



Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Our Vision

Through Christ who strengthens us, all will flourish at our school, with Faith, Love and Excellence

♥ This week's news ♥

It has been a memorable final week of term at Thorpe Primary School. The Christmas services held for parents this week were a real joy to be part of, and once again I would like to thank you all for your flexibility in helping us to make these events possible. As always, we place the children at the centre of every decision we make and they truly thrived — performing with confidence, enthusiasm and pride. Credit must also go to the teaching staff, who worked incredibly hard to ensure this week was such a special and memorable experience for our children and families.

This week has also marked the beginning of some goodbyes as we prepare for the end of term. Mrs Glazier has been invaluable in her cover role as a Teaching Assistant and SNA, and we are very grateful for her support. We would also like to thank Mrs Fountain for her hard work and commitment in the school office over the past year. From January, Mrs Wright will be stepping up to support the office on a full-time basis. In the New Year, we will also be saying farewell to Mrs Holmes, our School Business Manager, who has been part of Thorpe Primary School since 2016. We thank her sincerely for her many years of service and dedication.

Congratulations to the many children who received Excellent attendance certificates yesterday, (based on 95%+ attendance year to date) . We spoke with the children about the importance of being in school every day, as each missed day has an impact on learning and understanding across the curriculum. Well done to all those who were recognised, a fantastic achievement.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful festive period. I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed, healthy and ready for 2026. Have a wonderful break.
Joe Blaney and all at Team Thorpe

Newsletter Number 15
Friday 19th December 2025



Our values are rooted in prayerful faith in God ♥	HONESTY	Autumn 1
	EMPATHY	Autumn 2
	ASPIRATION	Spring 1
	RESPECT	Spring 2
	TRUST	Summer 1
	STRENGTH	Summer 2

Mars	Saturn	Venus	Neptune
55	118	112	72

Team points are awarded for excellent attitudes towards learning and excellent behaviour attitudes.

Well done everyone for working hard to earn teams points. Well done Venus for winning over all this week!

Reminders

Application deadline for Reception 2026 places is 15th January 2026. Please use the link below to apply

[Reception Class place for September 2026](#)

Please kindly remember that chocolate should not be included in lunch boxes or for morning snacks. Please kindly refer to the school's Health Eating and Drinking policy for guidance on the school website.

Thorpe is a NUT free school. This includes coconut and sesame seeds. Please do not include any food items containing NUTs in snacks or lunches.

Please ensure earrings are small studs only and are NOT worn on PE days, if you are expecting your child to remove their own earrings please provide a small container to keep them in.



2025-2026 Calendar

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Dates for your Diary 2025-2026 [INFANTS: YR, Y1 and Y2]

[JUNIORS: Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6]

January 2026	
Mon 5 th	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 6 th	Return to school at 8.40am
Thurs 8 th	Year 6 SATS meeting for parents – details to be confirmed
Mon 12 th	Year 6 Drama workshops at TESIS School Theatre 2-3pm.
w/c Mon 19th	Lesson Observation Week
Fri 23rd	Parent Voice – Rep Meeting with Headteacher in school – 8.45am (comments to reps please)
Wed 28 th	Teaching and Learning Governors Meeting 1.30pm
Fri 30 th	Emerald Class Assembly at 9.15am in school hall – families welcome
February 2026	
Tues 3 rd	Amethyst Class Assembly at 9.15am in school hall – families welcome
Fri 6 th	NSPCC Number Day – Children to wear something with a number on and will take part in maths activities
Fri 13th	Break up for Half Term – 3.15pm pick up
HALF TERM 16th – 20th February	
Mon 23rd	Return to school – 8.40am
Wed 25th	Primary Music Festival Dorking Halls KS2 school choir to attend
March 2026	
Thurs 5th	Celebration of World Book Day – details to follow
Tues 10th	Sapphire Class 'Little City' event in school – dets to follow
	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm
Wed 11th	Finance and Resources Governors Meeting 1.30pm
Thurs 12th	Parents' Evening – 4.30pm – 7pm
Fri 13 th	Amber Class Assembly at 9.15am in school hall families welcome
Wed 18 th	Full Governing Body Meeting 1.30pm
Fri 20 th	Garnet Class Assembly at 9.15am in school hall – families welcome
Mon 23 rd	Years 3 & 4 Easter Church Service 9am drop at St Marys Church – parents welcome
Tues 24 th	Years 5 & 6 Easter Church Service 9am drop at St Marys Church – parents welcome
Fri 27th	Break Up for Easter at 1.15pm
April 2026	
Easter Break Mon 1st April to Friday 10th April	

