

TYLERS GREEN MIDDLE SCHOOL



"Be yourself, be anything, we are the future."

NEWSLETTER
7th July 2025

As we approach the final stretch of this academic year, I've found myself reflecting on one of my favourite Kobe Bryant quotes: "Every struggle is an opportunity to rise." To me, the message rings true, and I've seen it lived out time and again by the pupils and staff of TGMS this term and year.

From moments of quiet perseverance to bold acts of excellence, our school community continues to show what it means to rise. Children embracing challenges in the classroom, persevering on the sports fields, performing with confidence on stage, or supporting a friend through a tricky moment - all of it matters, and all of it contributes to the culture of growth we're so proud of.

Our focus for Summer Term 2 has been Success and Achievement. Not technically one of the 'official' British Values, I hope you agree that these are core values at TGMS, intricately linked to Pride. And as I sit down this week to continue reading and commenting on every single pupil report, I feel genuinely overwhelmed by the daily evidence of that success. It is everywhere: in academia and the arts, in sporting effort and social kindness, in every carefully chosen word and well-earned Green Card. It's been a year of challenge, yes - but also one of deep and widespread achievement. In short, I am extremely proud of the success and achievement I am privileged enough to witness daily - the pupils, our fantastic staff and you, our parents, should share in this pride!

So, apart from additional updates over the next few weeks, please enjoy our final main newsletter of the academic year and celebrate the success and achievements I am thrilled to share with you.

Mr Isaacs
Headteacher

Transition Day

Last week, we were excited to welcome our new Y3 pupils to TGMS for their official transition morning, along with the rest of the school, enjoying time with their new teachers. Great job to our Y6 pupils, who spent the day visiting their new secondary schools - we know they represented TGMS brilliantly. Finally, special well done to our Y3 pupils, who embraced the changes to their class arrangements with maturity, positivity and resilience, rising to the moment just as we knew they would. I am extremely positive about the team and what lies ahead.

Current class	New class	Teacher(s)	Support Staff
	3CG	Mrs Coffey (Monday-Thursday) Mrs Green (Friday)	Mrs Brown; Miss Bawany (year share)
	3V	Miss Vincent	
3V	4C and 4H	Miss Christie	Miss Routledge; Mrs Yacomeni
3CG		Mr Harris	Miss Killick; Miss Zaman
4H	5OD	Mrs O'Dowd	Mrs Cherry; Miss Bawany (year share)
4C	5R	Mrs Rutland	
5OD	6FB	Miss Baker (Mon-Tues) Mrs Francis (Weds-Friday)	Mrs Richardson; Miss Edwards and Miss Bawany (until Mrs Kardouri's return from maternity leave)
5R	6B	Mrs Bawany	Mrs Norman

Staffing Updates

Firstly, I would like you to join me in sharing our immense gratitude to all our staff for rising to every challenge this year with dedication, resilience, and unwavering commitment to our pupils. It's an absolute privilege and a real joy to lead Team TGMS.

Next, two huge congratulations are in order. Miss Christie has now successfully completed her two-year ECT induction and officially becomes an experienced teacher as part of Team TGMS. Of course, as so many of you will agree, she has been an exceptional teacher from the very beginning, and we are incredibly lucky to have her. Secondly, we're proud to share that Mr Faulkner has achieved his Qualified Teacher Status after completing his SCITT training with us. While we're sorry we couldn't offer him an opportunity here (Seer Green's gain), we are deeply grateful for his two years of fantastic service to TGMS.

- **LSA Updates**

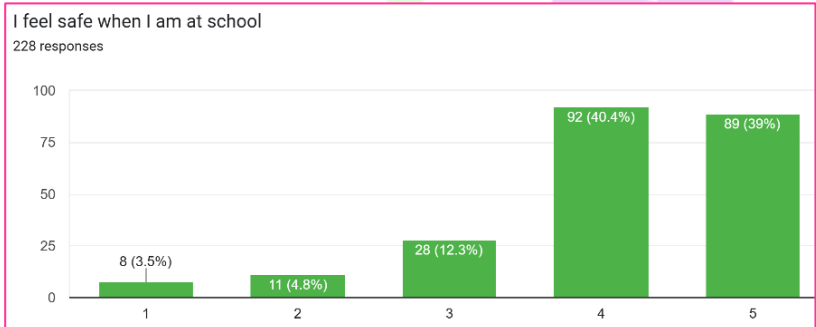
We're pleased to share that Miss Bawany's supply LSA role has been extended to a full-time contract for the next academic year, strengthening our support team and enhancing LSA provision across the school. Additionally, when Mrs Kardouri returns from maternity leave in October, she will be forming a job share with Miss Edwards, who has chosen to reduce her working days.

