



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 ♥

We are now in our second week of using our new school rules: **Ready, Kind and Safe**. This week, Father Stephen delivered a very thought provoking Collective Worship on Tuesday, focusing on what it means to be *Ready* and how we should conduct ourselves when meeting someone important.

The children listened intently as Father Stephen discussed how we might behave if we were to meet someone famous. He gave examples such as Cristiano Ronaldo, Taylor Swift, King Charles and the Pope. A scripture from the Old Testament was then read, describing how Moses prepared himself and the space around him as he made himself ready to speak to God. This led to opportunities to discuss how we should be *Ready* in the way we conduct ourselves within our community. Father Stephen spoke about looking after our local environment and the importance of not dropping litter. It was a very thought-provoking assembly, highlighting that being *Ready* is not just about school, but about life and our role within the Thorpe community.

Last week, I met with our Attendance Officer to review both whole school and individual attendance data. I was able to explain that our figures have been affected by the flu outbreak we experienced throughout December. Our attendance target is 95%, and we are currently at 91.3%. The Surrey average stands at 95.3%, meaning we are significantly below local figures. However, when analysing the data in more detail, it is clear that a large number of families are taking their children out of school for unauthorised reasons, most commonly for holidays.

Persistent absence is defined as attendance below 90%. If this figure could be increased closer to 95% for some children, it would greatly support our efforts in raising overall school attendance to meet our target of 95%.

Team Thorpe

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Friday 16th January 2026

This Week's Values based Achievements

- Year R **Arthur**
- Year 1 **Nancie**
- Year 2 **Benjamin**
- Year 3 **Isla-Blu**
- Year 4 **Tomas**
- Year 5 **Phoebe**
- Year 6 **Evie W**

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
92	96	92	56

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.....

Next week, the school will be carrying out a uniform check, as we have noticed that some children are not wearing the specified school uniform. Full details of the correct uniform can be found on the school website here: [Thorpe Church of England Primary School - School and PE Uniform](#)

In particular we are noticing that some children are wearing branded clothing and trainers rather than black school shoes. Please remember no nail varnish in school.

Thank you so much for the OPAL Play 'Bingo' donations. Please kindly bring your donations into the classroom or via the school office. All donations to Opal Play are gratefully received.

Thorpe Primary School WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
MAIN	BBQ Glazed Chicken Wrap (G/W)	Beef & Lentil Bolognese Pasta Bake (MK, G/B*, W*)	Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (MK, SO, SU, G/W)	Pepperoni Pizza (CE*, E*, MK, MU*, SO*, G/W)	Battered Fish or Salmon Fishcake & Chips (F, G/B*, W)	Kid Inventors DAY
VEGGIE	BBQ Glazed Quorn Wrap & Wedges (E, G/W)	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	Veggie Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (MK, G/W)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (MK, G/W)	Veggie Sausage Roll & Chips (MK*, SO, G/B*, O*, W)	CHINESE NEW YEAR
SIDES	Carrots & Green Beans	Mixed Green Salad	Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad	Beans or Peas	WORLD
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)	HAPPY EASTER
PUD	Sprinkle Sponge Cake & Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Fruit Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, MK, SO*, SU, G/W)	Orange Syrup Sponge & Vanilla Sauce (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Vanilla & Raisin Shortbread Biscuit (G/W)	

DAILY SALAD BAR | HOMEMADE BREAD | FRESH FRUIT

DATES
19 JAN / 09 FEB
09 MAR /

ALLERGENS

CE = CELERY F = FISH G/D = OATS L = LUPIN MU = MUSTARD SO = SOYA * = MAY CONTAIN
 CR = CRUSTACEAN G/B = GLUTEN G/W = WHEAT MLK = MILK N = NUTS SU = SULPHUR Y = YEAST
 E = EGGS G/R = BARLEY W = WHEAT NO = NOLLUSOR P = PEANUTS SE = SESAME SEEDS S = SEASONAL VEG

2025-2026 Calendar Thorpe Church of England Primary School Spring Term 2026 <i>Faith, Love and Excellence</i>	
January 2026	
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
	FOTSA Disco KS1 4-5pm KS2 5.15-6.15pm (new date from postponed event from 12 th December)
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 13 th	Break up for Half Term – 3.15pm pick up Parent Voice at 8.50am
	HALF TERM 16 th – 20th February
Mon 23 rd	Return to school – 8.40am
Wed 25 th	Primary Music Festival Dorking Halls KS2 school choir to attend
Thurs 26 th	Chertsey Museum Workshops AM Year 1 Toys PM Year 6 World War II
March 2026	
Thurs 5 th	Celebration of World Book Day – details to follow
Fri 6 th	FOTSA Movie Night after school – details to follow
Tues 10 th	Sapphire Class 'Little City' visit to school
Wed 11 th	Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm Finance and Resources
Thurs 12 th	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
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 FOTSA Bake Sale after school
Tues 24 th	Years 5 & 6 Easter Church Service 9am drop at St Marys Church – parents welcome
Fri 27 th	Break Up for Easter at 1.15pm
April 2026	
	Easter Break Mon 30 th March to Friday 10th April

FOTSA NEWS

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



FESTIVE FUNDRAISING

THE NUMBERS ARE IN!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT JOINED IN & SUPPORTED WITH ALL THE FESTIVE FUNDRAISING, WE MANAGED TO RAISE A STAGGERING £978!

