



# The Trent-Rylands Federation



Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School *and* Beeston Rylands Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term at The Trent-Rylands Federation – we hope that you and your family have had a wonderful festive break. It's great to have all of the children back; they have settled back into school well after the holidays and have been excited to see their friends and teachers again. Each class has started to enjoy their new curriculum topics and the teachers have been busy organising lots of exciting enrichment activities for this term - we know that the children are going to absolutely love what we have in store.

We would like to welcome Miss Amie Draycott to our Nursery/ F1 team. Amie joins us with a wealth of experience. She has settled in well, getting to know the nursery children and their parents.

## **Lateness and Attendance**

It is important that if your child is going to make good progress both academically and socially, they attend school regularly and are on time - learning starts in school straight away. Thank you to all our parents who get their children to school on time every day.

As a reminder:

- Arrival in the morning after the time window will be classed as late.
- The day starts at 8.50am at TV and at 8.55am for BRJS (gates open at 8.45am)
- If your child arrives after half an hour of this start time, this is classed as an unauthorised half day absence. At TV this is after 9.20 am and at BRJS this is at 9.25 am. This has a significant impact on learning.

Holidays should **not be** taken in school time. Children miss chunks of learning when they are not in school and this has a detrimental impact upon their knowledge and skills. Prior to the break, we informed you that, from January 2025, the Trent- Rylands Federation will be referring requests for unauthorised leave to the authority who will issue Penalty Notices.

For your reference, here is the whole school attendance since we started school in September:

BRJS: Whole school attendance: 93.8%

TV: Whole School attendance: 94.5%

This percentage has continued to be similar from Autumn 1 but we would really like to see this climb.

We know, due to the time of year, there are bugs and illness about, but please do everything you can to make sure that your child is in school unless they are very unwell, have a temperature or an upset stomach. If they become unwell at school, we will always call you if they need to go home. We know that sometimes being in school with their friends can help them feel a bit better. Please do check we have up to date contact details especially if these have changed recently. If you need to report an absence, we would prefer you to let us know via the Study Bugs App (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>) but if this is unavailable, please email the relevant school office or leave a message on the answer phone.

### **Reading Morning**

We will be having reading mornings for parents of children at Trent Vale. We have allocated 2 dates for this term (please see below). Feedback, and the atmosphere within school during these 2 events, is always positive and both children and parents gain a lot from these sessions. For parents who have not stopped for these mornings before, make a note of the dates in your diary so you can stop and read with your child for 15 minutes in the morning at drop off time.

### **Thank You / Community Events**

Last term was busy to say the least. In the build up to Christmas all our children were involved in community-based activities which were enjoyed by everyone.

#### **Christingle**

To start the Christmas festivities, both schools attended the Chilwell Family Christingle at St John's Church in Beeston in early December. We received many positive comments from members of our school community; the children sang beautifully and we were proud of them. Thank you to Ms Jones, Mrs Mason and Miss Smith for leading this and ensuring the children had the opportunity for this community-based activity.

#### **Reindeer Dash**

The children and staff at Trent Vale loved taking part in the Reindeer Dash again this year. The children wore antlers and ran laps round the playground to raise money for the Treetops Hospice Children's Bereavement Centre. A total of £274.03 was raised – thank you for your generosity and support for this local charity.

#### **Christmas Carols**

A local In-Home Care Provider had their Christmas Party at the Boat and Horses and were entertained by children in Beech and Lilac class. Our Reception children sang a selection of songs from their Christmas Nativity and the residents joined in with everyone being impressed by the children's singing and enthusiasm.

### **Parents' Groups**

We would like to thank the parents' groups for the time spent organising events and for helping us behind the scenes. They already have lots of ideas and are planning some great future events; separate letters will be sent out nearer the time to inform you of these. If you would like to help with this group, please contact either school office.

## BRJS

The parent group at BRJS ran two film nights in November and a disco in December raising £412.90 for school funds. The children thoroughly enjoyed these events.

## TV- tea towels

Many thanks to our parent group for organising commemorative tea towels for Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sales from the tea towels raised £840 for school funds.

## Baby Club

Baby and Parent Club continues to run on Tuesday afternoons at TV. This is for any parent / carer and their child up to 3 years of age. It is a lovely calm space for parents to meet and children to play together. Please come along and join the group from 2pm in the school hall.

## Enrichment

As part of wider school life, we are keen to extend our curriculum experience out of the classroom and into the community and beyond. Each term, the teachers plan enrichment activities to support and extend the learning. In the last half term, these have included:-

Local walks  
Y6 residential  
Cinema trip  
Pantomime in school  
Diwali workshops/Geography at the Heritage Centre  
Geography field trip in Nottingham

We always welcome parent involvement on trips and love to have visitors with special skills to share—do let us know if you can support our learning in this way.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in ensuring The Trent-Rylands Federation remains a place where children are ready, respectful, and safe, and where they can thrive in their learning.

Kind regards

*Catherine Turner and Janine Barratt*

Headteachers

## Diary Dates Spring 2025

### JANUARY

Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y4 swimming restarts for 5 weeks – last lesson Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Y5 parent/carers information meeting Y6 residential (Nov 25) 3.35pm
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	KS1 Ugly Duckling Performance – Nottingham Playhouse visiting school
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	TV Reading Morning for parents – 8.50am - 9.10am

## **FEBRUARY**

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb – TV Parents Evening**

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - BRJS Parents Evening**

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - TV Parents Evening**

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - BRJS Parents Evening**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – TV disco (to be confirmed)**

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb HALF TERM (1 week)**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> February Children return to school**

## **MARCH**

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> March TV Storyteller visit in school**

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Mar TV Class photos**

**Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Mar TV Reading Morning for parents – 8.50am - 9.10am**

**Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Mar Y6 parent/carer SATs information meeting 3.45pm**

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Mar TV Easter Bonnet Parade pm (details to follow)**

## **APRIL**

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April BRJS Y3&4 trip to Jorvik Centre (further details to follow)**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April Easter Holidays (2 weeks 1 day)**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Children return to school**

## **Future Dates**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Over this period, Year 6 children will sit 6 different tests and it is vital that your child attends on all of these dates.**

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May Family of school dance festival at TV**

**Thu 5<sup>th</sup> & Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June BRJS Y4 residential (further details will follow)**

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> June BRJS Class photos**

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June - Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - Y2 Residential**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June BRJS Healthy Living week**