



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 difficult week for the children due to the persistent rain, which has affected break and lunchtime play. Overall, the children have coped well with the situation, but we are hoping for improved weather so that they can return to regularly using the playground.

Today I carried out a uniform check and was pleased to see a marked improvement in children wearing full school uniform. The item most commonly not worn correctly is black shoes for boys. A small number of children are wearing black fashion trainers on non PE days. Your support in addressing this is appreciated.

I do my best to be present at either gate at the start and end of the school day. In recent weeks, I have noticed an increase in cars coming down The Bence to drop children off in the morning. Some vehicles are using the school driveway as a turning circle, which makes walking into school difficult and potentially unsafe for pedestrians. On Wednesday, three cars attempted to turn at the same time, creating a particularly challenging situation. Please support our school community by parking appropriately in neighbouring roads and walking into school where possible.

Next week, I am very much looking forward to seeing my first class assembly at Thorpe. Starting at 9:00am, Emerald Class will be presenting their assembly on 'Our Wonderful World'.

Finally, please do take the time to read Mrs Tambarro's section in support of the National Year of Reading. Encouraging a love of reading at home is something we are excited to promote throughout 2026.

Team Thorpe

Newsletter Number 17
Friday 16th January 2026

This Week's Values based Achievements

- Year R Mabel
- Year 1 Nelly
- Year 2 Dolcie
- Year 3 Poppy
- Year 4 William
- Year 5 Jessica
- Year 6 Clarabelle

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
75	45	94	59

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 for next week.....





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. Special thanks this week especially to the SAPPHIRE Class parents for their amazing donations! A full house!!

Friday 30th January **Emerald Class** Assembly at 9am in school hall –families welcome
Mrs Warren will be holding a 'Phonics Screening' meeting for all year 1 parents in the hall at 8.45am before the assembly.

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



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food with passion



2025-2026 Calendar

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Spring Term 2026
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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 16th – 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 Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm
Wed 11 th	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 30th March to Friday 10th April	

Get ready to
take part in

Number Day

Tag us online: #NumberDay

Friday 6th February is 'Number Day'

School will be raising funds to support the NSPCC. Please wear something with a number on it to school and kindly bring in a cash donation. Mrs Ambridge has organised lots of fun numbers based activities for the day.

National Year of Reading



This year's **National Year of Reading** is working alongside the National Literacy Trust's 'Go All In' campaign to help children discover the joy of reading in fun and meaningful ways. With reading for pleasure at its lowest since 2005, especially among young people, these initiatives encourage families to spend just ten minutes a day reading together and help children explore books linked to their own interests whether that's football, music, food or favourite stories making reading feel exciting, relevant and part of everyday life. Together, they aim to boost children's confidence, wellbeing and learning by showing that reading can unlock the things they already love. We invite all families to join in by setting aside a simple daily reading moment snuggle up with a book, follow your child's interests, and help make reading a special part of your everyday routine.

To support this, we will be asking the children to participate in reading missions each month through the year. January's mission is to read 'a book that makes you laugh'. To get you started here are some laugh-out-loud recommendations.

Please encourage your child to share their recommendations with their class and we will feature some of these in upcoming newsletters.

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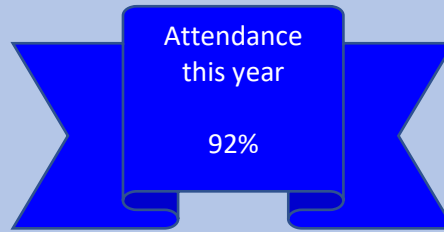
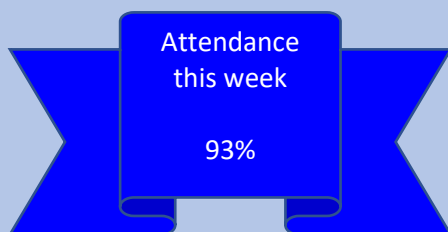
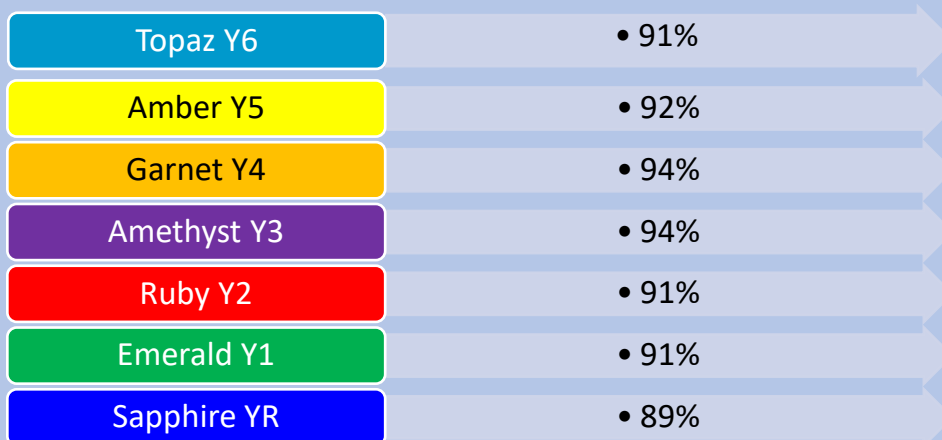
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Attendance Impact



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.



FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY
 KS1 - 4PM-5PM
 KS2 - 5.15PM- 6.15PM
 PRICE INCLUDES DRINK, CRISPS, FRUIT
 & YOUR DISCO TICKET
£7 PER PERSON

The booking link is <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FOUM>



HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS
 Beaufort School, Woking Ages 5-13 9am-3pm*
 *Individual drop off and pick up times will be confirmed when places are booked.

MONDAY 16TH - THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

<p>About the Multi Sports course</p> <p>The courses will be based on enjoyment, encouraging physical and mental health and well-being. Up-to-date guidelines will be followed to ensure a safe working environment.</p> <p>Courses will include a wide variety of fun games, challenges, individual and team activities and a certificate presentation on the final day! Sports covered will include football, hockey, dodgeball, basketball, tennis, cricket and lots more!</p>	<p>Cost £20 per day £70 for all 4 days</p> <p><small>Sibling discount is available - please contact Steve for more details.</small></p>
<p>What you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate clothing and footwear, weather permitting sessions will take place outside as much as possible. • Packed lunch • Plenty of non-fizzy drink 	<p>How to book & payment</p> <p>Email or message Steve on steveorrissfc@yahoo.co.uk or 07759 440366 stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name • Child's name and age • Chosen day's • Contact phone number and emergency contact • Child's medical conditions <p>On receipt of this information bank details will be sent to you to pay by bank transfer to complete the booking.</p> <p>All places must be booked in advance, there will be no on the day places available.</p> <p>Places are limited and are on a first come first served basis.</p>
<p>Keeping your child safe</p> <p>Steve Orriss FC recognises and accepts it's responsibility as provider of the services and will provide a safe and healthy work place for staff and children.</p> <p>A detailed risk assessment is available upon request.</p> <p>By booking a place you understand and accept that whilst all reasonable care will be taken neither Steve Orriss or any other person authorised by him will be held responsible for any illness, injury, loss or damage to any items.</p>	