- **School Business Manager Recruitment**

We are sad to share that Ms Chalk, our School Business Manager, will be leaving Tylers Green Middle School at the end of September. As a key member of our Senior Leadership Team, she has played a vital role in overseeing school finances, HR, operations, staff well-being support and much of the behind-the-scenes work that keeps the school running smoothly. We are so grateful for her dedication and professionalism, and we wish her every success in her next chapter. Recruitment for this important leadership role is now underway, and we value the support of our school community as we seek the right candidate to help lead our school forward. Please see the [advert](#) listed on our website.

Feeling Safe at School: Lockdown and Evacuation

I'll share more insights from the 2025 Pupil Survey soon, but one key takeaway is clear: feeling safe at school is essential. While most of our pupils do feel safe, a small number don't—and when asked, they most often mention fire alarms and, especially, lockdown drills. These are understandable worries, and we work closely with pupils to reframe these moments not as fears, but as another opportunity to rise, grow in confidence, and feel empowered through preparation.



Therefore, as with anything we find challenging, the best way to build confidence is through learning and practice. That's why we recently carried out a full lockdown drill, which we extended into an evacuation of the entire school site, marching all pupils safely to our local refuge point at Tylers Green First School. Both pupils and staff rose to the occasion brilliantly. Exercises like these are never easy, but they help us all feel more prepared, more reassured, and ultimately, safer.

Summer Fair 2025 and The Friends of Tylers Green Middle School

The Summer Fair provided a wonderful experience for parents and children alike! The afternoon was filled with exciting activities, delicious food, and fun games that kept everyone entertained from start to finish. Children had a blast bouncing on the inflatables, smashing crockery, and playing games such as sumo wrestling and a penalty shootout to win prizes (I think Mr Harris and Mr Faulkner were rather sore after their exceptional goalie exploits).



Also, I am so proud of our TGMS Has Talent finalists who took to our Main Stage to entertain all those in attendance, including so many future pupils from the First School. Thank you to Sarah, Katie and their wonderful FOTGMS team for such an awesome afternoon!

I'd like to remind you of all the FOTGMS-funded projects this year, all so beneficial to our pupils, and only possible through the dedication and sacrifice of our Friends of Tylers Green Middle School:

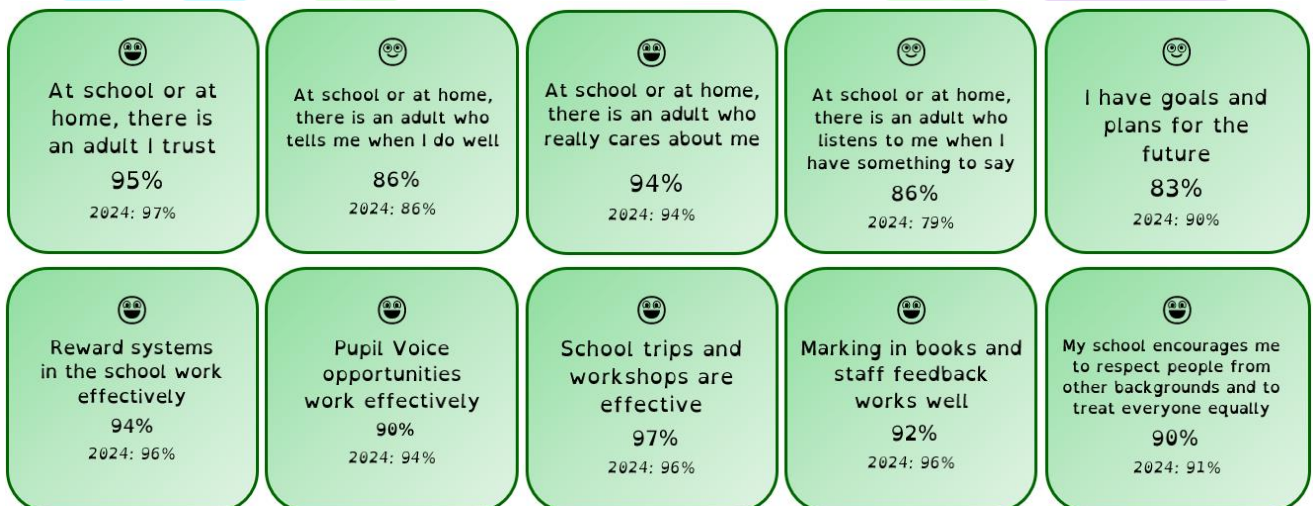
- Projects linked to **Green, Greener, Greenest**: new, far more efficient interactive whiteboards across the school; recycling bins for updated school systems; LED lighting in the hall for performances; sustainably-sourced benches for the Environment Area and playground. Please also see School Council's brilliant **Green, Greener, Greenest update video**.
- Other projects: CMA Violins project for Y3; a Crumble computing set; and the centrepiece project of the year, the redevelopment of the school's inclusion room (Rainbow Room). We look forward to sharing photos by the end of term as this excellent project takes shape.

