

THORPEDENE NEWSLETTER

25TH SEPTEMBER 2026



We have had a busy week at Thorpedene with our annual hustings for our Pupil Leadership Team – Year 6 children were invited to apply for the role of Head Boy and Head Girl with a letter of application and were shortlisted to create a video to show their passion for the role. Each class then had the chance to watch all the videos and vote for their chosen candidates! Congratulations to our new Pupil Leadership Team.

Head Boy – Jack S

Head Girl – Charlotte B

Deputy head Boy – Jack G

Deputy Head Girl – Marni C

Mrs. Frost



THORPEDENE STARS

Congratulations to the children below for being Thorpedene stars, chosen by our Senior Leadership Team!

- Chinaza in 3S for showing care for another class member when they were upset.
- Millie Mai in Swans for achieving so well in her first writing assessment!
- Freyja in 4C for being hardworking and showing amazing confidence.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Each week, we will put the spotlight on children who we want to celebrate for their school attendance.

CONTINUALLY GOOD ATTENDANCE

- Ava-Moon 2W
- Oliver 6F

RECOGNISED IMPROVEMENT IN ATTENDANCE

- Eliza 2B
- Molly 3S



ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to the following children for their achievements this week!



1N Hunter
2B Grace
2W Emilia
3G Maddison
3S Ivy
4W Evana
5B Logan
5M Joshua
5S Evie
6L Patrick
6LG Sophia-Rose



Yr3 Maddison
Yr4 Imran
Yr5 Keira
Yr6 Marni



4C Freddie
3G Jacob
5S Lewis
Explorers Alex
5M Harvey

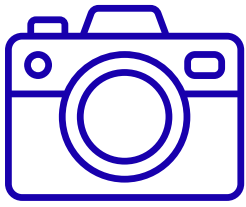
ATTENDANCE

Class	%
3S	97.8%
4W	96.2%
Swans	95.4%
6LG	95%
5B	94%
3G	93.6%
5M	93.5%
6L	93.5%
2B	91.6%
6F	90.4%
1N	90.3%
5S	90%
2W	89.7%
4C	89.6%
Total	93%

Congratulations to 3S for getting an amazing 93% attendance. Also, to 4W for reaching the Attendance target of 96%.

REMEMBER.....

It is a legal requirement that all children should attend school. Your child's academic and social learning can be affected if they do not attend regularly.



THORPEDENE IN PICTURES

NURSERY

BUILDING WITH A PURPOSE

The children have enjoyed designing and building, thinking carefully about what they want to make and how they can make it work. Amazing building everyone.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

The children have been exploring cause and effect as they race cars down the garage, discovering how pushing, releasing and changing the position of the cars affects how fast and how far they travel.

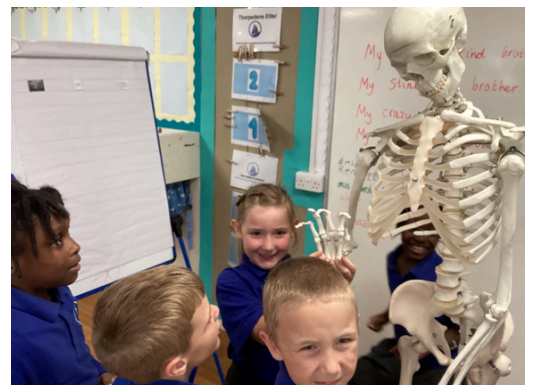
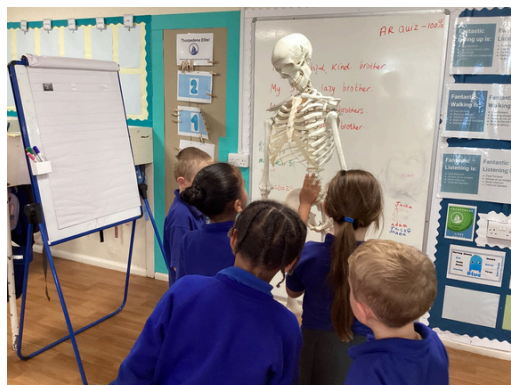
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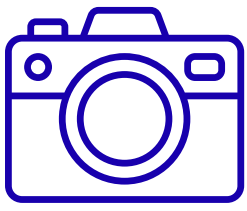
The children have been developing their confidence and physical skills as they carefully walk across different beams in the garden, practising balance, coordination and taking safe, manageable risks.



