



Thornton Primary School

Newsletter

09/01/2026

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of a new term and year. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the New Year celebrations and had chance to spend some time together as a family. We returned to school on Monday to much frostier weather than we've had so far this winter but it hasn't stopped the children from settling back into their new routines and picking up from where they left off in December. As always, this half-term is a very busy one with lots of opportunities for all of the children to really focus on their learning now that the Christmas celebrations have ended for this academic year. We're looking forward to seeing the children build on what they learnt last term and make really good progress in all areas. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please speak to your child's Class Teacher who will be happy to help as best they can.

Attendance

To support us with teaching your child, please ensure they have good attendance this term. Without it, they will not make the progress they deserve the chance to make. For children's whose attendance is not at a level that we expect, where there aren't mitigating circumstances, parents/carers will be invited into school to discuss how this can be improved so that your child does as well as they can at school.

This half-term's incentive will begin next week. Any class that has a weekly attendance average above 96% will be invited into Mrs Brown's room one day the following week for hot chocolate.

Welcome to new staff

This week, we welcomed Mr Richard Higginbottom to the team. Mr Higginbottom will teach Beech Class for the remainder of the academic year. So that parents/carers can get to know him, you are invited to drop into the classroom after school on Wednesday 14th January. We hope to see some of you then.

This week, we have also welcomed Miss Emily Pickervance and Miss Claire Walker. Miss Pickervance will be teaching Oak Class throughout January whilst Miss Taylor is completing her placement at Red Marsh School. Miss Taylor will then return to our school in February. Miss Walker will be working in Hazel and Maple Classes.

We wish all three of them lots of success in their new roles.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor at our school. The governors are very keen to appoint someone who has experience/a working knowledge of teaching & learning and the national curriculum and/or someone who has been involved with community engagement projects.

If you feels as though you have these skills /experiences and are interested in supporting our school, please let the School Office know by Friday 16th January so that an informal discussion can be arranged with Mr Ashcroft.

We hope to hear from some great candidates very soon.

The toy sale is on before and after school next Friday. Have a great weekend.

Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher

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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
Willow Class
Maple Class
Oak Class
Rowan Class
Beech Class
Sycamore Class

Monday 12th
 January Certificate
 winners will be
 announced on Friday
 16th's Newsletter.



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