Thornton Primary School

Newsletter

02/10/2026

Attendance Parent Group

As I am sure you are aware, improving attendance for all of our children is one of our key School Improvement Priorities. We know that regular attendance is essential in supporting children's learning, wellbeing, confidence and wider development. A parent-friendly version of our Attendance Improvement Plan, alongside all of our School Improvement Plans, is available on our school website under the Key Information tab. To support our continued work to improve attendance for all of our pupils, we are establishing a Parent/Carer Attendance Working Party. This will provide an opportunity for parents/carers to work alongside school leaders and share their views, experiences and ideas about attendance. The group will meet for approximately one hour each term and will focus on key areas such as:

- why good attendance is important for children
- what school can do to support parents/carers and remove barriers to good attendance
- how we can encourage and maintain good attendance throughout the school year
- how parents/carers and school can work together to support every child to attend regularly

We would really value the contribution of our parents/carers and the different perspectives they can bring to this important area of school improvement. If you would like to be part of the group, please email Ms Khanfar at bursar@thorntonprimary.lancs.sch.uk by Friday 9th October.

Halloween Disco

On Tuesday 20th October, the PTFA are holding a Halloween Disco. Full details about timings and refreshments available on sale on the evening will be sent out next week.

Parent/Carer Stay and Learn

This half-term's Parent/Carers Stay and Learn session will take place on Friday 16th October at 2:30pm. All parents/carers are invited into their child's classroom to take part in learning activities with their child from 2:30pm that day. We hope to see lots of you then.

Sycamore Class visit to the University of Lancashire

On Tuesday next week, the children in Sycamore Class are visiting the University of Lancashire to take part in a variety of electricity workshops. If you haven't yet completed the permission form on Parent Pay, please do this by Monday. Without the permission, your child won't be able to attend.

Have a great weekend **Mr Ashcroft, Headteacher**

Dates for your Diary

Sycamore Class visit the University of Lancashire **06/10/2026**
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 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

Willow Class	Melissa and Sully
Maple Class	Marty and Arla
Oak Class	Teddy and Maizie
Rowan Class	Evie, Jacob and Nicola
Beech Class	Kiarra and Callie
Sycamore Class	Samantha and Toby
The Orchard	Willow

What we are learning about this term Foundation Subjects

Hazel Class	Me and My Family. Superheroes
Willow Class	Great Fire of London. And Local Area Study
Maple Class	Remembering local soldiers and Zambia.
Oak Class	Stone Age to iron Age and Climate Zones
Rowan Class	Migration and Rivers
Beech Class	Maya Mountains.
Sycamore Class	Guy Fawkes. United Kingdom
The Orchard	Rivers

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