



# 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

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### ♥ This week's news ♥

It has been a very busy half term and I can hardly believe we have already reached the milestone of being halfway through the school year. It has been a particularly challenging half term for the children, who have shown great resilience in coping with what has felt like continuous wet playtimes due to the persistent rain.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank all of the staff at Thorpe Primary for their flexibility and creativity in adapting timetables. They have worked hard to ensure the children still have opportunities for physical activity during break and lunchtime despite the weather challenges.

Today was a truly memorable day for everyone as we welcomed a very special visitor to the school. Paul Sturgess, former NBA player and member of the Harlem Globetrotters, shared his inspiring life story with the children and led a series of basketball workshops. Paul is someone I have been fortunate enough to meet on several occasions and the children were absolutely amazed to work with someone who stands at 7 feet 7 inches tall. We wish Paul every success with his upcoming movie project in New Zealand.

There have also been some challenging moments within our local community regarding parking at drop-off and pick-up times. I truly appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid parking on The Bence during these times. However, parking on neighbouring roads has unfortunately led to some confrontations this week with residents on Rosemary Lane. Residents on The Gower are also seeking parents' support in ensuring that cars are not parked on double yellow lines or across dropped kerbs and driveways. Your continued cooperation and consideration are greatly appreciated.

Finally, may I wish everyone a wonderful and restful half term break. I look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed and ready to learn, on Monday 23rd February.

**Team Thorpe**

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### This Week's Achievements

Remarkable  
Writers

Marvellous  
Maths

Year R	Oakley	Matthew
Year 1	Emilia	Billy
Year 2	Clemmie	Hudson
Year 3	Poppy	Isla-Blu
Year 4	Rosalind	Lily
Year 5	Grace	Qasim
Year 6	Angel	Ryan

*Congratulations*

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

Mars	Saturn	Venus	Neptune
62	114	91	109

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!**



## **Paul Sturgess visit to school today**

**There are exciting plans to develop the playgrounds at the Frank Muir Memorial Field in Thorpe Village.**

**The park closest to school**

Runnymede Council is very keen to hear the community's thoughts and ideas about this exciting development.

Please take a few minutes over half term to let the council know your children's suggestions in

this [link](https://www.runnymede.gov.uk/parks-open-spaces-1/runnymede-playgrounds-consultation): <https://www.runnymede.gov.uk/parks-open-spaces-1/runnymede-playgrounds-consultation>

## World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day 2026 will take place on Thursday 5th March. This year's theme is 'Reading for Pleasure,' which links beautifully with the celebrations for the National Year of Reading 2026. We are looking forward to enjoying stories, celebrating our favourite books, and encouraging every child to discover the joy of reading.

On this day, **children are warmly invited to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters.** They are welcome to choose any character they love, and we look forward to celebrating their creativity and enthusiasm for reading.

We would love for the children to bring in a book they would recommend to share with their friends. Recommending and sharing stories is a wonderful and inspiring experience, and it helps us build a community of readers where everyone feels excited to discover something new.

### Story Competition - 'Write a story you would love to read'

We are very excited to announce our very own story competition. It would be wonderful if lots of children took part in this and we can't wait to read and share their stories! Please click on this link for some top tips! [Tips and tricks to kickstart story writing](#)

**Thorpe C of E Primary**

**Story Competition**

Can you write an **AMAZING** short story up to **500** words?

For Reception to Year 6

Book prizes to be won!  
Need ideas to get started?  
Visit: [bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/c25y4jyxw0kt](https://bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/c25y4jyxw0kt)

**Story Starter Tips:**

- Think about who your story is about and what they want (goal or adventure)
- Use a strong opening to hook your reader right away.
- Give your story a beginning, middle and end – have fun creating twists!
- Use imagination! Your characters and worlds can be anything you dream up.

**Deadline:**  
**Friday 27th February 2026**



## 2025-2026 Calendar

### Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Spring Term 2026  
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February 2026	
Mon 23rd	Return to school – 8.40am
Wed 25th	Primary Music Festival Dorking Halls KS2 school choir to attend
Thurs 26th	Chertsey Museum Workshops AM Year 1 Toys PM Year 6 World War II
March 2026	
Thurs 5th	Celebration of World Book Day – see school newsletter
Tues 10th	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 13th	Amber Class Assembly at 9.15am in school hall families welcome
Wed 18th	Full Governing Body Meeting
Fri 20th	Garnet Class Assembly at 9am in school hall – families welcome
Mon 23rd	Years 3 & 4 Easter Church Service 9am drop at St Marys Church – parents welcome FOTSA Bake Sale after school
Tues 24th	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 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	