School Year Dates 2026-2027

Surrey's published term dates

Autumn term 2026

Start of term	Half term	End of term
1 September 2026	19 October to 30 October 2026	18 December 2026

Spring term 2027

Start of term	Half term	End of term
4 January 2027	15 February to 19 February 2027	25 March 2027

Summer term 2027

Start of term	Half term	End of term
12 April 2027	31 May to 4 June 2027	28 July 2027

Additional Inset Days (School Closed)

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 25th June 2027

Monday 26th July 2027

Tuesday 27th July 2027

Wednesday 28th July 2027

Please note there is now a 2 week half term in the Autumn Term. The school year was extended by Surrey, however, at Thorpe we will take 3 inset days and finish on Friday 24th July. There is no inset day in January 2027.

Curriculum Corner

Year 3 have been busy in D&T, making crumble using seasonal fruits and also making muffins with seasonal vegetables!



Year 3 and 4 went on a trip to the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon and watched 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter.'

Everyone had a wonderful time and Year 3 have written some reviews of the show!

5 star ratings

"I would recommend this story because it inspired me" - Amber

"My favourite part was when Chulak got bitten by mosquitos" - Finley

"My favourite part was when Lila won the firework competition" - Bella

"The story was about a girl called Lila who wanted to be the best firework maker ever. Lila fell out with her father and then went on a dangerous mission to find the fire fiend." Poppy

"I loved the show. I liked the fireworks because one turned into five and it was cool." Isla-Blu

"I would recommend the show to Mr Blaney because I think he would like it." Sahib

"I recommend this play because it is funny." Jacob

The show is on until 18th January, go and check it out!

Thorpe Primary School WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Smear & Saor Chicken (CE)	Beef Burger (CE*, SA, SO, G/W)	Roast Chicken & Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza (MK, G/W)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fillets & Chips (F, G, B*, W)
VEGGIE	Smear & Saor Butterbean Sprouts & Vegetables	Vegetable Burger (CE*, G/W)	Roasted Root Vegetable Pot & Gravy (CE, G/W)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (MK, G/W)	Vegan Nuggets & Chips (G/W)
SIDES	Egg Fried Rice & Stir-Fried Greens (E, SO, G/W)	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad	Roast Root Potatoes with Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad	Baked Beans & Peas
PASTA & JACKET	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Mus & Cheese (MK, G/W)
PUD	Banana Cakes & Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Chocolate & Orange Brownie (E, MK, SO, G/W, W)	Apple Crumble & Custard (MK, G/W)	Carrot Cake (E, MK, SO*, G/W, B, W)	Ice Cream (MK)

THEME DAYS



DAILY SALAD BAR | HOMEMADE BREAD | FRESH FRUIT

DATES

01 JAN / 28 JAN
23 FEB / 24 MAR

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MAIN	Beef Lasagne (E*, MK, G, B*, W)	Meat Free Pizza (MK, G/W)	Beef Mince Casserole (G, B*, W)	Chicken Kabab with Pita (G/W)	Buttered Fish or Salmon Fillets & Chips (F, G, B*, W)
VEGGIE	Roasted Squash & Root Vegetable Lasagne (E*, MK, G/W)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (MK, G/W)	Vegetable & Bean Casserole (CE, G, B*, W)	Vegetable Kabab with Pita (G/W)	Margherita Pizza & Chips (MK, G/W)
SIDES	Garlic Bread & Green Salad (MK, SO*, G/W)	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad	Roast Root Potatoes with Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad	Beans or Peas
PASTA & JACKET	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Mus & Cheese (MK, G/W)
PUD	Homemade Chocolate Cookie (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Ice! Vanilla Sponge (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Chocolate & Orange Brownie (E, MK, SO, G, B, W)	Orange & Berry Cake (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Cinnamon Swirl (G/W)

