



Thornton Primary School

Newsletter

23/01/2026

Attendance

Since returning to school in January, the overall attendance across school has been very good. It is really important that all of our children improve/maintain their attendance throughout the academic year so that they gain the most they can from their time at school.

We monitor our children's attendance daily and have noticed a trend this academic year where by we have a much higher percentage of absence on Fridays compared with every other day of the week. To encourage all children to be in school each Friday, for the next 3 Fridays up until half-term, all the children that are in school that day will have their name added to our raffle to win an attendance prize. It might be a Friday but the weekend doesn't start until 3:15pm so please make sure your child is in school. Also, to save time spent calling parents/carers, please can we remind you that if your child is absent from school you must notify the School Office by calling 01253 821128 on the first morning of absence. Thank you for your support; let's keep working together to ensure all children achieve their best.

School Website

In the next few weeks, you will notice that we have a new school website. The information that is on our current website will be transferred over to our new one but it will give us the facility to add content in a more user friendly way to keep parents/carers up to date with the latest information in school. The website address will still be the same: www.thorntonprimary.lancs.sch.uk

Reading at Home

Reading at home for all children is really important. Out of all of the homework that is set for our children, it is the one area that can make the greatest difference to your child. Please continue to listen to your child read at home regularly and at least 3 times per week.

If you need any support with your child's home reading, please contact your child's Class Teacher who will be able to support you with this.

Swimming Gala

Next Thursday morning, 8 of our children in Key Stage 2 are representing the school at the Swimming Gala. Letters were sent home on Wednesday to those who have been selected. Please send the reply slip in by Monday if you haven't done already so that we can confirm our place and which races the children will take part in.

Have a great weekend. Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

School Closes for Half-Term **3:15pm 13/02/2026**
 School Re-Opens **23/02/2026**
 Spring Parents' Evening **17/03/2025 and 18/03/2025**
 School Closes for Easter Holidays **1:30pm 27/03/2026**
 School Re-Opens **13/04/2026**
 School Closes for Half-Term **3:15pm 19/05/2026**
 School Re-Opens **01/06/2026**

Sports Day **18/06/2026**
 Key Stage 2 Summer Production Oak, Rowan, Beech & Sycamore Classes **09/07/2026**
 Pre-School Graduation **15/07/2026**
 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly **16/07/2026**
 School closes for the Summer Holidays **1:30pm 17/07/2026**



Below are the details of this half-term's clubs. The last clubs will take place week beginning 2nd February

Willow Class	Archery each Thursday, 8-8:45am with Mr Sharp
Maple Class	Archery each Thursday, 8-8:45am with Mr Sharp
Oak Class	Singing each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Young and Mrs Thompson Running each Wednesday, 3:15-4pm with Mr Ashcroft Archery each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
Rowan Class	Singing each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Young and Mrs Thompson Running each Wednesday, 3:15-4pm with Mr Ashcroft Archery each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
Beech Class	Singing each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Young and Mrs Thompson Running each Wednesday, 3:15-4pm with Mr Ashcroft Archery each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
Sycamore Class	Singing each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Young and Mrs Thompson Running each Wednesday, 3:15-4pm with Mr Ashcroft Archery each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
The Orchard	Singing each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Young and Mrs Thompson Running each Wednesday, 3:15-4pm with Mr Ashcroft Archery each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp



Certificates

Hazel Class	Hallie and Grace W
Willow Class	Freya and Logan
Maple Class	Matilda and Dominic
Oak Class	Meghan and Nicola
Rowan Class	Kiarra and Alfie T
Beech Class	Joshua and Samantha
Sycamore Class	Elie-Mai and Malcolm



What we are learning about this term in our Foundation Subjects

Hazel Class	Transport & Travel
Willow Class	United Kingdom/Significant Individuals
Maple Class	Continents & Oceans/Significant Individuals
Oak Class	Brazil/Ancient Civilizations
Rowan Class	Rainforests/Roman Empire
Beech Class	Rainforests/Roman Empire
Sycamore Class	Geographical Skills/Transport

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