those in need.*

*The children in year 5 decided to support the local food bank by asking for donations in school. They created posters for the school outlining where donations will be collected and what was required.*

*The children then went round the different year groups handing out their posters and helped staff in collecting the food and boxing it up ready to be delivered.*

***Thank you to everyone in Year 5 for recognising a need in the community and for coming together to help others.***



## Pumpkin Carving



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*Once again students had a great time pumpkin carving. Their creativity really shone and there were some very imaginative designs!*

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## Remembrance Day



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*On the 10th November, all staff and students came together as a community to remember those that had fallen in conflict.*

*Students undertook a range of activities to understand the different aspects of Remembrance Day and why we remember.*

*It was incredibly moving to see and hear a vibrant and busy school come to a standstill for 2 minutes when all staff and students participated in the 2 minutes silence.*

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## Displays at TWA

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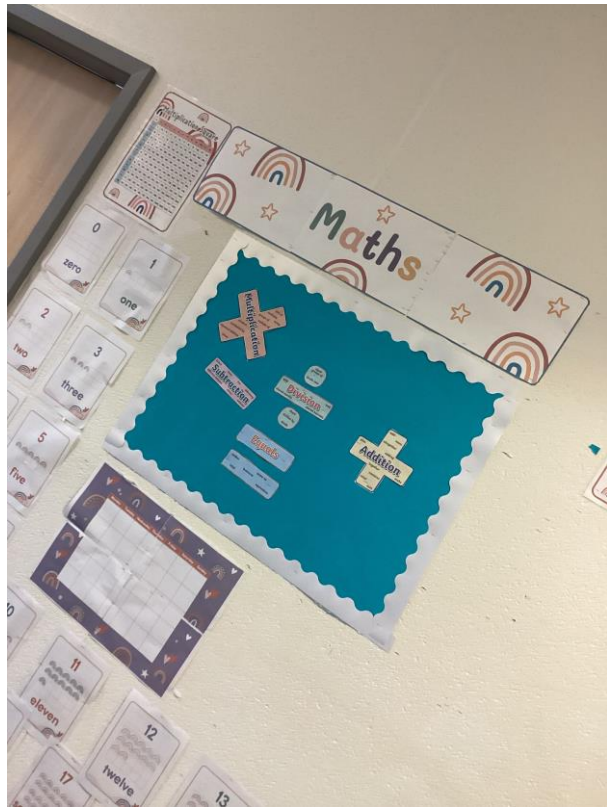
*For any of you that have visited TWA you will know that the classrooms have very large windows and staff have utilised these to make some very special Christmas display. Staff were keen to stress that it wasn't a competition, rather healthy rivalry between PODS to see who had the best display!*

*I'll leave you to be the judge!*

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## Diversity & Inclusion @ TWA



As part of our commitment to represent our diverse community at TWA, Trent Crawly who is a TA in 8B has recently been appointed as our LGBTQ+ Champion at TWA.

Trent is working closely with our staff and students to ensure everyone has a voice and a safe space to discuss their thoughts and feelings as well as promoting diversity and inclusivity for all.

Trent is also representing TWA in response to national consultations from the Department for Education around LGBTQ and Gender.

Below are some of the Displays that Trent has worked with students to prepare.

feeling loved and supported in life

Almas George Smith

BRANDON TWA -A.S. TWA Staff are amazing!

COREY \* Jent+Rich Rock Sue Nugget!

Who

What

Corey Trent

ALFIE AND HIS JOKES

OR

Singing ?

Beth Pastoral Queens

Makes you feel happy?

giving Beth Jenny Ellie Pops Max Jane Taje Shelby

COREY AND HIS MUSCLES

Jon is good

GM TWA family Music

My dogs Ellie & Samur make me happy

my cat and Nadine and +Brad and panda SASSY TONIC

Kate, Stacy + Rich XX

Rich's Dancing

YOU NEVER COMPLETELY  
HAVE YOUR RIGHTS, ONE  
PERSON, UNTIL YOU ALL  
HAVE YOUR RIGHTS.

