



Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Our Vision

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

Newsletter Number 26

Friday 27th March 2026

♥ This week's news ♥

It has been a wonderful term of learning and enjoyment at Thorpe Primary School. I would like to thank the fantastic Thorpe team for everything they have provided for our school community.

This week has been equally busy and last Saturday I was very proud to see 21 children represent the school so well at the ESPSAA Cross Country event at Notre Dame School. It was a great event, and every child achieved personal success in this highly competitive competition featuring 19 other schools. Each race included around 100 runners, and our children thrived in this environment. Henry from Year 4 summed it up perfectly: "It was fun running with so many other children and it was very muddy."



Staying with sport, I would also like to congratulate our school football team, who won their final match of the season 11–3, taking us through to the borough finals. A fantastic achievement for our small school. Sam said, "We worked hard for the victory today and we played better than all the teams we have faced so far."



Our thanks go to Fr Stephen and the school's Worship Committee for preparing three Easter services this week, held at either St Mary's Church or in school. The focus was on symbols used to tell the Easter story through song, prayer, and reflection. It is a special time in the Christian calendar, and it was told so beautifully by our children. Please see below the details of the Easter Services at St Marys over Easter.



Attendance figures are gradually rising week on week and the summer months, with less illness, will hopefully help us reach our school target of 95%. Congratulations to the 76 children who received certificates for achieving 96% attendance or higher. After Easter, we will be introducing a new initiative to support children whose attendance is below 90%, identified under Department for Education guidance as "persistently absent." I will be contacting these families separately after Easter to outline how we can work together to improve attendance across the school.

On Friday 24th April, the school will hold a Daffodil Dash in support of the Marie Curie charity. Each class will aim to complete a collective marathon, with children walking or running a mile each to contribute towards the 26.2-mile total. Sponsorship forms will be distributed after the Easter holidays. This promises to be a wonderful event supporting a very important cause.

Congratulations to our Bake Off winners, Kai Year 4 and Charlie Year 1, for their amazing cakes. Thank you also to all parents who supplied cakes for the sale, helping to raise an incredible £300 for FOTSA. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Finally, I would like to recognise our Lead Learners, who presented so eloquently at TASIS while thanking them for their donation of drama workshops during World Book Day week. Well done to Charlotte and William, you represented Thorpe so proudly.

Thanks goes to **FOTSA** for giving all the children an Easter egg as a final day treat. What a lovely way to end the term. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a fabulous break. Enjoy your time with your families, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 13th April.

Joe Blaney & The Thorpe Team

Owls and Early Birds Update

We are pleased to announce that our wraparound provision continues to be in a strong position in comparison to the autumn term. It is becoming increasingly popular on certain evenings, so we may need to cap numbers at 24 for the summer months. We therefore encourage you to book in advance to secure your child(ren)'s place.

Following discussions with Parent Voice, the school has decided to make some small adjustments to the snacks provided at Owls Club. Children attending the first hour will receive a light snack before leaving at 4:15pm. Those staying for the second hour will be provided with a more substantial snack - such as wraps, pitta bread, sandwiches, along with fruit and raw vegetables at around 4:30pm. Collection for the second hour will continue to be before 5:30pm.

We are delighted that this provision is supporting our working parents last term and we hope to see continued growth in the summer term.

I would like to thank all the Earlybird and Owl Club staff, especially Mrs Sevier and Mrs Sims, for their continued commitment to providing such interesting and stimulating wrap around school care.

Swimming at Thorpe

After Easter we will begin preparations to open the school pool. In previous years, the school received a grant to help cover some of the costs of running the pool and funding a swimming instructor. Unfortunately, this grant is no longer available.

We would therefore like to inform you in advance that we will need all families to contribute financially towards the cost of swimming at Thorpe. The school is not in a financially viable position to continue covering these expenses as it has done in the past.

We anticipate that with the support of all families, the cost of these swimming sessions will be in line with, or potentially lower than those offered by other organisations in the community.

