



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 ♥

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year, and I hope everyone in the Thorpe community enjoys a prosperous year ahead.

Thank you so much for all your generous Christmas gifts – we really appreciated them.

This week has seen the successful launch of our new school rules: **Ready, Kind and Safe**. These have been developed following the work of children's behaviour expert Paul Dix, author of *When the Adults Change, Everything Changes*. Pupils have enjoyed being recognised for demonstrating positive behaviours in their daily school life. Please do ask any children who are wearing a Ready, Kind or Safe sticker why they have received it, as this will further reinforce these behaviours. Staff are supporting this by creating an emotionally safe environment through consistent instructions and shared language across the school.

In our Picture News assembly on Wednesday, Mrs Orriss introduced the National Year of Reading initiative. Throughout the year, the school will be promoting a range of activities designed to foster a love of reading. Please see the attached flyer for some exciting ideas to help support reading at home. Mrs Tambaro (Reading Leader) and Mrs Warren (English Leader) will be sending out further initiatives throughout the year.

Next Thursday 2nd October is **School Census Day**. It is vitally important that all children attend school on this day, as our funding from the Department for Education is directly affected by pupil absence. We hope that all our Infant children will enjoy a hot school meal on this day.

Finally, the school would like to say goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Holmes, who is leaving Thorpe Primary after 10 years. Mrs Holmes has been an excellent School Business Manager during her time with us and will be greatly missed. We wish her the very best of luck for the future.

Team Thorpe

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Friday 9th January 2026

This Week's Values based Achievements

Year R Henry O

Year 1 Freddie

Year 2 Ben C

Year 3 Ayden

Year 4 Lily

Year 5 Eliza

Year 6 Bella

Congratulations

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
37	60	55	39

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 Saturn for winning over all this week!

Reminders for next week.....

Monday 12th **Year 6 Visit to Tasis School Theatre for workshop**
Friday 16th **Parent Voice meeting with Mr Blaney at 8.50am –**
 comments to reps please

All clubs start next week. Please note the Archery Club 'is resting' for the time being.
 website.



2025-2026 Calendar

Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Spring Term 2026
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January 2026	
Mon 12 th	Year 6 Drama workshops at TASIC School Theatre 2-3pm.
Fri 16 th	Parent Voice Meeting at 8.50am – comments to reps please Year 3 Workshop on Rocks and Fossils from Haslemere Museum
w/c Mon 19th	Lesson Observation Week
Wed 28 th	Teaching and Learning Governors Meeting
Fri 30 th	Emerald Class Assembly at 9am in school hall – families welcome
February 2026	
Tues 3 rd	Amethyst Class Assembly at 9am 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 16 th – 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 10 th	Sapphire Class 'Little City' Visit to school Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm
Wed 11th	Finance and Resources
Thurs 12th	Parents' Evening – 4.30pm – 7pm
Fri 13 th	Parent Voice Meeting at 8.50am Amber Class Assembly at 9am in school hall - families welcome
Wed 18 th	Full Governing Body Meeting
Fri 20 th	Garnet Class Assembly at 9am 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	



Thursday 15th January 2026 – School Census Day lunch - Olive Dining's:- "Kid Inventors Day"
Meal

Thursday 15th January is school census day. The school receives extra funding for each child that has a school lunch on this day. All children in Year R, 1 and 2 will be provided with a school meal free of charge. In addition any child in KS2 who is currently entitled to a 'Free School Meal' will also be provided with a school lunch. You will not need to send in a packed lunch on this day.

If your child does prefer a packed lunch, let us know and we can provide a packed lunch from the school kitchen.

We have an exciting menu planned for this day:-

Hot dog or veggie hot dog with option of sweet caramelised onions with hand cut potato wedges and a colourful veggie medley of peas, sweetcorn and carrots. Followed by a dessert of a floating fruit jelly pot

Or your child could choose:-

Jacket potato with choice of cheese, baked beans or tuna.

Your children can also choose extra salad or bread from the salad bar.

Please support the school to support your children.

WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
MAIN	Beef Lasagne (E*, MK, G/B*, W)	Meat Feast Pizza (MK, G/W)	Beef Mince Casserole (G/B*, W*)	Chicken Kebab with Pitta (G/W)	Battered Fish or Salmon Fishcake & 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 Kebab with Pitta (G/W)	Margherita Pizza & Chips (MK, G/W)	
SIDES	Garlic Bread & Green Salad (MK, SO*, G/W)	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad	Rustic Roast 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	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	
PUD	Homemade Chocolate Cookie (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Iced 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)	

DAILY SALAD BAR | HOMEMADE BREAD | FRESH FRUIT

DATES

12 JAN / 02 FEB
02 MAR / 23 MAR /

ALLERGENS

CE = CELERY F = FISH G/O = OATS L = LUPIN MU = MUSTARD SO = SOYA
CR = CRUSTACEAN G = GLUTEN G/R = RYE MK = MILK N = NUTS SU = SULPHUR
E = EGGS G/B = BARLEY G/W = WHEAT MO = MOLLUSCS P = PEANUTS SE = SESAME SEEDS
* = MAY CONTAIN V = VEGAN S = SEASONAL VEG



Please note Thursday's menu will be the special 'Kids Inventors Day' menu (see above)



School Reading Books

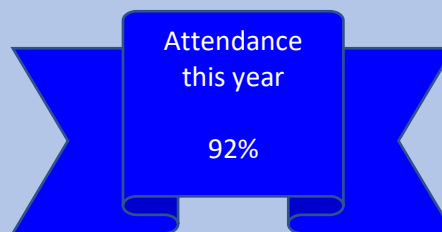
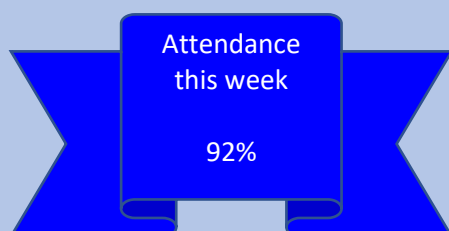
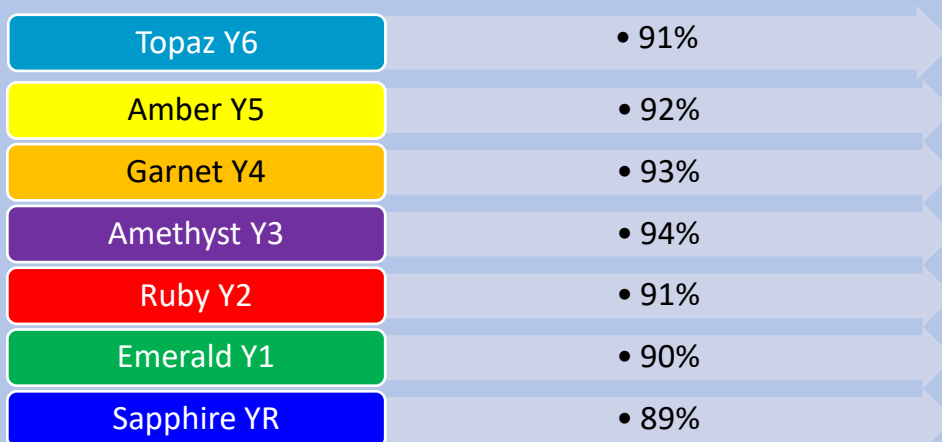
Do you have any school reading books at home? Please kindly return any school reading books as we are running low –especially in KS2.

Many thanks

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.

Please use this link to access the Authorfy Newsletter

[Authorfy Newsletter Jan Feb 2026](#)

Authorfy is FREE for the National Year of Reading 2026!

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**THURSDAYS
5-6PM**

Strode's College, Egham, TW20 9DP

- ✓ **STREET, HIP HOP AND BREK DANCING**
- ✓ **ROUTINES, TRICKS & FUN CHOREOGRAPHY**
- ✓ **DANCE4FUN & COMPETITIVE CREWS
AGES 6-14 YEARS**

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**FREE
TRIAL**

*"You are making a great
choice by sending your
child to this group"*
- District Lead Volunteer



"Beavers is the best thing ever!"
- Beaver Scout in 2025

Come and join the fun!

Scouts
1st Virginia Water

**We have a limited number of
spaces!**

We have a few spaces available for young people (and volunteer helpers) who are looking to join an amazing organisation to learn #SkillsForLife, be outdoors. Our dedicated team of amazing leaders continue to deliver amazing weekly term-time meetings, indoor sleepovers and even camping trips!

Young people: Please sign up your child on www.1stvirginiawater.org.uk/waiting-list and we will be in touch as soon as possible!

Adults: If you are looking for a satisfying voluntary activity, please email us on join@1stvirginiawater.org.uk - Even if you cannot make the weekly commitment, that is no problem!

Where: 1st Virginia Water Scout HQ
info@1stvirginiawater.org.uk


Scouts
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"The smiles say it all!"
*"Thank you to all of the team for
everything you do for our children!"*
- Parents