The time and effort FOTGMS have dedicated to funding and supporting the delivery of these projects is quite incredible, alongside the multitude of fundraising they have hosted and you have supported. We are so grateful!

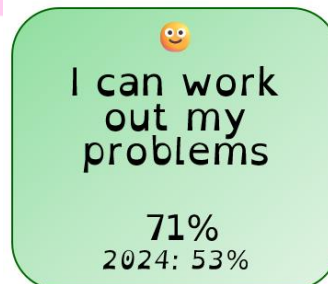
Finally, we are still looking for parents who might be willing to step into the vital roles of Treasurer and Secretary for the Friends of TGMS from September. These roles are hugely important and make a real difference to the experiences and opportunities we can offer our pupils. If you'd consider putting yourself forward, please speak to Rachel Strange or Katie Fox (who have kindly volunteered to become co-chairs, which will be confirmed at the late-September AGM), email friends@tylersgreenmiddleschool.co.uk, or speak to me directly. Ideally, we'd love some indication before the AGM.

Pupil Survey 2025

As with the annual [Parent Survey](#), the Pupil Survey gives us fantastic feedback to help us evaluate how we are doing and direct further school improvements. With the pupils, we focus on two main areas: their well-being and feedback concerning school initiatives. Please see some pleasing highlights, below:



We're incredibly proud that our pupils' feedback reflects the positive impact of our efforts to teach conflict navigation as a learnable skill. While we couldn't be certain at the outset how our initiatives would land, both behaviour tracking and pupil/staff perceptions show real progress. Therefore, we'll continue to refine and embed this work, knowing it's a true skill for life.



Personal Development and Enrichment Updates

Y6 PGL

Our Year 6 pupils set off today for their much-anticipated residential trip to PGL Liddington, and we're already looking forward to hearing about their adventures. Over the coming days, they'll be taking on a variety of activities designed to build teamwork, resilience and confidence, from high ropes and archery to collaborative challenges. These experiences often lead to real moments of personal growth and unforgettable memories, and we know they'll make the most of every opportunity. We're incredibly proud of them and thankful to the staff supporting the trip.

Please see the [Year 6 Page](#) on our website for the daily blog and photos. Year 6 parents, expect the updates to be uploaded fairly late in the evening, especially on the first night, as our priority will be settling the pupils.

Sporting Updates

Our Y5/6 mixed cricket team (picture, below) were triumphant in the recent District Finals, winning every match on the way to becoming Wycombe Area Champions. They earned the right to compete in the County Finals, which they competed in last Friday, achieving 5th place in all of Buckinghamshire. Please see their [Finals Film](#) to experience a flavour of their day. Congratulations to all involved, and my entire Y5/6 Cricket Squad!

I'd also like to pay tribute to all our pupils for their fantastic success during June's Sports Day. It was an action-packed morning filled with races that tested not only athleticism but also focus and determination. Every pupil rose to the occasion, achieving greatness in their unique ways, whether striving for a podium finish or showing real courage by stepping onto the track in front of hundreds. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who helped make Sports Day the empowering celebration of competition and character that it is at TGMS.

Lastly, I wish all the pupils selected to represent TGMS in the coming Wye Valley Athletics Championships the best of luck and to all our pupils for Sports Day this Friday. I hope to see many of you able to make it to enjoy this superb annual event.



TGMS Has Talent

Around 50 fantastic acts were whittled down to 10 acts who competed in what was a fabulous final. Every single pupil who entered has my admiration for challenging themselves and performing, and a special congratulations to Alex Hazeldine, who took 1st place with his stand-up comedy (much to the amusement - and slight embarrassment - of us teachers!).



Mini Enterprise

One of the highlights of the Year 6 summer experience is the annual Mini Enterprise Challenge. This year, eight teams of pupils formed their own businesses, creating products, pitching for a £50 start-up loan, and selling to the school community across three trading sessions. Pupils showed fantastic creativity, teamwork, and responsibility (especially once the cash was in their hands!). We're proud to say every team turned a profit, which will help fund a special swimming and food celebration day. Thank you to everyone (particularly our parents' generosity) who supported this exciting and memorable project.

Well-being Mentors

As you can gauge from the theme of this week's newsletter and this section, I continue to feel immensely proud of the breadth of opportunity and challenge we offer at TGMS, encouraging every pupil to rise to greatness in their own way. That includes not just academic, sporting or creative success, but greatness in kindness, empathy and care. Our Well-being Mentor initiative is a shining example of this. A huge well done and thank you to our incredible Year 5 mentors this year, who have shown compassion, leadership, and responsibility throughout. Recruitment has already begun in Y4, and our new Mentors will certainly have big shoes to fill!

Multiplication Tables Check

I would like to say congratulations to our Y4 pupils who have secured our strongest results ever in the annual Multiplication Tables Check. As you can see from the data, the results have progressed year-on-year, and although the national results have not yet been released, we are now likely to be achieving significantly above national expectations. A huge well done to the skill and dedication of Mrs Green and the Y4 team.

	2022	2023	2024	2025
National Mean Average out of 25	19.8	20.2	20.6	-
School Mean Average out of 25	18.8	20.3	21.4	23.3
National Percentage of children achieving 25 out of 25	27%	29%	34%	-
School Percentage of children achieving 25 out of 25	9%	16%	25%	52%
School Percentage of children achieving 20 or more out of 25	56%	73%	80%	93.7%

Behaviour, Routines & Readiness to Learn – September Priorities

We're grateful for the honest feedback from our Ofsted inspection, performance data, and recent surveys of pupils, parents, and staff. While the overall picture is extremely positive, one area that saw a small but noticeable decline in perception was behaviour, particularly around consistency in the classroom and during transitions. In response, we'll be working as a staff team to tighten how we apply our behaviour policy, including providing targeted training and support.

This will include a renewed focus on the teaching of learning habits, such as active listening, calm transitions, equipment readiness, and respectful group work, all of which free up mental space (working memory) for deeper learning. As part of this, we will also be enforcing higher standards around uniform, which we've observed weakening. Please do be aware and help your child be ready to meet expectations in September.

We know from both experience and research that great habits unlock great learning, and we're excited to keep developing a school culture where every pupil is supported to rise, thrive, and succeed.

TGMS News and Dates for your Diaries:

- Congratulations to Miss Billingham, who was a finalist in this year's Bucks School Awards Pupil Voice Teacher of the Year. She may have missed out on the top prize, but she's a winner in our eyes.
- **Sun cream:** Liaising with TGFS, we will allow our pupils to bring sun cream in their bags, and they can reapply during the day in sunny weather. However, **ensure it is nut-free** and avoid spray options, as we have observed silly behaviour.
- We're proud to announce that TGMS has officially achieved **Healthy Schools Status!** This is a fantastic recognition of our whole-school commitment to health and well-being. A huge thank you to Miss Vincent for leading the way and coordinating the evidence from various members of the team.
- Quite possibly the closest House Competition closes at the end of this week. The reward event will be on the 16th of July for the winning House and all the House Captains to celebrate their dedication and leadership.



- Please make sure you are subscribed to our [Diary Dates](#) page on the website.
- **Trip/Event Reminders:**
 - Wye Valley Track Events: 14th of July
 - Year 6 Reward Trip to Princes Risborough: 17th of July
 - Arts Celebration: 17th of July in the afternoon. All are welcome to tour the pupils' exhibition
 - Annual Reports (including SATs results for Y6 parents and MTC results for Y4 parents): 18th of July
 - FOTGMS Bouncy Day: 18th of July (Y6 evening event)
 - Year 6 Awards and Leavers' Evening: 21st of July, 7-9.30 pm
 - Last day of term: 23rd of July (2.20 pm collection)