



# THORPEDENE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ACHIEVING, CARING AND RESPECTING WITH CONFIDENCE

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We have had a very busy and exciting week here at Thorpedene and are feeling so proud of everything that our children are achieving.

This week has been Reading Week! Our children have been fully immersed in books, reading, and more reading - their enthusiasm has been fantastic.

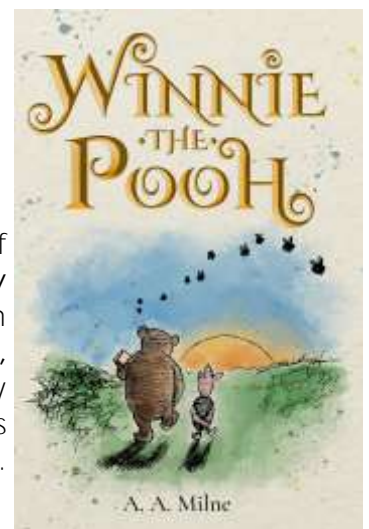
We've seen our pupils take part in the Reading Rescue Challenge, enjoyed our own version of the Masked Reader, browsed our pop-up bookshop, and of course, celebrated World Book Day with some wonderful costumes.

On Monday we held our Parents Association disco, which raised an incredible £680 for our school - this is amazing! These funds make a real difference to the opportunities we can provide for our children. However, we do need your help. Due to limited volunteer numbers, we are at risk of not being able to host these valuable events moving forward. If you are interested in supporting these events, please contact the Thorpedene PA at [thorpedenepa@outlook.com](mailto:thorpedenepa@outlook.com). Even if you can only help occasionally, every bit of support makes a difference. We'd love to continue offering these fantastic events for our children, and we can only do this with your help.

### *Mrs Frost*

At TPS, we love to read! Mrs Frost shares one of her favourite books from her childhood.

As a child, the collection of *Winnie-the-Pooh* books were my favourite because of their gentle silliness and being full of warm friendships. Pooh Bear's simple, funny way of looking at the world makes everything feel safe and happy, even when things don't go to plan. The way Winnie the Pooh and his friends stick together, shows that kindness, loyalty, and laughing matter more than anything. My favourite character was Piglet - he is kind and loyal and always ready to help his friends - he shows that although he is shy and scared he always tries to be brave. These books are all about true friendship.





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## PARENT REMINDER

### UNIFORM REMINDER (EYFS – YEAR 6)

We would like to thank you for your continued support in helping children come to school dressed smartly and ready to learn.

As a gentle reminder, we expect all pupils from EYFS to Year 6 to adhere to our school uniform policy. Our uniform helps promote a sense of belonging, pride in our school, and ensures consistency across the school community.

The expected uniform is:

Grey pinafore dress, skirt, trousers, or tailored shorts

Royal blue and white gingham dress

Royal blue polo shirt (with or without logo)

Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with logo)

School fleece with logo (optional)

Black or white socks, or grey tights

Sensible flat black shoes (no coloured patterns, laces, or obvious logos)

### PE KIT

Royal blue shorts/jogging bottoms

Round neck blue t-shirt (with logo)

Black plimsolls / trainers

Blue school jumper / cardigan in colder weather

*(children come into school wearing their PE kit on their dedicated day)*

If you have any questions or require support with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or speak to a member of staff.





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## INFORMATION & ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 5M for getting 98.1% attendance

And 2B, 5W, 3C and 3F for reaching the school attendance target of 96%

Class	%
5M	98.1%
2B	98%
5W	97.6%
3C	96.4%
3F	96.2%
4B	95.8%
2W	95.5%
6L	95%
4W	94.8%
1N	94.1%
6S	93.9%
1S	93.6%
Swans	93.4%
5LG	92.7%
4SR	90.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95%</b>

### LATENESS

Being on time for school everyday is just as important as attending everyday.

When a child is late for school it can make them feel anxious and unsettled as they are entering their classroom where their peers are settled and engage with learning.

They may also have missed key information and feel stressed that they have to catch up.

If a child feels this way when they are continually late, it can lead to them not wanting to attend school, affecting their overall attendance as well as socially and emotionally.

When a child is continually late, they will receive a letter from school and their lateness will be monitored.

If there is no improvement the parent/carers could be asked to attend a meeting.



That's two school weeks

### Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

Attendance Team | Education, Quality Assurance and Intervention Service



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## CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

### Thorpedene Stars!

Each week our Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Frost, Mr Hamilton, Mrs Jackson-Mayo and Miss Carter) select one child each from across the school who has stood out for their demonstration of one of our Core Values of ACHIEVING, CARING, RESPECTING and CONFIDENCE.

Congratulations to the children below for being this week's stars!

★ Amella in Ducklings for her CARING nature and helpfulness in the Nursery. ★

★ Albie in Swans for showing great CONFIDENCE with his writing this week. ★

★ Neveah in 1S for her fantastic ACHIEVEMENT in reading and her growing CONFIDENCE in school. ★

★ Alfie and Jack in 2B for being so CARING towards their new friends. ★

Congratulations to the following students achieving in Accelerated Reader, Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots!



Swans: Amalie

4SR: Keira

Yr3: Alfie

Swans: Liam

**Most nuggets earned**

**Most time working**

1S: Rafe

4W: Noah

Yr4: Maycie

1N: Luke

Emma (2W)

Emma (2W)

1N: Riley

5L: Jack

Yr5: Skarlett

1S: Remie

Zane (3F)

Archie (4W)

2B: Albie

5M: Scarlett

Yr6: Mahreen

2B: Margot

Kaeya (4W)

Nirvana (5M)

2W: Margot

5W: Mia

2W: Ivy

Nirvana (5M)

Harvey (6L)

3C: Ilinca

6L: Harrison

Alex (6L)

3F: Henry

6S: Tanzim

4B: Dante





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## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

### SCHOOL DISCO

Thanks to the Parents Association and staff who gave up their time to help at the school disco. The children danced, played games and ate and drank the tuck shop dry! We raised over £680 which will go towards Year 6 leavers hoodies. Thank you to all involved!



As part of our Book Week, every child received a book token which they could exchange for a book of their choice.

Here are some snaps of the children from 5LG exchanging their book tokens!



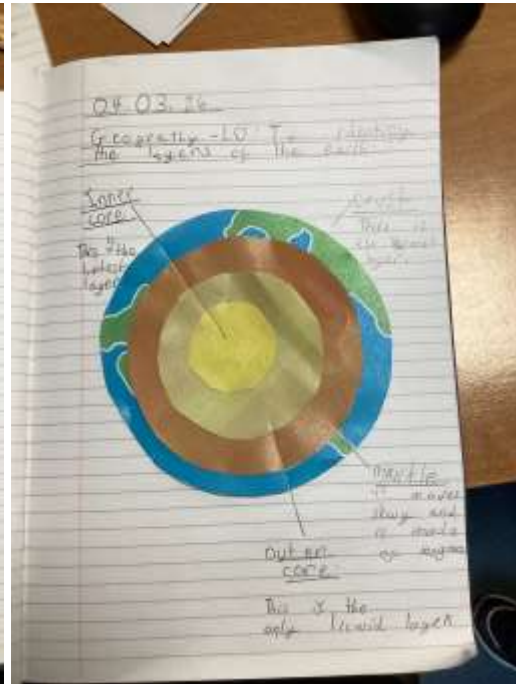
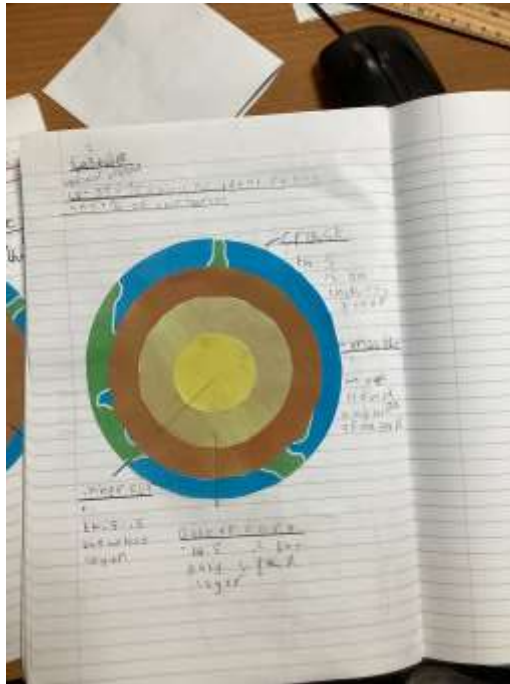
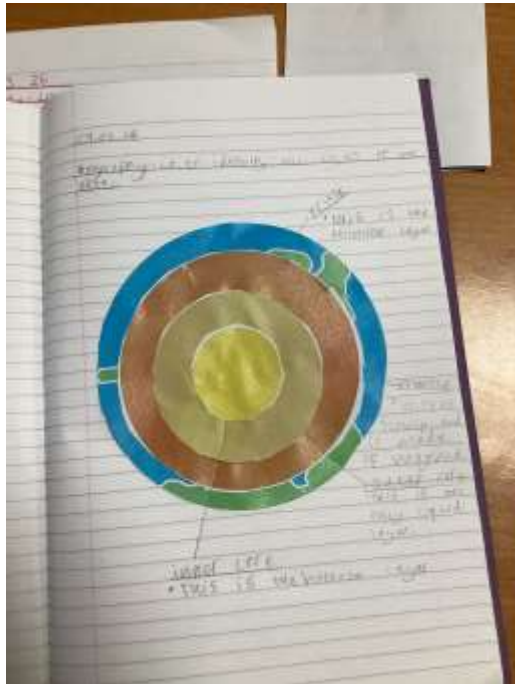