### Thorpe Primary School

# WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1  
WEEK 2  
WEEK 3



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN</b>	Beef Burger (SE*, SO, SU, G/W)	Sweet & Sour Chicken (CE)	Roast Chicken & Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza (MK, G/W)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcake & Chips (F, G/B*, W)
<b>VEGGIE</b>	Vegetable Burger (SE*, G/W)	Sweet & Sour Butternut Squash & Vegetables	Roasted Root Vegetable Pie & Gravy (CE, G/W)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (MK, G/W)	Vegan Nuggets & Chips (G/W)
<b>SIDES</b>	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad	Egg Fried Rice & Stir Fried Greens (E, SO, G/W)	Rustic Roast Potatoes with Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad	Baked Beans & Peas
<b>PASTA &amp; JACKET</b>	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)
<b>PUD</b>	Banana Cake & Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Chocolate & Orange Brownie (E, MK, SO, G/B, W)	Apple Crumble & Custard (MK, G/W)	Carrot Cake (E, MK, SO*, G/B, O, W)	Ice Cream (MK)

Daily Salad Bar! Homemade Bread! Fresh Fruit

#### THEME DAYS



#### DATES

5 JAN / 26 JAN / 23  
FEB / 16 MAR

#### ALLERGENS

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

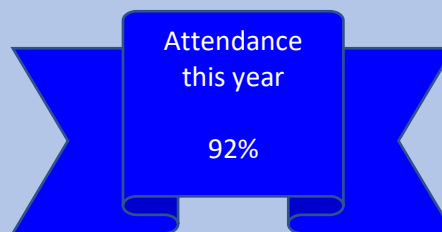
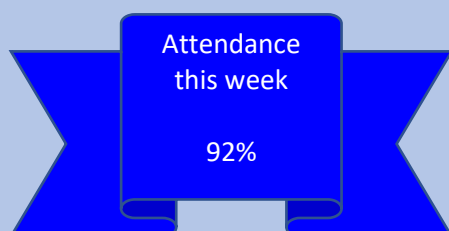
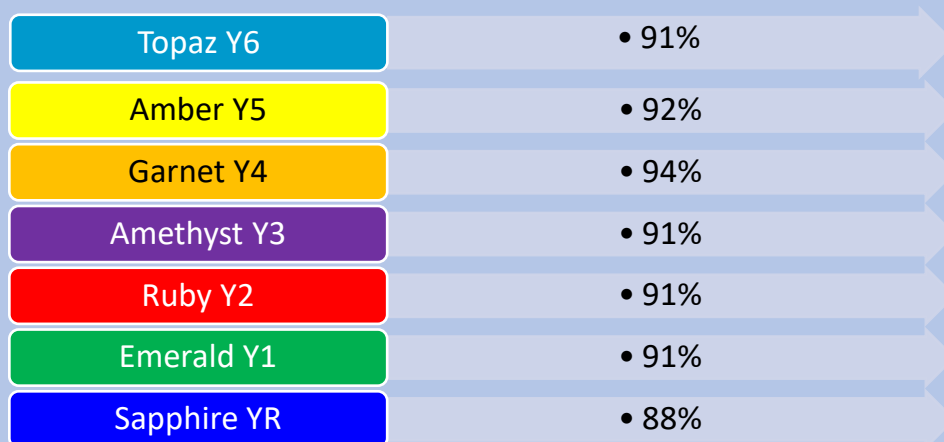


## Costs for Spring 2 for KS2 £2.90 x 25 days = £72.50

# 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 <b>3</b> school days a year
10 mins late each day	The same as missing <b>6</b> school days a year
15 mins late each day	The same as missing <b>9</b> 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.

# Come and try Girls Cricket

Free trial sessions!



Ages 10 & 11  
(School Years 5 & 6)  
Wednesdays  
6:45pm - 8:00pm

25th Feb to 25th March 2026

Salesians, Chertsey



## A helping hand for a healthier family

**Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?**

*Be Your Best is a funded healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range.*

*We can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health & wellbeing.*

**The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:**

#### Sessions include

- Live cooking workshop
- Meal planning for the whole family
- Easy food swaps
- Managing screen time
- How to become an active family
- Importance of sleep

#### One-to-one sessions

- With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location
- Online group sessions for parents/carers**
- Week days after school via Zoom
- Online physical activity sessions**
- Group sessions via zoom or on-demand video content

*"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." - Mum*

Find out more :

