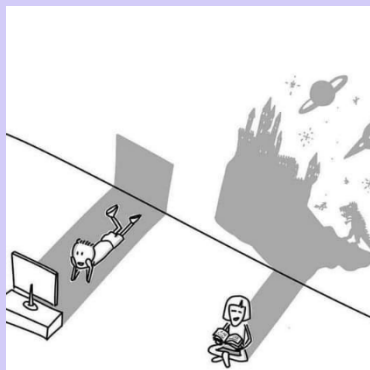


Dates for the diary

22.4.25 School begins for the summer term

28th of April the next Church in school meeting.

Just a reminder, Breakfast Club now opens at 7:45 a.m. The cost of the breakfast club is £5. Available to book on the gateway app.



Tankersley St. Peter's Primary School

Head Teacher Newsletter 25.4.25 Our school vision prayer;

**Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God,
my Saviour and my hope is in you all day long.**

I hope this letter finds you well.

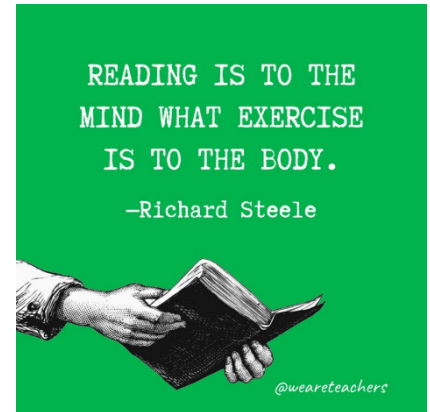
I wanted to take a moment to share something that really struck a chord with me recently. I attended a conference all about the power of vocabulary and how crucial it is for our children's future success. One speaker said something I'll never forget: *not teaching children to read is, in many ways, a form of neglect*, because without the ability to read, they're unable to access the modern world or any other area of learning.

It sounds extreme at first—but when you stop and think about it, it makes complete sense. Reading underpins everything. It opens doors to every subject, sparks curiosity, builds empathy, and helps our children make sense of the world around them.

One study shared at the conference really stood out. It found that young children whose parents read them five books a day enter nursery having heard *around 1.4 million* more words than children who are rarely read to. That difference in early vocabulary exposure

can have a lasting impact—not just academically, but socially and emotionally too.

As a working parent myself, I completely understand how busy and stretched life can be. We are all trying our best in challenging times. But I wanted to gently



encourage you—wherever possible—to carve out a few minutes each day to share a book with your child. It doesn't have to be five a day! Even ten minutes before bed, snuggled up with a story, can make a world of difference.

Thank you for everything you do to support your child's learning journey. Together, we can help foster a lifelong love of reading—one book at a time.

I would like to also remind you that the next church in school meeting is on the 28th 3:30-4:30 and we would love to see you there. Please let us know you are attending by completing this form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/iECG3Cf8G6>

We would like to wish the Y4 orienteering team good luck as they head off to Kirk Balk for a competition this afternoon. I know that I am terrible at this and can get lost in my own school 😊

ATTENDANCE

The national attendance figure is 97%.

Weekly attendance figure	Sessions lost this week	Authorised absences	Unauthorised Absences
97.1	41	15	26

This weekend I am going to be finishing a gardening project (on my own as my husband put his back out being scared of a bee!) 😊

Mrs. Harrison