



Thornton Primary School

Newsletter

15/05/2026

Sycamore Class

This week, the children in Sycamore Class have completed the Key Stage 2 SATs and we couldn't be prouder of them all. Each day, they came into school with a positive attitude and gave each one of the Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar, Reading and Maths papers their best effort. This afternoon, they've enjoyed some time to relax after a busy week and had a Dominos treat at lunchtime. We are not due to receive the results until early July. The results will be then shared with the parents/carers of children in Sycamore Class when you receive your child's End of Year report on Friday 10th July.

Sir David Attenborough Day

Last Friday, we enjoyed a fantastic day celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday. After an Assembly where the children had the chance to learn more about his fascinating life, each class had the chance to take part in an outdoor learning activity which ranged from bug huts, to natural art. Just before lunch time, we all came together to plant a tree in his name just on the edge of the Forest School. At lunchtime, we all eat together outside and thankfully the weather remained dry so the children were able to enjoy their lunch without getting wet. A big thank you to Sycamore Class and Mrs Brocklehurst for organising what was a great day for all classes. A big thank you also to everyone who made a donation as part of the dressing up/non uniform the children wore on the day. All money raised will be sent to the Fauna & Flora Charity supported by Sir David Attenborough.

Reporting Absence

Each day, a number of hours are being spent chasing up children's absence. Please ensure you contact the School Office before 9am if your child is going to be absent that day. Please also continue to call with an update each day, by 9am, until your child is well enough to return to school.

Staffing Updates

On Monday, we sent an email to all parents/carers to inform them that Mr Burgess will be leaving our school at the end of the academic year. From 1st September, he will begin his new role as Headteacher at Manor Beach Primary School. On behalf of all the staff, children and governors we wish him every success for the future and thank him for all that he has done for our school since he started working here in September 2021. The children in Year 5/6 attending the residential visit will see him there and he will also be back in school before the end of the academic year to say goodbye.

Have a great weekend. Let's hope the weather warms up Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

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**



Clubs have finished for this half-term. Details of clubs for next half-term will be sent out to children in Years 1-6 when we return after the half-term holidays.



The Certificate Assembly will return on Monday 1st June



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

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