MARSHA P. JOHNSON





## Christmas jumper day!

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*On the 7th December staff and students at TWA truly got into the festive spirit with Christmas Jumper Day! There was a wide range of jumpers on display and a great day was had by all putting us all in the festive spirit!*

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## Community support for TWA

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*As a school we always want to support our families as much as we can. With the unprecedented challenges we all face with the cost of living crisis and rising fuel prices we wanted as a staff to support our families over the Christmas period.*

*We have to say a huge thank you to **Gurdeep and all of people from the Gurdwara Baba Vadbhag Singh Ji, Bayton Road, Coventry** for their generosity and support. They provided food parcels and gift vouchers for all of our families and we are truly grateful for their support.*

*We also must thank **Sofia Iqbal & members of the Mace group** who kindly provided a selection box for every student too.*

*We are truly overwhelmed by the generosity shown by all involved*

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## Measles

The UK Health Security Agency has asked all schools to make parents aware of measles outbreaks and their advice and guidance. Presently there are no cases of measles in Warwickshire and none at The Warwickshire Academy. The advice from the UKHSA and Warwickshire County Council is below.

## Measles letter for Parents Dec 2023 - Warwickshire



Public Health,  
Education Services,  
December 2023

### **Measles and the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine**

Dear Parent / Carer,

There has been an increase in measles cases across the country including recent cases in Birmingham, Solihull and Coventry. Most of the measles cases are children who have not had the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

**This letter is to give you information about measles and encourage you and your family to have the MMR vaccine.**

### About measles

Measles is a disease which spreads very quickly and easily in communities such as schools and nurseries where people have not had two doses of the MMR vaccine. Measles can cause serious illness and can be fatal. People in certain at-risk groups, including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weak immunity (immunosuppressed) are at **increased risk** of complications if they catch measles.

Vaccination with **two doses of MMR** is the only way to give people maximum protection from this serious disease.

The **first signs of measles** are:

- High temperature (fever)
- Cold like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, coughing, sneezing
- Red, sore, watery eyes
- A non-itchy, blotchy red brown rash. This usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes starts around the ears before spreading to the rest of the body). The rash can be harder to see on darker skin tones.
- Small white spots appearing inside the cheeks and on the back of lips (for a few days)

Anyone who contracts measles is infectious for four days before any rash appears and for at least four days after the start of the rash.

Anyone with measles symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP practice or NHS 111 for advice. After contacting the GP or NHS111, you should try to rest and stay at home.

**If you do need to visit a GP or hospital, you must call ahead to let them know that it could be measles.** The staff will make special arrangements to see you and/or your child so that, if they have measles, they won't pass it to others.

**If your child has measles, they cannot attend nursery/school or group activities for 4 days** after the start of the rash.

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## Important information about the MMR vaccine

The MMR vaccine can be given to anyone who missed their MMR vaccinations when they were younger. People can 'catch-up' by booking in for MMR vaccination at their GP practice free of charge.

The first dose of MMR vaccination is offered to children soon after their first birthday. The second dose is normally given before your child starts school.

- If your child has not received **two doses of MMR vaccination** as part of their childhood immunisation programme, you should take up the offer of the MMR vaccine for your child.
- If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) or you can contact your GP to check.

It is never too late to get vaccinated. MMR vaccination is very important when there are cases of measles in the community. This is because any child or adult that has not had **at least one dose of MMR and comes into contact with a person with measles cannot attend nursery/school or group activities for 21 days** after contact with the infected person. This is the time it can take for measles to develop.

### Did you know?

- One person with measles can infect 9 out of 10 unvaccinated close contacts.
- For people who do not touch any pork products, there is a version of the MMR vaccine which does not use porcine gelatin in its production.

More information about measles and MMR vaccination can be found on the NHS website at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/).

Thanks for your support.

Best wishes,



## Important Dates



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*School finishes for Christmas on Friday 22nd December 2023*

*School returns on **Monday 8th January 2024***

*School finishes for February Half Term on **Thursday 8th February 2024***

*School returns on **Monday 19th February 2024***

#### ***Training Days***

***Friday 9th February 2023***

***Friday 3rd May 2024***

***Monday 3rd June 2024***

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## **Contact us**



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*We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas about what **you** would like to see in future issues of the TWA Telegraph.*

Contact us at [enquiry@wa.thrive.ac](mailto:enquiry@wa.thrive.ac) to let us know your ideas or to give us any feedback

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