



Thornton Primary School

Newsletter

19/12/2025

Merry Christmas

The term seems to have flown by and what a term it has been. A special mention is due to all our Pre-School and Reception children in Hazel Class. At this time of year when they're feeling so excited for Christmas Day they have managed to keep going, despite being tired after what is the longest term of the school year. Today saw the final event of our build up to Christmas which once again has been great fun. Over the last few weeks we've taken part in a Christingle Service, watched a Pantivity and a Pantomime. Hazel, Willow and Maples Classes put on two fantastic performances of 'Whoops a Daisy Angel', we've had Christmas Party Day, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day, PTFA Christmas Bingo, an Elf Dash and today had the chance to come together to sing Christmas songs around our Christmas Tree in the Hall. These special memories will stay with our children and I hope they've had a fantastic few weeks. In addition to the Christmas fun, once again this term, I have been really happy with the work the children have produced each day in the classrooms. It is clear to see that the children are making progress in their learning and are proud of what they're achieving; I'm looking forward to seeing them build on this when we return in January. From all of the staff and governors, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th January.

Goodbye Mr Burgess, for now

The time has come to say goodbye, temporarily, to Mrs Burgess as he begins his new role as Temporary Headteacher at Winmarliegh Primary School. We all wish him lots of success and are confident that he will do a fantastic job, in the same way he has at our school. Over the next few months, he will be in regular contact with our school so that when his secondment ends he is ready to return to his role as Deputy Headteacher at our school and pick up from where he left off.

Dates for your Diary

School Re-Opens **05/01/2026**
New Year Bonfire **09/01/2026**
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**

Have a wonderful Christmas and very Happy New Year
Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher