



Thornton Primary School

Newsletter

12/12/2025

Oak Class Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone that donated and also sent money in for the Oak Class Cake Sale. The total amount raised was £112.50 with all proceeds going to Alder Hey Children's Hospital. Well done to the children in Oak Class for organising this fantastic event for all the children in school.

Staffing Updates

As you'll already be aware, Mr Burgess will begin his secondment as Temporary Headteacher at Winmarleigh Primary School in January for two terms. Mr Richard Higginbottom will teach Beech Class until Mr Burgess returns in September 2026.

Part of Miss Taylor's Teaching Apprenticeship means that she has to complete a one month placement at another school which she will complete in January at Red Marsh. Throughout January, Oak Class will be taught by Miss Emily Pickervance who is also an Apprentice Teacher at St Stephen's Primary School in Preston. Miss Pickervance will teach the children Monday to Thursday and on Fridays they will be taught by Mrs Thompson, Mrs Wood and Mrs Shaw as they have been all year.

If you have any questions that you would like to discuss, please come and speak to me or contact the School Office.

Rowan Class Swimming

Today was the last swimming lesson of the year for Rowan Class. They will not have any further swimming sessions this academic year.

Parent/Carer Stay and Learn Session

Thank you to everyone that was able to join us this afternoon for our Christmas themed Parent/Carers Stay and Learn session. We hope you enjoyed the chance to spend some time with your child in their classroom and now feel in the Christmas mood.

Christmas Dates for your diary

Below are the dates of our school led activities in the run up to Christmas.

- **Tuesday 16th December** Hazel, Willow and Maple Christmas Nativity
- **Wednesday 17th December** Christmas Lunch, and Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 18th December** Cinderella at Blackpool Pleasure Beach

We finish for the Christmas Holidays at 1:30pm next Friday. Have a wonderful weekend.
Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

Christmas Production Hazel, Willow and Maple Classes

16/12/2025

School Closes for Christmas Holidays **1:30pm 19/12/2025**

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**



Clubs have finished for this half-term. Details of clubs for next half-term will be sent out to children in Years 1-6 when we return after the Christmas Holidays.



Certificates

Hazel Class	n/a
Willow Class	n/a
Maple Class	n/a
Oak Class	n/a
Rowan Class	n/a
Beech Class	n/a
Sycamore Class	n/a



What we are learning about this term in our Foundation Subjects

Hazel Class	All about Me
Willow Class	Great Fire of London and the local area
Maple Class	Remembering local soldiers and Zambia
Oak Class	Stone Age to iron Age and Climate Change
Rowan Class	Local history and Rivers
Beech Class	Local history and Rivers
Sycamore Class	Guy Fawkes and the United Kingdom

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