



13 March 2026

Dear parent/carer,

SCHOOL UPDATE: FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026

We are marching into March and it's hard to imagine that we just have two weeks left of the Spring Term!

This week the pupils have continued to demonstrate a positive attitude to learning. In fact, the word 'positive' has been our 'Value of the Week' and I was delighted to reward several children at today's Celebration Assembly with 'Star of the Week' certificates for their positivity and perseverance. Positivity says 'I can do it!' and 'I am not going to give up!' Learning can be tough at times, but in handling the unknown and seeking to understand creates a posture of determination and 'leaning in', which ultimately leads to understanding: 'Ah, I get it now!' That's the attitude I see so often when I walk around the school each day.

This week we had good evidence for that as I asked my teachers to assess every child's progress and attainment for our 'Spring Data Drop'. The results were very encouraging, with a 7% improvement in pupil attainment since the Autumn Term. Well done everyone!

On Thursday I attended a special safeguarding conference in Bristol, together with other schools from our Trust. Safeguarding is such a central part of what we do at Tweeddale and we want to get so much better at creating an atmosphere of safety and security. In one conversation with a parent recently I was challenged to ensure that their child would never be hurt at school. I explained that working with children means that there are always unknowns, and I cannot control every child's behaviour all of the time. However, we can as a school create a warm and nurturing community where unsafe behaviours become less and less. We can also support pupils who are feeling anxious and be the trusted adults that children feel they can run to. That is our aim at Tweeddale and we work every day to develop and build that culture of care. I am grateful for all the support of parents and carers in this regard. Many have signed our Home-School Agreement. If you have not yet done so, I warmly encourage you to do so and pass the completed form to your child's Class Teacher. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we value our partnership with families to make Tweeddale a safe place to learn and grow.

Finally, with summer approaching we are looking to make our school grounds pretty and inviting. We want to plant some flowers and do some tidying. We have an INSET Day on Monday 13 April and I would love some support from parents who like gardening on that day. If that is you, please let the School Office know!

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr. Walters, Headteacher

