



Thornton Primary School

Newsletter

08/05/2026

Contacting School

Some staff in school have to maintain email communication for safeguarding reasons so will check their emails regularly. An example of this is to check for any Operation Encompass referrals. Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of parents/carers using staff email addresses to make contact with school. Emails are being received in the school holidays, at weekends and late at night. Emails have also been received by school when a parent/carer has reported their child's absence. Email is not to be used to contact school with the exception of parents/carers who have an issue or question relating to Special Educational Needs; this should be made within the working day. Full details of procedures for contacting school are available on our school website under the Policies tab. The information is also attached to this week's Newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Attendance

Our school's attendance is lower than the national average and continues to be an area that we must improve. There will always be seasonal illness that impact a child's attendance, however, some children's absence is now significantly affecting their learning. We are always keen to work with parents/carers to support you in ensuring your child attends school regularly and on time. If you ever need any help or tips for good attendance, please contact the School Office in person or over the phone so that Ms Khanfar can arrange for Mrs Brown to speak to you about this.

Moving House or Changing Contact Number?

If you have recently moved house or changed your contact number, please can you ensure the School Office have been made aware. Recently, there have been a couple of occasions when we have had to contact a parent/carer and haven't been able to because their number has been changed and we haven't been made aware. To ensure the health & safety and safeguarding of all children, we must have at least two contact numbers for every child on roll. Thank you for your support.

Sports Day Plans

Sports Day is fast approaching. All classes will take part in a variety of races and field events across the day. The times for each class are as follows:

9-10am Hazel Class

10:15-11:30am Willow and Maple Classes

1-2:30pm Oak, Rowan, Beech, Sycamore and The Orchard Classes

Entry to Sports Day is via the Key Stage 2 playground. We hope to see lots of you there.

Thank you for supporting the Sir David Attenborough Celebration Day. Have a great weekend.
Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

David Attenborough Celebration **08/05/2026**
 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 9-10am** Hazel Class, **10:15-11:30am** Willow and Maple Classes,

1-2:30pm Oak, Rowan, Beech, Sycamore and The Orchard Classes
 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.

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| 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 |



The Certificate Assembly
will return on Monday 1st
June



What we are learning about this term in our Foundation Subjects

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| 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 |

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