Remarkable Writers for Spring 2026



Marvellous Mathematicians for Spring 2026



A warm welcome is extended to everyone for services at **St Mary's over the Easter period**. The two that are particularly family focussed are at 11am on Good Friday when we will be walking around St Mary's looking at images of 'stations of the cross', singing and doing activities and on Easter Sunday when we have a festival service to celebrate new life through Christ. Meanwhile I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

Father Stephen

Easter Services 2026
St Mary's Church, Thorpe

29th March Palm Sunday
8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion (sung)

30th March 7pm Night Prayer
31st March 7pm Night Prayer
1st April 7pm Night Prayer

2nd April Maundy Thursday
7pm Service of The Last Supper

3rd April Good Friday
11am Family Activity
2pm Meditations on the Cross

4th April Easter Eve
7pm Service of Light

5th April Easter Sunday
8am Festival Holy Communion
10am Festival Holy Communion (sung)

All Welcome
For further details contact the Church Office
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New Summer 2026 Menu

Thorpe Primary School

WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
MAIN	Tuscan Sausage Pasta (MK, SU, G/W)	Beef Burger (SE*, SO, SU, G/W)	Lemon & Herb Roast Chicken with Mild Piri Piri Mayo (E)	Beef & Lentil Spaghetti Bolognese (G/B*, W)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcake & Chips (F, G/W)	 Earth DAY
VEGGIE	Veggie Tuscan Sausage Pasta (E, MK, G/W)	Vegetable Burger (SE*, G/W)	Plant Based "Chicken" Pitta (MU*, SO, G/W)	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	Cheesy Calzone & Chips (MK, G/W)	 CINCO MAYO
SIDES	Chef's Salad	Homemade Potato Wedges & Texan BBQ Baked Beans	Spiced Rice & Grilled Corn	Chef's Salad	Beans or Peas	 King's CELEBRATION
PASTA & JACKET	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	Tomato & Basil Pasta (G/W)	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W)	 SUMMER picnic
PUD	Fruit Yoghurt (MK)	Caramel Apple Crumble with Custard (MK, G/W)	Iced Vanilla Sponge (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Homemade Chocolate Cookie (E, G/W)	Ice Cream & Peaches (MK)	


DAILY SALAD BAR | HOMEMADE BREAD | FRESH FRUIT

DATES

13 APR / 04 MAY
01 JUN / 22 JUN / 13 JUL

ALLERGENS


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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
MAIN	Pepperoni Pizza (CE*, E*, MK, MU*, SO*, G/W)	Yakatori Chicken Noodles (E, SO, G/W)	Butcher's Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (MK, SU, G/W)	Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake (G/W)	Battered Fish or Salmon Fishcake & Chips (F, G/B*, W)	 Earth DAY
VEGGIE	Detroit Style Margherita Pizza Slice (MK, G/W)	Sweet Chilli Roasted Vegetable Noodles (E, SO, G/W)	Veggie Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (E, MK)	Jerk Vegetable Burrito (G/W)	Vegan Nuggets & Chips (G/W)	 CINCO MAYO
SIDES	Homemade Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Stir Fried Greens	Seasonal Greens	Tomato Rice & Chef's Salad (CE)	Beans or Peas	 King's CELEBRATION
PASTA & JACKET	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	Tomato & Basil Pasta (G/W)	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W)	 SUMMER picnic
PUD	Chocolate & Orange Beetroot Brownie (E, MK, SO, G/B*, W)	Fruit Yoghurt (MK)	Mango Cheesecake (E*, MK, SO*, G/B*, O*, R*, W)	Lemon Drizzle Cake with Lemon Sauce (E, MK, SO*, SU, G/W)	Mixed Fruit Jelly	


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08 JUN / 29 JUN / 20 JUL

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MAIN	Beef & Lentil Enchilada Pie (MK, G/B*, W)	1/2 Pepperoni Panini (CE*, E*, MK, MU*, SO*, G/B*, O*, R*, W)	Roast Chicken & Gravy (G/W)	Sticky BBQ Chicken Baguettes (SE*, SO*, G/W)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcake & Chips (F, G/W)
VEGGIE	Mexican Bean Enchilada Pie (CE, MK, G/B*, W)	1/2 Tomato & Mozzarella Panini (MK, SO*, G/B*, O*, R*, W)	Lemon & Herb Quorn Fillet (G/W)	Sticky BBQ Quorn & Vegetable Baguettes (MU*, SE*, SO*, G/W)	Vegan Sausage & Chips (G/W)
SIDES	Chef's Salad	Potato Salad & Coleslaw (E)	Rustic Roast Potatoes & Medley of Seasonal Vegetables	Coleslaw (E)	Beans or Peas
PASTA & JACKET	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	Tomato & Basil Pasta (G/W)	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W)
PUD	Fruit Yoghurt (MK)	Summer Fruit Crumble & Custard (MK, G/W)	Iced Vanilla Sponge (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Yoghurt Granola Pot with Fresh Fruit (MK, G/B*, O, W*)	Orange & Chocolate Marble Cake (E, MK, SO*, G/W)

