



# THORPEDENE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ACHIEVING, CARING AND RESPECTING WITH CONFIDENCE

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As we reach the end of another busy and exciting half term, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and continued support for our school community. Our pupils have been engaged in a fantastic range of learning activities, and we're incredibly proud of all they've achieved.

This week has been an exciting week as we've celebrated our whole school Enterprise Week. Each class has been busy planning, designing and making wonderful items to sell to parents and carers as part of our school fundraising opportunities. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support this project. We hope you enjoyed seeing the creativity, teamwork and entrepreneurial spirit on display across the school. The children have learned so much about working together, problem-solving, and bringing their ideas to life - all while demonstrating our school values of Achieving, Caring, Respecting and Confidence.

The next half term promises to be just as busy, filled with our end-of-year events including Sports Days. Please check the calendar dates at the end of this newsletter to make sure you have them booked in your diary - we'd love to see as many of you there as possible.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break with family and friends, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final half-term of the school year on Monday 1st June from 8.35am.

*Mrs. Frost*

Class	%
2B	97.8%
6L	96.5%
6S	96.4%
4SR	96.4%
2W	96.2%
1S	96%
Swans	95.9%
5M	95.6%
4W	95.5%
4B	95%
1N	94.7%
5W	94.3%
5LG	94.2%
3C	94%
3F	93%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95.4%</b>

### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 2B for getting 97.8% attendance.

Also to 6L, 6S, 4SR, 2W and 1S for all reaching the Attendance target of 96%





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## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

### TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS

Headteachers can only grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances, and we want to be clear that family holidays during term time will not be authorised. Children being absent from school, particularly repeatedly and/or for prolonged periods, can act as a vital warning sign of safeguarding concerns and can significantly impact their educational progress.

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional circumstances' are that they are rare or unavoidable.

### PENALTY NOTICES (FINES)

If you choose to take your child out of school for an unauthorised holiday, you may be subject to a penalty notice (fine) issued by Southend-on-Sea Local Authority. The penalty is:

- £80 if paid within 21 days of receipt
- £160 if paid after 21 days, but within 28 days

### EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

We understand that there may be truly exceptional circumstances where leave during term time is unavoidable. Exceptional circumstances are rare, one-off events that could not reasonably have been scheduled during school holidays. Examples might include:

- A family bereavement or funeral
- A significant family emergency
- Religious observance (where the day is exclusively set apart for religious observance)

Financial reasons, such as cheaper holiday costs and travelling in less busy times do not constitute exceptional circumstances and will not be approved.

If you believe you have an exceptional circumstance, you will need to:

1. Complete our holiday request form in advance
2. Provide supporting evidence or documentation to demonstrate the exceptional nature of your request
3. Allow time for the request to be considered on its individual merits

### WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day at school counts. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic progress, social development, and overall wellbeing. Missing school can mean:

- Falling behind with learning
- Missing important social interactions with peers
- Disruption to classroom routines and relationships





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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!

- ★ Blair in 2B For RESPECTING and CARING and being a kind friend this week ★
- ★ Annie in 5LG for showing improved CONFIDENCE in school. ★
- ★ Harper in 6S for being an all round legend and always showing RESPECT ★
- ★ Mason in 5LG for showing kindness and CARING for his sibling ★

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



Alexx-Marie (Swans)  
Leon (1N)  
Arthur (1S)  
Alfie (2B)  
Maya (2W)  
Annie (3C)  
Henry (3F)  
Violet (4B)

Joshua (4W)  
Evie (4SR)  
Sophia-Rose (5LG)  
Markayla (5M)  
Mia (5W)  
Yara (6L)

Yr3 Noah  
Yr4 Nathan  
Yr5 Williwow  
Yr6 Alex

Liam (Swans)  
Louie (1N)  
Cameron (1S)  
Pippa (2B)  
Emma (2W)

Most nuggets earned	Most time working
Emma (2W)	Freddie (3C)
Katerina (3F)	Lewis (4SR)
Lewis (4SR)	Alex (6L)
Nirvana (5W)	
Alex (6L)	





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## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Year 6 making scones from a wartime recipe.



Year 3 had a wonderful Egyptian day this week! They started by making their own bookmarks using hieroglyphics and then had a go at playing an Ancient Egyptian game called 'Senet.' After break time, the children completed an Art activity of a side portrait with a person wearing a Nefertiti headdress. Finally, in the afternoon, we did some food tasting of traditional Ancient Egyptian foods such as olives, tuna, bread, honey, raisins and dates. We were really impressed with the children because they tried foods that they hadn't tried before. They all engaged so well with our themed day and the children really enjoyed themselves!





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The nursery would like to thank all parents and carers for attending the afternoon stay-and-play session. The children were able to explore both the Chicks and Ducklings rooms, as well as take part in a range of activities linked to our topic of healthy eating.



Well done to all the children who have attended cooking classes this term. I have been so impressed with your commitment and creativity. I know you have learnt some useful new skills. This week saw children making fruit kebabs, where some children were using paring knives for the first time. Thank you all for being so wonderful.





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On Tuesday our Year 5&6 boys and girls football teams played at Roots Hall in a tournament.





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## WHAT'S GOING ON?



**7th June**  
**11-2pm**  
**Sunday**

**Funday**



### Inflatables Fundraiser

**Presale Entry:** £10 per child (ages 2-12) includes inflatables. £1.50 per adult/age 13+ Entry only

**On the day:** £12 per child, £1.50 per adult. Cash/card accepted.

**Please note:**

- Additional games/activities charged separately.
- Everyone entering must have a ticket.
- Babies in arms are free.

**Jolly Kids Castles**

**ROCK IT INFLATABLES**

Miniature Railway rides



Hot food, drinks and ice cream for purchase from vendors



**BOOK HERE**



Hinguar Primary School  
New Garrison Road  
Shoeburyness, SS3 9FE

Funds raised are in aid of Friends of Hinguar, for the benefit of the children.



Charity Number 1169420





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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
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
25 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening for Prospective Parents: 3.35pm - 4.05pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore with me Session: 2.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	After School Book Fair in Starboard Playground
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 & Nursery closes at 1.00pm to all pupils for the Summer Holidays

