



# Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

## Our Vision

*Through Christ, we will flourish together with Faith, Love and Excellence*

### ♥ This week's news ♥

In my first Collective Worship after the half-term break, I shared two hopes for this half term for the children of Thorpe. In comparison to last half term, I hoped for less sickness across the school and less rainfall so our children could play outside during break and lunchtimes. So far this week, my hopes are coming to fruition and long may it last for all our children.

On Wednesday evening, I couldn't have been prouder of the school choir as they sang at Dorking Halls alongside seven other schools from across Surrey. Mrs Whenman prepared the children beautifully as our 12 pupils took part in a collective choir of approximately 200 children. Emily from Year 3 said, "I really enjoyed myself. It was such fun to sing and perform the actions together with the other schools." It was a truly amazing night, and the children were also recognised by the Surrey Arts Director for waiting so patiently at the end while everyone was being dismissed. Children, you represented Thorpe Primary so proudly, well done!

I would also like to thank all parents who park in The Gower for morning drop-off for your support in not parking in front of residents driveways or on double yellow lines. The Gower community has greatly appreciated your consideration in ensuring safe parking so that our children can get to school safely and the road remains clear in case emergency vehicles require access.

Thank you to our Parent Voice team. Please see attached the themes and dialogue from our meeting on 13th February 2026.

With a short five-week half term ahead, things are going to be very busy. Please take the time to look at what is happening next week.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

**Joe Blaney and the Thorpe Team**

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Friday 27th February 2026

### This Week's Achievements

- Year R** Eileen
- Year 1** Emmie-Lou
- Year 2** Aurora
- Year 3** Ayden
- Year 4** Eli S
- Year 5** Isabella
- Year 6** Grace

*Congratulations*

*Our values are  
rooted in  
prayerful faith  
in God*  
♥

- HONESTY
- EMPATHY
- AIM HIGH
- RESPECT
- TRUST

Mars	Saturn	Venus	Neptune
72	103	67	58

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!**

## FOTSA NEWSLETTER

See below



**Our amazing school choir at Dorking Halls  
Well done everyone!**

**School Healthy Morning Snacks**

**Please kindly only provide fruit, crackers or breadsticks for  
your child's morning snack**



# Next week in school....

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March- KS2 Cross Country in afternoon

Years 3,4,5 & 6 (KS2) Cross Country training at TASIS school after lunch.

Children should come to school in school PE kit. Trainers may get muddy so please bring change of footwear if possible. Every child will need their water bottle.

Please note early pick ups will not be possible on this day.

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

**World Book Day 2026 will take place on Thursday 5th March.**

On this day, **children are 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. Children will be given a voucher towards a book.

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day change of Menu

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March the special menu will be Hotdogs or Veggie Hotdogs** rather than the Chicken kebab. There will be jacket potatoes available as alternative but no deli will be available on this day.

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Neighbourhood Watch Meeting


**Thorpe ward Neighbourhood Watch meeting in school hall at 5.30pm**










If you are a resident in the local area, you are very welcome to join the neighbourhood watch meeting on Friday. Thorpe School are proud to host this meeting to support the local community.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> March – please see detail below**

\*\*\*\*\* Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> menu will be Hot dogs \*\*\*\*\*


**Thorpe Primary School**  
**WEEKLY MENU** WEEK 1 WEEK 2 WEEK 3




	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
<b>MAIN</b> 	Beef & Lentil Bolognese Pasta Bake (MK, G/B*, W*)	Meat Feast Pizza (MK, G/W)	Homemade Chicken Sausage Roll & Gravy (E, G/W)	Chicken Kebab with Pitta (G/W)	Battered Fish or Salmon Fishcake & Chips (F, G/B*, W)	
<b>VEGGIE</b> 	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W) <span style="color: green;">V</span>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (MK, G/W)	Veggie Sausage Roll (MK*, SO, G/W)	Vegetable Kebab with Pitta (G/W) <span style="color: green;">V</span>	Margherita Pizza & Chips (MK, G/W)	
<b>SIDES</b> 	Garlic Bread & Green Salad (MK, SO*, G/W) <span style="color: green;">V</span>	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad <span style="color: green;">V</span>	Rustic Roast Potatoes with Roasted Carrots & Parsnips <span style="color: orange;">S</span> <span style="color: green;">V</span>	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad <span style="color: green;">V</span>	Beans or Peas <span style="color: green;">V</span>	
<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> 	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 O/O = OATS L = LUPIN MU = MUSTARD SO = SOYA \* = MAY CONTAIN  
 CR = CRUSTACEAN G = GLUTEN O/R = RYE MK = MILK N = NUTS SU = SULPHUR V = VEGAN  
 E = EGGS O/B = BARLEY O/W = WHEAT MO = MOLLUSCS P = PEANUTS SE = SESAME SEEDS S = SEASONAL VEG

