



Thornton Primary School

Newsletter

24/04/2026

Reading and Times Tables

Reading at home at least 3 times a week, for as little as 10 minutes each time, makes a significant difference to a child's reading. It develops greater confidence and fluency which then leads to a better understanding of the text they are reading. In turn, it also leads to a greater knowledge base across a wide range of different subject areas. We know that we all lead busy lives but by spending that time a few times a week reading with your child, you will quickly notice lots of improvement with their reading. Equally, children in Year 2 to Year 6 who practise times tables on a regular basis learn to quickly recall these facts and can use them to work out more challenging multiplication calculations. They are also able to apply their knowledge to division questions, findings fractions of amounts and much more. All children from Maple to Sycamore Class have a Times Tables Rock Stars login. As with reading, if your child uses this two or three times a week, they will soon notice a significant improvement in their times tables knowledge.

Attendance Incentive

Starting next week, is our Milkshake Monday Attendance Incentive. Any child who achieves 100% attendance the week before will be able to choose a milkshake off the Milkshake Trolley. This will take place each Monday (Tuesday when it is the bank Holiday) for the remainder of this half-term. Although the incentive is running, as I wrote in last week's Newsletter, good attendance at school is the expectation for all children. Some weeks, children will have a day absent due to illness which is completely normal, however, all children should aim for 96%+ attendance across the whole academic year.

Year 5/6 Residential Trip Meeting 07/05/2026

The Year 5/6 Residential is fast approaching. In preparation, Miss Gardner, who will be the Lead Teacher on the visit, is holding a meeting for parents/carers on Friday 8th May at 3:30pm. Please collect your child and enter school via the Main Office. If you are unable to attend, please let us know so that we can provide you with the necessary information.

Football Tournaments and Fixtures

Over the next couple of weeks, there is a Football Tournament for children in Year 3/4, a Year 3 Girls Football Tournament and our Year 5/6 Football Team have once again been invited to play at Fleetwood Town's Stadium. Please look out for letters in your child's bag and return these to school if your child has been selected to take part.

The sun seems to be finally here. Have a great weekend Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

Year 5/6 Residential Meeting **3:30pm 08/05/2026**
 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.

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



Certificates

Hazel Class	Sully and Everleigh
Willow Class	Maximus and Leo
Maple Class	Maizie and Finley
Oak Class	Evie and Hailey
Rowan Class	Oliver and Seth
Beech Class	Samantha, Eleanor, Jake, Ella
Sycamore Class	Charlie L and Lucas
The Orchard	Scarlett



What we are learning about this term in our Foundation Subjects

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