



Dear parents and carers,

I am so excited to welcome you back for the 2024-25 academic year. We are looking forward to working closely with you, building strong relationships that lead to the best outcomes for your child and for your family.

At Talavera, we are passionate that every learning minute counts and thank you for your continued support on ensuring that your child makes excellent progress. If you need any support in this, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best wishes, Mrs Harman-Box & Mrs Webb



Our School Team: Please see our school team below to help you find the right person to talk to if you would like any support. We are passionate about working closely with you.

Laura Harman-Box Head of School	Amanda Webb Collaboration Headteacher	Clare Litwin Assistant Head
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Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Year Leader: Miss Coombs Mrs O'Leary, Mrs Gailey & Mrs Gurung Blue Whale	Year Leader: Miss Burnett Miss Jennings Giant Panda	Year Leader: Mrs Heaton Ms Carden & Ms Cummins Spider Monkey	Shared year leadership: Miss Cooke Mrs Hatton & Mrs Duffill Black Rhino
Mrs Tichbon Ms Hewett Axolotl	Mrs Wright Mrs Gurung Indian Elephant	Miss Pike Mrs Ross Manatee	Shared year leadership: Lucy Manser Mrs McHale, Mrs Opoku & Miss Stew Sea Otter
Miss Bremner Mrs Shackleton Green Turtle	Miss Smyth Mrs Armit, Miss Hodkinson & Mrs Casey Mountain Gorilla	Miss Carter Mrs Hemming & Ms Robinson Macaw	Miss Mead Mrs Geere Snow Leopard
Miss Baylis Mrs Keon Emperor Penguin	Miss Coomasaru Mrs Cluness Bengal Tiger	Mr Willcocks Mrs Feasby, Mrs Mayurum, Ms Wheeler & Mrs Barton Polar Bear	This year group will also benefit from support from the following adults: Mrs Russell Mrs West

Pangolin leader: Miss Horner Mrs Creighton, Mrs McTaggart, Mr Mitchell, Mrs Balch, Mrs Osahan & Mrs Howard
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Office staff: Ms Wilson, Mrs Kirkham-Wingate & Mrs Long	Caretaker: Mr Hardy	Other teaching staff: Mrs Winter, Mr Mitchell, Mrs Howard & Mr Hutson
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Jobs and responsibilities

We have a number of roles which children can take on to help develop their independence, confidence and resilience. These include:

Talavera Ambassadors: These students welcome new entrants and help them to acclimatise to life at Talavera. They receive training in Makaton to assist in this.

Librarians: Children who are passionate about reading often thrive in this role which includes supporting children in choosing new books and organising the library.

School Councillors: These students are chosen through a democratic election process and have real say in the school.

Prefects: Available to year 6 only. These students are role models for the rest of the school.

Eco-Councillors: If your child is passionate about protecting our environment, please is the role for them.

House Captains: Available to year 6 only. These students are team players, often love sports (but not always!) and can bring people together.

Junior Road Safety Officers: These students promote safety in our school and in our local environment.

Please note that, if your child wants to cycle or scoot to school, we encourage this. However, they must ensure they are wearing a helmet and cannot cycle or scoot on school grounds.

Please come to the school office to get a cycling/ scooting permit. These will be signed by Mrs Harman-Box.

This year, we will operate a three strikes system to ensure that child are safe. Thank you for your continued support.



All children need to be confident in their times tables—they are the foundation of a huge amount of other learning. Your child's teacher will let them know if they need additional practice. Watch out for your child's TT Rockstars log-in.



Your child's homework may look different from last year—we are designing it to target the arithmetic and vocabulary that your child will need for that half-term. Alongside this, your child will be bringing home weekly spellings. Please play games with them to help make this learning fun. If you have any concerns or need support, please contact us.

Being Talavera Smart is important in helping your child understand their role and responsibility at our school. Here is a guide to our uniform. If you need support with your child's uniform, we are here to help.



Red school jumper (can be branded from Edgar Jerome)

White polo shirt

Black skirt, shorts or trousers

Leggings are not school uniform.