YEAR 3

3S have enjoyed looking at a model skeleton to help with their understanding of the functions of a skeleton.

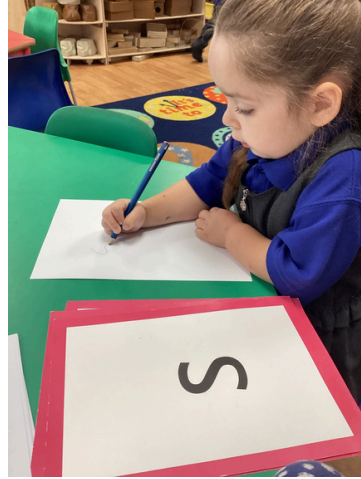




THORPEDENE IN PICTURES

EYFS

Swans have started their Phonics journey. We have learnt the first four sounds and are learning how to form these letters correctly. Well done Swans!



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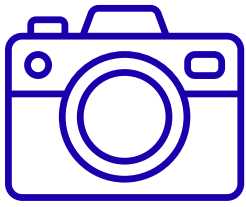
The children enjoyed painting in the garden, experimenting with colour mixing and discovering the exciting new colours they could create through their own creativity and exploration, linking to our story of the week, Elmer.



EXPLORERS

Explorers have been working hard using their senses to smell, taste and explore different foods. They were able to use lots of different vocabulary during this activity.





THORPEDENE IN PICTURES



NEW PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM



HEAD BOY
Jack



HEAD GIRL
Charlotte



DEPUTY HEAD BOY
Jack



DEPUTY HEAD GIRL
Marni

Congratulations to our newly nominated Pupil Leadership Team. We know you will be amazing!



PARENT INFO

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP

We are pleased to let you know that we will soon be opening our preloved uniform shop here at Thorpedene. We appreciate that the cost of living is ever increasing and hope that having the opportunity to purchase some good quality preloved school uniform will help our parents and carers.

Watch this space for more information.....





PARENT INFO

SECAT CEO Q&A SESSION

This is a reminder that the Q&A session with our CEO, Mr Ben Stickley is on Wednesday at 12:00pm.

Please click on the link if you would like to attend.

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/38239377673048?p=s3o5e4H43BYZuk6N1>

If you have a question you would like to ask, please email: admin@secat.co.uk before Wednesday.



SCHOOL CENSUS DAY

Please encourage your child to have a hot dinner on Thursday. The more hot dinners eaten, the more funding the school will receive!

MOBILE PHONE USE

Please can we remind you that we are a mobile phone free school and so therefore, please do not use your phone when on the school site. If you would like to take photos of your child after assemblies or performances, you will be invited to do so at the appropriate time.



HARVEST



Please hand any Harvest donations into the school office in readiness for our Harvest Festival on 12th October. We are collecting tinned and packet foods which will be given to HARP, a charity supporting homeless and vulnerable people within our community.

TESCO COMMUNITY GRANT PROJECT

Thank you to those who have been shopping in Tesco and choosing our EYFS Garden Equipment Project to put your tokens in. You can continue to do so until November!





PARENT INFO

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

OF PRIMARY-AGED CHILDREN

Delivered by the Mental Health Support Team

@EssexMHST_and_SETcamhs

SCAN TO
REGISTER



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Understanding and Supporting with Challenging Behaviour

1st October 9:30 am

Introduction to Understanding Autism

8th October 6:30 pm

Introduction to Understanding ADHD

12th October 9:30 am

Emotional Regulation

5th October 7:00 pm

THORPEDENE FUND RAISING

ALL FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

BIG Beach BANG

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

PRESENTED BY **ROUND TABLE**

HEADLINED BY **HUNT ROCHE**

TICKETS ON SALE
ENTER REFERRAL CODE
THORPEDENE
TO EARN OUR SCHOOL **£1**
ON EACH TICKET PURCHASED

SAT NOV 7
5-9 PM
EASTBEACH
Shoeburyness

bigbeachbang.com
FUNFAIR & FOOD

Your paragraph text

If you are intending to go to the Big Beach Bang Firework display, you can purchase tickets via their website, bigbeachbang.com. Please select our school, and we will get £1.00 for every ticket sold. *Thank you!*

FRIENDS OF THORPEDENE PRESENT...