THEME DAYS



DAILY SALAD BAR | HOMEMADE BREAD | FRESH FRUIT

DATES

27 APR / 18 MAY
15 JUN / 06 JUL /

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The cost of KS2 meals is
29 days @ £2.90= £84.10





2025-2026 Calendar

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Summer Term 2026

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April 2026	
Mon 13th	Return to school – 8.40am
Wed 15th	Bikeability Year 4 Level 1 group 1
Thurs 16 th	Bikeability Year 4 Level 1 group 2 Perform Drama Workshop for R,1 & 2 in school hall am
Wed 22nd	Finance and Resources Governor Meeting Y3 Trip to Haslemere Museum
Thurs 23rd	St George's Day ~ members of uniformed groups ie Brownies, Beavers, Guides or Cubs may wear uniforms
Thurs 28 th	School Class Photos
May 2026	
Fri 1st	Music Showcase for care home residents KS2 brass band, Year 4 and choir 2.15pm. FOTSA Movie Night after school
Fri 8 th	Year 2 Africa Day celebrations
Fri 15 th	FOTSA Mufti Day to collect items for school fair – TBC
Mon 4 th	Bank Holiday
w/c Mon 11th	SATs week KS2
Wed 13 th	Teaching and Learning
Thurs 14 th	Science Workshop for Year 5 – PM
Wed 20 th	9am Ruby Class Assembly – families welcome
Thurs 21 st	Science Workshop for Year 6 – PM Pentecost outside service
Fri 22nd	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
HALF TERM 25th May to 29 th May	
June 2026	
Mon 1st	Return to school – 8.40am
Mon 1 st -Fri 5 th	Bikeability year 6 every morning
Wed 3 rd	Sapphire Class Trip to ACS Farm
Fri 5 th	Year 1 Forest School Trip
Sat 6 th	FOTSA Summer Fete
w/c Mon 8 th	Phonics Screening week Years 1 & 2
Wed 10 th	KS2 District Sports Event at Walton Excel
Fri 12 th	Sapphire Class Assembly – at 9am in school hall – families welcome to attend
Mon 15 th	Year 6 visit to Guildford Cathedral 12.30-14.00 picnic at cathedral
Tues 16 th -Thur 18 th	Year 6 Residential to Walton Firs

