



Thornton Primary School

Newsletter

03/10/2025

The Orchard

Our new Special Educational Needs Unit, The Orchard is now fully open. Three weeks ago, we welcomed our first 4 children and have since grown to 5. We have a capacity of 8 places for children who have an Education and Health Care Plan with all places commissioned by Lancashire County Council's SEND Team. We have been really pleased with the start the children have made and how well they have integrated into our school; joining a new school is never easy but they've made it look like it is. I'm also very proud of the way that our children in the main school have welcomed our new children, particularly the way in which they spend time together in some lessons and at lunchtimes. Over the coming weeks, we expect to be at capacity in The Orchard and look forward to seeing all of the children flourish.

Sports Fixtures Update

Once again, the Year 5/6 Football Team have had a great week. They played a re-arranged match on Monday after school against Stalmine Primary School and came out 5-2 winners, playing some fantastic football throughout the match. On Thursday, the team played Larkholme Primary School in a hard fought match where we found ourselves 2-0 down at half-time. The team brushed themselves off and turned it round in the second half-to claim a 2-2 draw. Well done to all children for another great week of matches. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, there are lots of sports events and competitions taking place this year which will enable us to as provide opportunities for other children to represent school.

Parent/Carer Stay and Learn Session

On Friday 17th October, all parents/carers from each class are invited into school to take part in the first parent/carers stay and learn session. This is a great opportunity to see first hand what your child has been learning about in the classroom and to enjoy some learning time together. Entry to school is from 2:30pm via the Main Entrance. We look forward to seeing lots of you then.

Lost Property

There is a significant amount of unclaimed lost property in school from last academic year. If you believe your child has lost any item belonging to them, please come and have a look through the box after school on Monday. Please enter school via the Main Entrance.

Stay safe in the stormy weather. Have a great weekend. Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

Flu Vaccinations **08/10/2025**
 Parent/Carer Stay and Learn **2:30pm 17/10/2025**
 School photographer in school **20/10/2025**
 School Closes for Half-Term **3:15pm 24/10/2025**
 School Re-Opens **03/11/2025**
 Autumn Parents' Evening **11/11/2025 and 12/11/2025**
 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**
 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 Loses for the Summer Holidays **1:30pm 17/07/2026**

Below are details of this term's clubs. The last week of clubs is week beginning 13th October.

Willow Class	Art & Craft each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Miss Smith Tri Golf each Thursday, 8-8:45am with Mr Sharp
Maple Class	Art & Craft each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Miss Smith Tri Golf each Thursday, 8-8:45am with Mr Sharp
Oak Class	First Aid each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Brocklehurst Tri Golf each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
Rowan Class	First Aid each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Brocklehurst Tri Golf each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
Beech Class	First Aid each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Brocklehurst Tri Golf each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
Sycamore Class	First Aid each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Brocklehurst Tri Golf each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp



Certificates

Hazel Class	
Willow Class	Oliver.H. and Elsie
Maple Class	Harry and Ivy
Oak Class	Hailey and Jesse
Rowan Class	Alfie.T. and Hugh
Beech Class	Samantha and Toby
Sycamore Class	Madison and Toby



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