



Thornton Primary School

Newsletter

25/09/2026

Positive Friday Attendance

Across the country, Friday is typically the least well-attended day of the week, and we see a similar pattern at our school. During the Summer Term, we talked to our pupils about this and listened carefully to their views and ideas. Their feedback helped us shape our new Positive Friday Attendance initiative. School is a busy place, and we have high expectations of all our children. However, we also want school to be a place that children enjoy and look forward to coming to each day. That is why, every Friday, all children will have the opportunity to take some time out from their usual routine and enjoy a Silent Disco during their class's allocated morning slot. They will then return to their classrooms to enjoy their usual exciting and engaging lessons. In the afternoon, children will continue to take part in Enrichment Friday, which has already been a huge success and something our children really look forward to. We are really looking forward to launching our Silent Disco next Friday morning and making Fridays at Thornton a positive, enjoyable and memorable part of the school week for all of our children.



New sensory additions

It goes without saying that inclusion is at the heart of everything we do at our school. To build on the excellent range of resources and support already available to our children, we are pleased to announce that we have successfully secured funding to create an additional sensory room within the main school. Sensory experiences can provide valuable opportunities for children to regulate, feel calm and support their wellbeing and mental health. We are really excited to see this new space take shape and expect it to be installed over the next few weeks. To further enhance the support we can offer, we have also secured funding for a purpose-built pod, which will be located near the playground. This dedicated space will provide a supportive environment for children who may sometimes need time away from the classroom, while continuing to access their learning with high levels of adult support. We are incredibly excited about these new additions to our school and the opportunities they will provide for our children. More information and photographs will follow once the work has been completed.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Meet the Teacher meetings on Monday. If you missed it, and have any questions for your child's Class Teacher, please arrange to speak to them in person or via the School Office.

Have a great weekend Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

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 1.30pm**

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	Hallie and Nellie-Rose	Hazel Class	Me and My Family. Superheroes
Maple Class	Lily and Annabel	Willow Class	Great Fire of London. And Local Area Study
Oak Class	Harry and Teddy	Maple Class	Remembering local soldiers and Zambia.
Rowan Class	Willow and Adalhaid	Oak Class	Stone Age to iron Age and Climate Zones
Beech Class	Oliver B and Elliott	Rowan Class	Migration and Rivers
Sycamore Class	Toby, Alfie C and Isla T	Beech Class	Maya Mountains.
The Orchard	Archie	Sycamore Class	Guy Fawkes. United Kingdom
		The Orchard	Rivers

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