



Thornton Primary School

Newsletter

18/09/2026

Attendance Incentive

It has been wonderful to see so many of our children make such a positive start to the academic year, both through their excellent attendance and the enthusiasm they have shown towards their learning. We want every child to have the strongest possible start to the year, and our new **Starting Strong** incentive is designed to celebrate and encourage this. From Monday until the October half-term, any child who attends school for the full week, from Monday through to Friday, will earn a raffle ticket. Tickets will be placed in a box in the Hall each Friday, ready for our final draw on the last day of the half-term. A number of winning tickets will be drawn, with each winner able to choose a prize. The more full weeks children attend, the more raffle tickets they will collect and the more chances they will have to win one of our prizes! Good luck to all our children, and well done for making such a fantastic start to the year.

Being safe when playing outside of school

A couple of incidents have been reported by parents/carers and children in Sycamore Class whereby they have felt unsafe when playing with friends in the local area at weekends and during the evenings. We have spoken to the children in Beech and Sycamore Classes about what to do if they feel uncomfortable. We would also encourage parents/carers to have these conversations with their own child so that they are able to keep themselves safe. If you have any questions, please come and ask the School Office if you can speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher

Mrs Young, SENDCo

Miss Gardner, The Orchard Class Teacher

Mrs Brown, Family Learning Mentor

Snacks and Birthday treats

All children are welcome to bring a snack with them for morning break. We ask that this is limited to one healthy item, so that children have enough time to enjoy their snack as well as play and socialise with their friends. From time to time, children like to bring sweets or other treats into school to share with their friends when celebrating a birthday. In line with guidance relating to Benedict's Law, these items will now be sent home with children rather than being eaten in school. This allows parents/carers to make their own decision about whether they would like their child to have the food item. Thank you for your support in helping us to promote healthy choices and ensure that break times remain enjoyable for everyone.

Homework has been sent home for all children this week. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's Class Teacher. We hope to see lots of you at the Meet the Teacher meetings on Monday after school. Have a great weekend **Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher**



Dates for your Diary

Meet the Teacher **21/09/2026**

Open Days **19/10/2026, 20/10/2026, 21/10/2026**

School closes for half-term **21/10/2026 3:15pm**

School reopens **02/11/2026**

Parents' Evening **10/11/2026 and 11/11/2026**

Hazel, Willow and Maple Classes Christmas production **15/12/2026 at 1:45pm and 5:15pm**

School closes for the Christmas Holidays **18/12/20 at 1:30pm**

School reopens **04/01/2027**

School closes for half-term **12/02/2027 at 3:15pm**

School reopens **22/02/2027**

Parents' Evening **02/03/2027 and 03/03/2027**

School closes for the Easter Holidays **25/03/2027 at 3:15pm**

School reopens **12/04/2027**

School closes for half-term **26/05/2027 at 3:15pm**

Sports Day **24/06/2027**

School reopens **07/06/2027**

School closes for the Summer Holidays **20/07/2027 at 1:30pm**



Below are the details of this half-term's clubs. The last clubs will take place week 12t October.

Willow Class	Art & Craft each Wednesday, 3:15-4:15pm with Miss Taylor Tri-Golf each Thursday, 8-8:45am with Mr Sharp
Maple Class	Art & Craft each Wednesday, 3:15-4:15pm with Miss Taylor Tri-Golf each Thursday, 8-8:45am with Mr Sharp
Oak Class	Board Games each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Jones Dance each Wednesday, 3:15-4:15pm with Miss Gardner Tri-Golf each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
Rowan Class	Board Games each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Jones Dance each Wednesday, 3:15-4:15pm with Miss Gardner Tri-Golf each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
Beech Class	Board Games each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Jones Dance each Wednesday, 3:15-4:15pm with Miss Gardner Tri-Golf each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
Sycamore Class	Board Games each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Jones Dance each Wednesday, 3:15-4:15pm with Miss Gardner Tri-Golf each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp
The Orchard	Board Games each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mrs Jones Dance each Wednesday, 3:15-4:15pm with Miss Gardner Tri-Golf each Thursday, 3:15-4:15pm with Mr Sharp

Certificates		What we are learning about this term Foundation Subjects	
Willow Class	Archie and Ruby SB	Hazel Class	Me and My Family. Superheroes
Maple Class	Marty, Elijah, Lilyanna	Willow Class	Great Fire of London. And Local Area Study
Oak Class	Matilda and Alec	Maple Class	Remembering local soldiers and Zambia.
Rowan Class	Alfie M and Lola	Oak Class	Stone Age to iron Age and Climate Zones
Beech Class	Isaac and Alfie T	Rowan Class	Migration and Rivers
Sycamore Class	Cole and Toby	Beech Class	Maya Mountains.
The Orchard	Willow	Sycamore Class	Guy Fawkes. United Kingdom
		The Orchard	Rivers

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