PENNY WARS

SMALL COINS, BIG IMPACT!

POSITIVE COINS

1p = +1	2p = +2	5p = +5	10p = +10

NEGATIVE COINS

20p = -20	50p = -50	£1 = -100	£2 = -200

THE RULES

- 1 Collect coins for your class
- 2 Add the positive coins to your score.
- 3 Put negative coins (from 20p upwards) into other class' pots

LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!

Parents and Carers...

DONATE YOUR OLD HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

to the school!

Friends Of Thorpedene
will sell them for just

£2

in time for the
KS1 and KS2 Halloween Discos
15th October

Please take your donated costumes to the **school office**.

Thank you for your support!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

DATE	EVENT
1st	School Census Day (children are encouraged to have a hot dinner)
5th	Nursery Stay & Play Session: 10.30am - 11.30am
6th	Individual School Photos
7th	6F Class Assembly: 9.05am
9th	EYFS/Year 1 Explore With Me Session: 2.15pm
12th	Year 3 Harvest Festival Assembly: 9.15am
14th	5M Class Assembly: 9.05am
15th	Spooky Disco: After School
15th	Prospective EYFS Parents Visit (by appointment)
16th	Show Racism the Red Card (wear something red)
19th - 30th	HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

DATE	EVENT
4th	Parent Consultations: 3.45pm - 7.00pm
4th	Prospective EYFS Parents Visit: (by appointment)
5th	Prospective EYFS Parents Visit (by appointment)
10th	Parent Consultations: 3.45pm - 5.30pm
11th	Year 5 School Trip
11th	6LG Class Assembly: 9.05am
18th	5S Class Assembly: 9.05am
20th	Children In Need (wear something spotty)
25th	6L Class Assembly: 9.05am



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

DATE	EVENT
1st	Christmas Fayre: 3.30pm - 5.30pm
4th	Nursery Nativity: 9.30am
9th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity: 2.15pm
10th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity: 9.15am
10th	EYFS/KS1 & Year 3 Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
11th	Year 4 - 6 Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
15th	Year 5 Christingle Service @ St Augustine's Church: 9.45am
15th	Year 6 Christingle Service @ St Augustine's Church: 1.45pm
16th	Year 3 Carol Concert in Starboard Hall: 9.15am
16th	Year 4 Carol Concert in Starboard Hall: 2.15pm
18th	School Closes @ 1.00pm

JANUARY

DATE	EVENT
21st	School Census Day (children are encouraged to have a hot dinner)
27th	5B Class Assembly: 9.05am
27th	SECAT Cultural Day



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

DATE	EVENT
3rd	4C Class Assembly: 9.05am
5th	NSPCC Number Day @ TT Rockstars (Dress up as a Rockstar)
10th	2B and 2W Class Enrichment Session: 9.05am
15th - 19th	HALF TERM

MARCH

DATE	EVENT
4th	World Book Day (dress up as a book character)
10th	3G Class Assembly: 9.05am
10th	Swans and 1N Class Enrichment Session: 2.15pm
16th	Year 1 School Trip
17th	4W Class Assembly: 9.05am
17th	Parent Consultations: 3.45pm - 7.00pm
19th	Red Nose Day (wear something red)
22nd	Parent Consultations: 3.45pm - 5.30pm
24th	EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade: 2.45pm
25th	KS2 Easter Activities: 2.15pm
26th - 9th Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

DATE	EVENT
21st	Year 4 School Trip

MAY

DATE	EVENT
5th	3S Class Assembly: 9.05am
20th	School Census Day (children are encouraged to have a hot dinner)
28th	Enterprise Sale: Parents invited from 2.40pm
31st - 4th Jun	HALF TERM



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

DATE	EVENT
7th - 9th	Year 6 Residential Trip
15th	KS2 Borough Sports
28th - 29th	Year 5 Residential Trip

JULY

DATE	EVENT
2nd	Whole School Transition Day
7th	Nursery Sports Day: Time to be confirmed
8th	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day: 9.15am
8th	KS2 Sports Day: 2.00pm
14th	Enrichment Session for the whole school: 2.15pm
14th	Open Afternoon: 3.15pm - 4.30pm
20th	Year 6 Production: 2.00pm
21st	Year 6 Production: 6.00pm
23rd	Year 6 Leavers Assembly: 9.30am
23rd	School Closes @ 1.00pm for pupils