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	BBQ Glazed Chicken Wrap (G/W)	Beef & Lamb Bolognese Pasta Bake (MK, G, B*, W)	Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (MK, SO, SO, G/W)	Pepperoni Pizza (CE*, E*, MK, ME*, SO*, G/W)	Buttered Fish or Salmon Fillets & Chips (F, G, B*, W)
VEGGIE	BBQ Glazed Quorn Wrap & Wedges (E, G/W)	Mus & Cheese (MK, G/W)	Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (MK, G/W)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (MK, G/W)	Vegan Sausage Roll & Chips (MK*, SO, G, B*, G*, W)
SIDES	Carrots & Green Beans	Mixed Green Salad	Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad	Beans or Peas
PASTA & JACKET	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Mus & Cheese (MK, G/W)
PUD	Sprinkle Sponge Cake & Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Fruit Jolly	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, MK, SO*, SO, G/W)	Orange Spruce Sponge & Vanilla Sauce (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Vanilla & Raisin Shortbread Biscuit (G/W)

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09 MAR

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New Spring Term Menus

School meals are free of charge for all in reception, Years 1 & 2 and any family entitled to 'Free School Meals'

Gilly, our amazing school chef, will continue to adapt the menus slightly to cater for children's tastes.

If your circumstances have changed, please check your eligibility for 'Free School Meal' status and support in school goes beyond just free meals. The form is on the school website or contact the school office. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

The cost for a school meal in KS2 has now increased to £2.90 per day.

The total cost for Spring 1 is 29 days x £2.90 = £84.10. Please make your payments via your ParentPay account.

St Mary's Church Thorpe

- 1st December** **Advent Carol Service.**
For all the community, hosted jointly by St Mary's and TESIS England.
Followed by mulled cider and mince pies.
- 14th December** **10am Family Carols**
Hear the Christmas story and sing your favourite Carols.
- 6pm St Mary's Lessons and Carols**
A traditional atmospheric Carol service to enjoy the wonder of Christmas.
Followed by refreshments.
- Christmas Eve** **3pm and 4.45pm Crib Services**
Come dressed as nativity figures, sing the songs, join the story.
Followed by refreshments.
- 11pm Midnight Mass**
Reflective service to joyfully welcome Christmas Day and the birth of Christ.
- Christmas Day** **8am Holy Communion**
- 10am Family Communion**
A festival celebration of the gift of Christmas for everyone.



"Designed by Freepik"

The crib services on Christmas Eve 24th December are at
3pm and 4.45pm.

A beautiful celebration of Christmas for all the family.

Please come along and
dress as a nativity figure if you wish to.

FOTSA NEWS

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM: @FOTSA_THORPE
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: 'FRIENDS OF THORPE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'



BAKE SALE SUCCESS

WE WERE BLOWN AWAY BY EVERYONE'S EFFORTS!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT JOINED IN & SUPPORTED THIS FANTASTIC EVENT. WE RAISED ALMOST £200 & MORE. IMPORTANTLY - WE ATE SOME YUMMY CAKES!!



WHAT'S ON IN 2026

SCHOOL DISCO

HAMPER RAFFLE (POSTPONED FROM 2025)

EASTER BAKE OFF COMPETITION

MOVIE NIGHT

SUMMER FAIR

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE OTHER EVENTS, HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!

CUDDLY TOYS NEEDED!