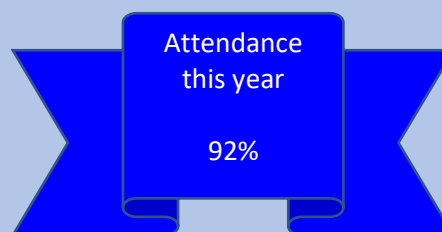
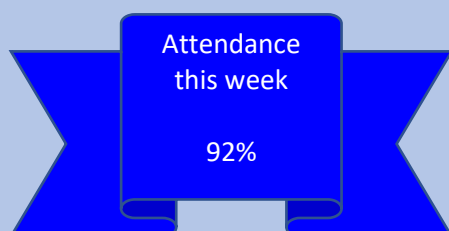
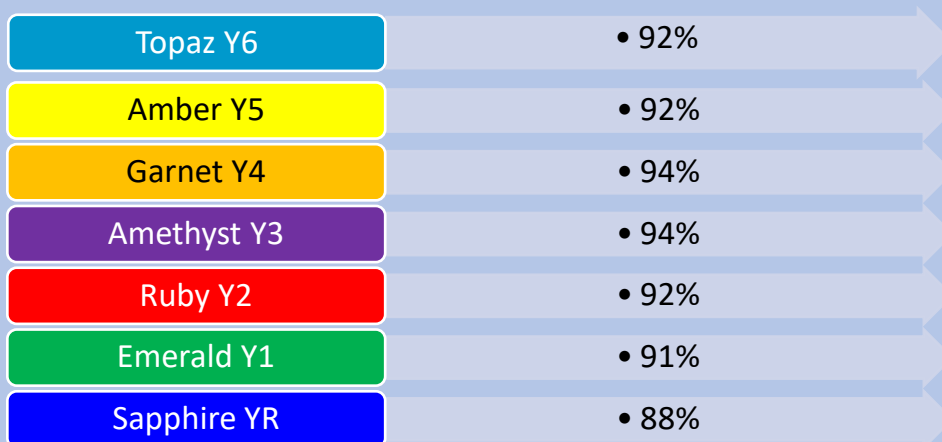
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 <b>2025-2026 Calendar</b> <b>Thorpe Church of England Primary School</b> Spring Term 2026 <i>Faith, Love and Excellence</i>	
March 2026	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country at TASIS School for KS2 PM
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration of World Book Day – dress up as favourite book character
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Goldilocks and Story Workshops
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sapphire Class 'Little City' Visit to school at 9am Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Finance and Resources
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening – 4.30pm – 7pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Amber Class Assembly at 9.15am in school hall families welcome
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting Sapphire Class Phonics workshop 8.50am in school hall
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Garnet Class Assembly at 9am in school hall – families welcome
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Years 3 & 4 Easter Church Service 9am drop at St Marys Church – parents welcome FOTSA Bake Sale after school
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 Easter Church Service 9am drop at St Marys Church – parents welcome Years 5&6 Football match v Ongar Place
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Break Up for Easter at 1.15pm
April 2026	
Easter Break Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10th April	

# 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.

# FOTSA NEWS

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



## PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

NEED TO UPDATE YOUR SPRING UNIFORM?

PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM WILL BE ON SALE DURING BOTH PARENTS EVENINGS ON TUES 10<sup>TH</sup> & THURS 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

ITEMS ARE PRICED FROM 50P

IF YOU REQUIRE UNIFORM BUT ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, KINDLY CONTACT YOUR PARENT VOICE REP FOR SUPPORT

## CUDDLY TOYS & CHILDRENS BOOKS WANTED!

NOW ACCEPTING ALL CUDDLY TOYS, TEDDIES, STUFFED ANIMALS & CHILDRENS BOOKS!

PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARE CLEAN & TIDY :)

WE WILL ALSO BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR 2020 TOMBOLAS & RAFFLES - BOTTLES, GIFT SETS ETC WILL ALL BE WELCOMED  
**NO FOOD PLEASE**

DROP OFF POINT AVAILABLE DURING PARENTS EVENING



## SUMMER FAIR

COULD YOU DONATE SILENT AUCTION / RAFFLE 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



## SAVE THE DATES!

BRAID MAIDENS HAIR COURSE - 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
 EASTER BAKE OFF COMPETITION - 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH  
 MOVIE NIGHT - 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY  
 SUMMER FAIR - 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
 HAMPER RAFFLE - MID MARCH

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





**ASCOT RACE DAY RAFFLE**

RACING TO ZERO SUMMER HOLE RACING DAY  
TWO QUEEN ANNE ENCLOSURE TICKETS

SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE HERE:  
[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/THORPECOFE](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/THORPECOFE)

RAFFLE TICKET COST  
£2.50 PER TICKET OR  
£10 FOR 5 TICKETS

TICKETS ON SALE UNTIL 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
DRAW ANNOUNCED MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

CHILDREN AGE 17 & UNDER  
ADMITTED FREE OF CHARGE  
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

# FOTSA RAFFLES!!




**EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE**

RAFFLE TICKETS  
£1 EACH

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE HERE:  
[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/THORPECOFE](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/THORPECOFE)

The draw will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Prizes will be drawn through a 50/50 random number generator

# Thorpe School's Easter Bake Off's

Monday 23rd March

Drop off your Homemade Bakes  
in the Morning & they'll be on  
Sale after School  
Mr Blaney will be awarding  
Star Baker for KS1 & KS2!

Hop Into Spring!

No Nuts, Coconut or Sesame  
Bakes must be labelled with Name & Class for  
entry to be Star Baker  
Cakes can be Homemade or Shop Bought

Prizes for  
Star KS1 &  
KS2 Bakers!



Scholastic Book Fair will be 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March after school  
venue and times to be advised next week

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns  
**FREE BOOKS**  
for our school!

# COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**GO ALL IN.**

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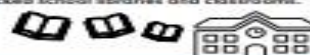


### Payment at our Book Fair

- Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books.
- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay) and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers) to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List – please ask your school for details.

### HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £3.5M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.



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