Indoor PE: red or white t-shirt (plain or Talavera-branded) and black shorts

Outdoor: as above, with red or black jumper. Leggings or tracksuit bottoms can be worn. Socks and trainers.

Chatting to your child about their learning helps them to remember. You can see each year group's own newsletter for more information but here is an overview. Please do make use of your local library to find more texts to explore with your child.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Digging Up The Past Explore dragons and the Stone Age with your child. Try using salt dough to make dinosaur fossils—or to create your child's own imaginary animal!	Rise of the Robots & Raging Rivers Learn about technology and how things work. Try building a circuit using a potato!	Anglo-Saxon Attack! Try looking at maps to see where the Vikings travelled to and from. Building a Viking mead hall from lolly sticks could be fun!	Seven Seas Discover how adventurers explored new lands. You could try to find the most unexplored place in the world and learn about it.

100%

Attendance at school is vital in ensuring your child does not miss learning, as well as in building resilience. We will be working closely with you to ensure your child's attendance is above 97% as a minimum. This gives your child the best opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We use the following NHS guidance to advise you on when your child can attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please reach out to us if you have any concerns as we want to work with you. We know that odd days off school can have significant impact on a child's outcomes.



Key Dates

September:

Friday 6th: All year 6 applications due in

W/C 9th: Prefect interviews

Tuesday 10th: Year 5 Beowulf workshop

Friday 13th: Play Leader, School Council and Librarian applications due in

W/C 16th: Aspiration Week

Wednesday 18th: Year 3 Stone Age workshop

Monday 23rd: Year 4 Legoland trip

Wednesday 25th: Flu vaccinations

Monday 30th: Year 6 SATs practice

October:

Thursday 3rd: Poetry Day

Friday 4th: Year 4 Wellington trip

W/C 7th: National Library Week

Thursday 10th: Year 6 Chessington trip

Friday 11th: Fijian Day

Tuesday 15th: Happy 60th Birthday, Talavera Junior School!

Wednesday 16th: Year 3 Butser Farm trip

Friday 18th: House event: Cross-country

Friday 25th: Last day of term

November:

Monday 4th: INSET day—no children in school

Tuesday 5th: First day back at school

Online Safety: ChildNet has some excellent resources to help you feel confident in supporting your child with staying safe online.

If you have specific concerns about your child online, please come and talk to us. We teach Online Safety in every year group from the first half-term so your child will be aware of how to protect themselves.

Remind your child to be SMART online by following these rules.



Learning Support Assistant & Midday Supervisory Assistant

Closing date: 1st October 2024 Noon

Contract/Hours: Fixed term until July 2025, Part-time

Salary Type: Support Staff

Salary Details: LSA Grade B (FTE £23,058) MDSA Grade A (FTE22,183)

Hours of Work: LSA 25 hours per week (Mon- Fri 8.45 - 12.15 & 13.35-15.20)

MDSA - 5 hours per week (Mon-Fri 12.15-13.15)

Location of Role: Talavera Junior School

Contact e-mail address: office@talaverajunior.co.uk

Job/Person Summary

Do you want to make a real difference?

We are looking for a learning support assistant to work for five mornings a week in Year 5 cohort, hours to be worked are 8.45 - 12.15 & 13.35-15.20 and then to cover 12.15 - 1.15 as a midday supervisor.

Your responsibilities will include supporting learning in core subjects and intervention when children have not grasped a concept.

For further information please contact the school. You may also be asked to assist other adults in the class with the preparation of resources and general classroom duties.

We are looking for someone who:

- has high expectations of all children
- is able to use their own initiative and be proactive
- is able to communicate well with others
- is a good team player
- has excellent subject knowledge in English and Maths and at least a Grade C or equivalent in both subjects
- We can offer you delightful children who are enthusiastic to learn and determined to do their best. We are an outstanding school with a supportive and friendly team.

Come and visit us and see what we have to offer.

Application Procedure

For further information or an application form please call the office on 01252 322156; visits are warmly welcomed.

Application forms along with lots of information about our school can be found on the school website www.talaverajunior.co.uk.

Safer Recruitment

Talavera Junior School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

About us

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