IN PREPARATION FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR, YOU'LL BE PLEASED TO KNOW WE WILL BE ACCEPTING CUDDLY TOY DONATIONS FROM JANUARY

PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARE CLEAN & TIDY. :)



WE WILL ALSO BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR 2026 TOMBOLOS & RAFFLES - BOTTLES, GIFT SETS ETC WILL ALL BE WELCOMED

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- Competitions
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Over **£60m** raised for UK good causes

£0 extra cost to anyone

WANTED

HAMPERS OR WICKER BASKETS



PLEASE DROP TO RECEPTION
THANK YOU - FOTSA

OUT WITH A BANG!

THIS YEAR, WE PROUDLY PROVIDED EVERY CHILD WITH A CHRISTMAS CRACKER TO ENJOY WITH THEIR CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO THIS WITHOUT THE FUNDRAISING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT





Runnymede Family Centre

The second Tuesday of
each month
10am to 12 noon

SEND Connect Café Drop-In for parents/carers of SEND children

Join us for an informal drop-in session where you will be able to get advice and support from a Family Support Worker.

We will be based at the The Village Cafe on the second Tuesday of each month.

The Village Centre, Victoria Street, Englefield Green, Surrey, TW20 0QX

This is not a playgroup but children are welcome to come with you

www.villagecentre.org.uk

To check on dates or if you would like more information
please scan the QR code or email:

runnymedefamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk



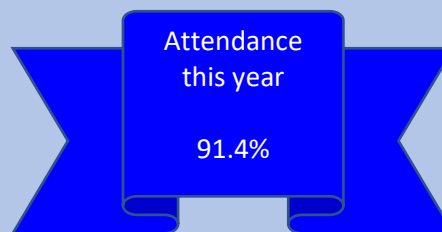
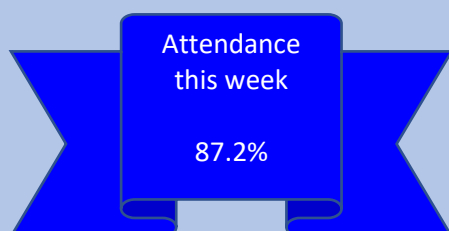
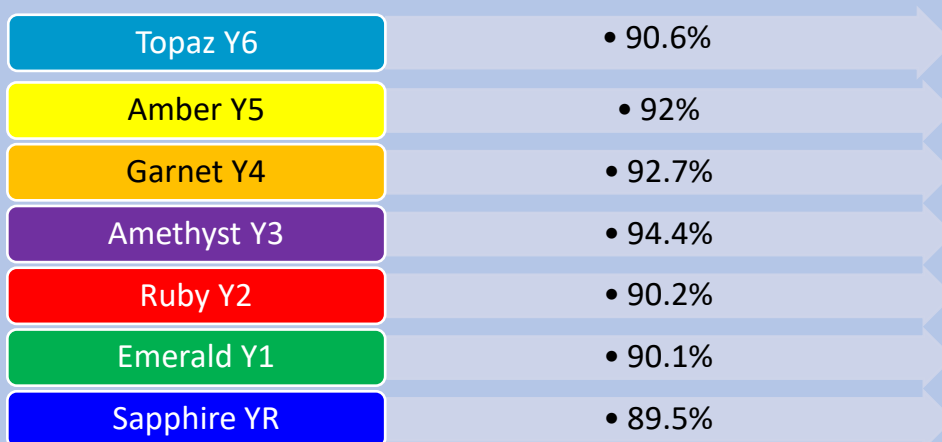
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Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.

Attendance Impact



Class Attendance Academic Year to Date - goal 100%



Punctuality Impact

Gates open between 8.35-8.40am **Registration:** 8.40-8.45am

If you arrive between 8.50am and 9.30am, you will be marked **late**

If you arrive after 9.30am you will be marked as an **unauthorised absence**, (10 unauthorised will incur a fine)

5 mins late each day	The same as missing 3 school days a year
10 mins late each day	The same as missing 6 school days a year
15 mins late each day	The same as missing 9 school days a year

Please be aware that a Penalty Notice may be issued by Surrey County Council per parent, per child for 5 or more days of unauthorised absence (these do not need to be consecutive). Notices are £160 per child (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days)
See the school website under 'Attendance' for full details. Full notice below.