KRISPY KREME STALL - £69.85
MUFTI DAYS - £354.02
BALLOON RACE - £84.75
FESTIVE BAKE OFF - £193.16
WREATH MAKING - £133.05
CHRISTMAS CARDS - £123.10

EVERY POUND RAISED GOES DIRECTLY TO SUPPORTING OUR FANTASTIC SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATES!

SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY

EASTER BAKE OFF COMPETITION - 23RD MARCH

MOVIE NIGHT - 1ST MAY

SUMMER FAIR - 5TH JUNE

HAMPER RAFFLE (POSTPONED FROM 2025) - TBC

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

CUDDLY TOYS NEEDED!

NOW ACCEPTING ALL CUDDLY TOYS, TEDDIES & STUFFED ANIMALS!

PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARE CLEAN & TIDY :)



WE WILL ALSO BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR 2025 TOMBOLES & RAFFLES - BOTTLES, GIFT SETS ETC WILL ALL BE WELCOMED

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FOTSA Thorpe

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SUMMER FAIR

COULD YOU DONATE SILENT AUCTION PRIZES?

ARE YOU A SMALL BUSINESS & WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A STALL AT THIS YEARS FAIR?

ARE YOU A LOCAL DANCE GROUP, SPORTS TEAM OR CLUB & WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED ON THE MAIN STAGE?

PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR CLASS FOTSA REP OR EMAIL: FOTSATHORPE@GMAIL.COM

MUFTI DAYS

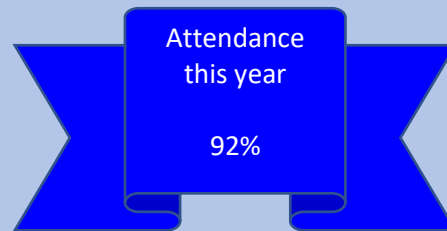
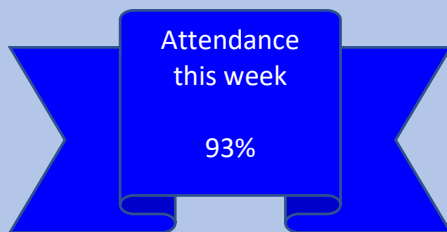
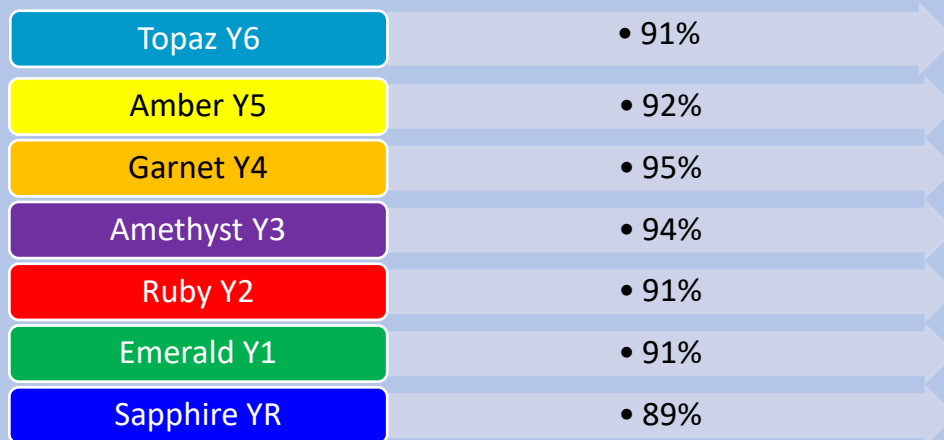
THERE WILL BE VARIOUS THEMED MUFTI DAYS COMING UP TO HELP PREPARE FOR THIS YEARS SUMMER FAIR... KEEP AN EYE ON UPCOMING FOTSA NEWS & OUR SOCIALS
INSTAGRAM - @FOTSATHORPE

Thank you for all the 'unwanted' Christmas Gift donations. If you have any extra 'spare' gifts you think FOTSA could sell on a stall at the summer fair - please bring them into school. Thank you.

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.

Pinks



PINKS
STREET DANCE
CLUB

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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INFO@PINKSCOACHING.CO.UK
[@pinksc coaching](https://www.instagram.com/pinksc coaching)

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!

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



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

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