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In their Geography lessons this week, Year 3 spent time learning about the layers of the Earth which relates to their perfect planet topic. They watched some videos and then had a go at creating their own versions to show the 4 different layers: the crust, the mantle, the inner core and outer core.





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## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS



### DROP ZONE BREAKFAST CLUB MENU

Cereals, Milk  
Toast, Crumpets, Bagels, Butter, Jam  
Fruit  
Water

### DROP ZONE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB MENU

Wraps, Pitta Bread, Mini Bread Rolls, Bagels  
Toasted Sandwiches with fillings - Baked Beans,  
Cheese, Ham  
Make your own Pizza  
Baked Beans on Toast  
Sandwiches  
Ham, Cheese, Dairy Lea Cheese Triangles  
Cucumber, Peppers, Fruit  
Frubes, Raisins, Malt Loaves, Tea Cakes  
Water, Milk

\*\*Gluten free bread, non-dairy spread, non-dairy milk available\*\*



Gluten

Milk

Egg

WHEAT

DAIRY

Vegetables

### Afternoon Dropzone Assistant - Bournes Green Schools

Apply by 20/03/2026

- Level 4 SCP 6-7  
(FTE £25,989 - £26,403)  
Actual Salary £3,004 - £3,057  
Monday and Friday, 15:15-18:00
- Term Time Only





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THORPEDENE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

## Mother's day

### SALE

Friday 13th March

CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO PURCHASE A  
GIFT FOR THEIR MOTHER/CARER DURING  
THE SCHOOL DAY

#### **ALL ITEMS £2 EACH**

Please send your child's money in to class with them in the morning, in a sealed envelope with child's name and class written on the front

Children will only be able to purchase  
one gift each.





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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>MARCH</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PA School Disco
5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day <i>(children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character)</i>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 School Trip to Barleylands Farm
9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Mock SATs
11 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Stay & Play: 9.00am - 10.00am
11 <sup>th</sup>	5L Class Assembly: 9.05am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Science Enrichment Session: 2.00pm - 3.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mother's Day Sale</b>
16 <sup>th</sup>	Chicks Parent Consultations
18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations: 3.45pm - 7.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	3F Class Assembly: 9.05am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Ducklings Parent Consultations
20 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day <i>(further details will follow)</i>
20 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore With Me Session: 2.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Consultations: 3.45pm - 5.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nursery Open Evening for Prospective Parents: 3.35pm - 4.15pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 School Trip to Belfairs Woods
25 <sup>th</sup>	1N Parent Enrichment Session: 9.10am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery, EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade: 2.15pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS School Trip to Hadleigh Farm
27 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Easter Activity: 2.15pm
30 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	EASTER HOLIDAY
<b>APRIL</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 School Trip to Barleylands Farm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Swans Parent Enrichment Session: 9.10am
<b>MAY</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	5W Class Assembly: 9.05am
8 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore With Me Session: 2.30pm





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11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Egyptian Day <i>(children are invited to dress up as an Egyptian)</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
JUNE	
9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Borough Sports
17 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos
19 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day Sale
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential Trip
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Super Sports
26 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore with me Session: 2.30pm
JULY	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Sports day
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Transition Day
6 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fayre: 3.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Borough Sports
8 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Residential
10 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Sports Day
13 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment Session for Whole School: 2.00pm - 3.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon: 3.15pm - 4.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production: 1.45pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production: 6.00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: 9.15am
23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Closes at 1.00pm to all pupils for the Summer Holidays