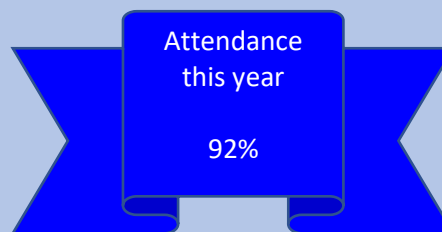
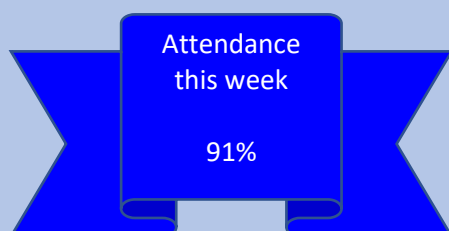
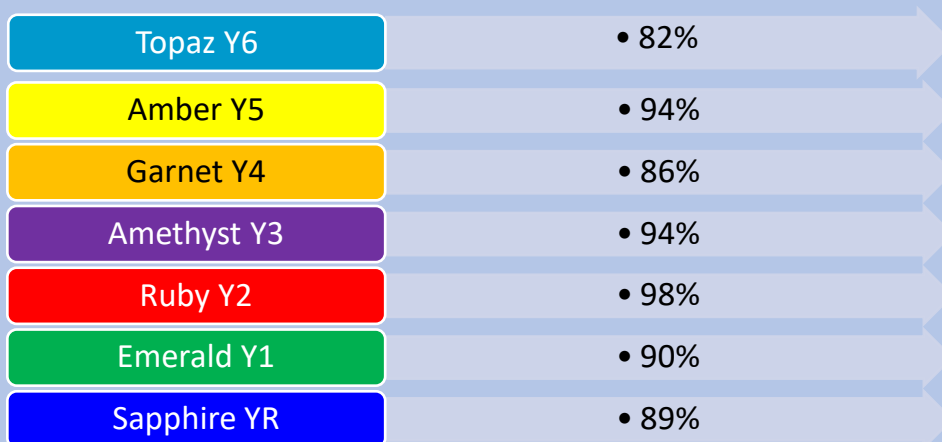
Thurs 18th	Parent Voice - Rep Meeting with Headteacher – 8.50am (comments to reps please)
Wed 24 th	Y2 trip to Brooklands Museum Full Governing Body Meeting
Thurs 25 th	Sports Day Event – whole school – details tbc
Fri 26 th	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED - Assessment
July 2026	
Wed 1st	Primary Council Headteacher Conference Bishop Paul to visit school
Fri 3 rd	Back Up Sports' Day date School Music Showcase from 2.00pm (Music will move to 10 th if Sports Day moved)
Thurs 9 th	Transition Morning for all classes
Fri 10 th	Year 3 Safe Walking Training by SCC –book via SCC website
w/c Mon 13 th	Annual Reports given to parents
Mon 13 th	Year 6 Topaz Class Leavers' Bible service at St Mary's Church – families welcome to attend
Tues 14th	2pm Online talk to Y5 parents regarding Y5 (Amber) Puberty Talk 2.30pm Online talk to Y6 parents regarding Y6 (Topaz) Relationship and Sex Education Talk
Thurs 16 th -17 th	Year 4 Overnight Camp
Fri 17th	Year 6 Technical and Dress rehearsal
Mon 20 th	Year 6 Production dress rehearsal at 2pm. Evening performance for families 6pm followed by Leavers Party
Wed 22 nd	Last day of academic year – pick up at 1.15pm

#Please note that some diary dates may change and events added
We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible these new dates will be highlighted in **YELLOW**.
Thank you!

Attendance Impact



Class Attendance Academic Week 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.



EASTER SPORTS SCHOOL

Beaufort School, Woking Ages 5-13 9am-3pm*

*Individual drop off and pick up times will be confirmed when places are booked.

COURSE DATES AND DETAILS

Week One	Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April Multi Sports Week
Week Two	Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th April Football Fun Days

Cost

£20 per day

£75 for full 4 day multi sports course

£55 for all 3 football fun days

£125 for all 7 days

Sibling discount is available - please contact Steve for more details.

What you will need:

- Appropriate clothing and footwear
- Packed lunch
- Plenty of non-fizzy drink

About the Sports School

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.

Courses will include warm ups, fun games, skill challenges, individual and team activities, tournaments, Easter themed events and a certificate presentation on the final day.

Sports covered at the multi sports course will include football, hockey, dodgeball, basketball, tennis, cricket and lots more!

Keeping your child safe

Steve Orriss FC recognises and accepts its responsibility as provider of the services and will provide a safe and healthy work place for staff and children.

A detailed risk assessment is available upon request.

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.

How to book & payment

Email or message Steve on steveorrissfc@yahoo.co.uk or 07759 440366 stating:

- Your name
- Child's name and age
- Chosen day(s)
- Contact phone number and emergency contact
- Child's medical conditions

On receipt of this information bank details will be sent to you to pay by bank transfer to complete the booking.


All places must be booked in advance, there will be no on the day places available. Places are limited and are on a first come first served basis.



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TW20 9DP

FLIPS & TRICKS
GAMES & CRAFTS
INFLATABLES
EASTER EGG HUNT

Week 1 - 30th & 31st March
1st, 2nd, 3rd April

Week 2 - 7th, 8th, 9th April

9:30-1pm

✦ Early drop off available ✓

Late pick up available ✓



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