



# Thornton Primary School

## Newsletter

17/04/2026

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term, I hope you all had a wonderful Easter Holidays and managed to spend some time together as a family and enjoyed one or two Easter Eggs. Other than the second half of the Autumn Term, this term is the busiest in school. In a few weeks, our Year 6 children will sit the Key Stage 2 SATs. Mrs Brocklehurst, as well as other staff, are busy preparing the children so that they can give it their best go. The most recent practice assessments they completed before the Easter Holidays were very positive so we are sure they will do themselves proud as they always do. Later in the Summer Term, there is Sports Day for all of our children and the Key Stage 2 Summer Production. In June, our Year 1 children will take the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check to assess how they are currently doing in the early stages of learning to read. Also in June, our Year 4 children will be taking part in the Year 4 Multiplication Check; all extra practice at home using resources such as Times Tables Rock Stars are very useful. All in all, it promises to be another busy, productive but fun term in school.

### Beech Class Parents' Evening

This week, an email has been sent to all parents/carers of children in Beech Class so they can book a slot to meet with Mrs Barnes on Wednesday 22nd April for Parents' Evening. If you are having any difficulty accessing this electronically, please let the School Office know.

### School Uniform

It has been lovely to see many of the children return to school looking really smart with many of them in their summer dresses. Well done to everyone who managed to source one, I believe that this has been challenging for some parents/carers compared to other colours. We will speak to Bispham Clothing about this to see how they can help if their continues to be a shortage. Please remember, all children should wear socks without logos/stripes on as part of their uniform. Only plain white/grey socks are to be worn. Trainers and PE hoodies are also only to be worn on PE days. Thank you for your support.

### Attendance

This half-term's Attendance Incentive will be based on individual attendance. Mrs Brown is currently developing the 'Milkshake Monday Trolley'; further updates will be provided once it arrives. Although we often run attendance incentives, it is definitely worth remembering that good attendance at school is the expectation and that with or without an attendance incentive all children need to be in school regularly or they will not achieve their full academic potential and experience the social interactions that are necessary to help children to develop into well-rounded individuals who ready to leave our school at the end of Year 6. Please also remember, if your child is absent, you must contact the School Office via phone call only. Thank you for your support.

### Have a great weekend Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher

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## Dates for your Diary

Key Stage 2 SATs **11/05/2026-14/05/2026**  
 School Closes for Half-Term **3:15pm 19/05/2026**  
 School Re-Opens **01/06/2026**  
 Year 1 Phonics Screening Check **09/06/2026**  
 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 11th May.

<b>Willow Class</b>	Dancing each Wednesday, 3:15-4:15pm with Miss Gardner Tennis each Thursday, 8-8:45am with Mr Sharp
<b>Maple Class</b>	Dancing each Wednesday, 3:15-4:15pm with Miss Gardner Tennis each Thursday, 8-8:45am with Mr Sharp
<b>Oak Class</b>	Indoor Curling each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Barnes Football each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
<b>Rowan Class</b>	Indoor Curling each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Barnes Football each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
<b>Beech Class</b>	Indoor Curling each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Barnes
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Indoor Curling each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Barnes
<b>The Orchard</b>	Indoor Curling each Monday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Barnes



Our Certificate Assembly is back again on Monday. Please check your emails to see if your child has earned one of our certificates.



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

<b>Hazel Class</b>	Down in the Jungle
<b>Willow Class</b>	Animals
<b>Maple Class</b>	Hot and Cold Places
<b>Oak Class</b>	Mountains
<b>Rowan Class</b>	Anglo Saxons and the Scots
<b>Beech Class</b>	Anglo Saxons and the Scots
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Our local area

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