



# Thornton Primary School

## Newsletter

5th September

### Welcome Back

A warm welcome back. I hope you've all had a fantastic summer holidays and enjoyed the sunny weather we have had, for the most part. This week, we have welcomed our new Reception children who have settled really well and had a great first week exploring their new surroundings which is never easy after 6 weeks away from their usual routine. I'm sure there will be some tired but, hopefully, happy children tonight.

At the beginning of the year, some children will feel nervous and need to find their routine again. As always, if you have any concerns or questions about your child, please speak directly to your child's Class Teacher or make an appointment via the School Office either in person or over the phone. We want all children to feel settled and happy and will do all we can to ensure this is the case.

### Meet the Teacher

On Monday 15th September, parents/carers are invited to 'Meet the Teacher'. Each Class Teacher will be delivering a short presentation about what to expect in your child's class this year. The presentations will be delivered twice, once at 3:30pm and again at 3:50pm for those who have siblings in school. To help the evening go smoothly, parents/carers can drop their children off in the Hall whilst the meeting takes place. Please enter school via your child's classroom door.

### Staffing

A warm welcome to Miss Samantha Gardner who joins our school as the teacher responsible for our new Special Needs Unit, The Orchard. Once it is fully up and running, Miss Gardner will be joined by Mrs Brierley, Teaching Assistant. We wish her well in her new role and look forward to seeing The Orchard in action. This term, Rowan Class will have Mrs Connor working with them as she completes her Autumn Term teaching placement. We wish her well and hope she learns lots.

### Clubs

Earlier in the week, a letter detailing the clubs that are taking place this half-term was sent to all parents/carers of children in Years 1-6. Places have now been allocated and confirmation of places have been sent. Due to the demand for places, if your child doesn't want a place at a club, please let the School Office know so it can be reallocated.

### Forest School

Forest School sessions will begin next week and take place on the following days: **Hazel Class** Wednesday afternoon, **Willow Class** Thursday afternoon, **Maple Class** Friday afternoon, **Rowan Class** Tuesday morning, **Beech Class** Tuesday afternoon, **Sycamore Class** Monday afternoon. For morning sessions, the children need to come to school wearing their Forest School clothes and bring their school uniform in a separate bag and vice versa for the afternoon sessions. As we now have 7 classes, one class each half-term will not have Forest School. This half-term, **Oak Class** will not have Forest School lessons.

Well done for all you've achieved this week. We're looking forward to building on this wonderful start. Have a great weekend. **Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher**

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## Dates for your Diary

Meet the Teacher **3:30pm 15/09/2025**  
 Life Education visiting school **15/09/2025**  
 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.**

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



### Certificates

**Our Certificate Assembly returns on Monday morning for children in Year 1-Year 6. Please check your emails to see if your child is due to receive one of our school certificates. As usual, the children are welcome to bring in certificates/awards from outside of school to show during Assembly.**



### What we are learning about this term in our Foundation Subjects

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

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