



Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Our Vision

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

Friday 1st May 2026

Newsletter Number 29

In last week's newsletter, we discussed the slight adjustments made to the school vision: "Flourishing with God and our neighbour through Faith, Love and Excellence." At Thorpe, the children are becoming increasingly aware that we want them to live out the values of honesty, empathy, aiming high, respect, and trust in their daily lives.

On Monday, children from Years 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to visit Chelsea Football Club's training ground at Cobham. They spent the morning taking part in training sessions at The Arena, a state of the art 3G indoor astroturf facility. After this, they enjoyed a tour of the training ground. We would like to thank the Chelsea Foundation for providing this fantastic opportunity to our children.



Staying with football, congratulations to the school team for another excellent performance in this week's final against St Cuthbert's. The team played well in a very close match but were narrowly beaten 3-1 by a strong St Cuthbert's side. George said, "We tried really hard. It was such a difficult match and very tight and tense." Thanks go to Mrs Ambridge, Mr Bennett, and Mr Sleight for running the team this year.



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Congratulations also to William in Year 5, who took part in the Children’s London Marathon last Sunday. William finished 1,338th out of 19,000 participants, a wonderful personal achievement!

On Friday 15th May, children will have the chance to showcase their singing, dancing and other creative skills in the class heats of **Thorpe’s Got Talent**. Children will compete for a place in the whole school finals on Friday 24th May. The winning three acts will then perform live at the school fair on Saturday 6th June. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Thank you to those parents and carers who have committed to the swimming sessions later this term. We currently have 60% of deposits received and we have extended the deadline to Tuesday 5th May. As mentioned previously, the school is not in a position to heavily subsidise the significant costs of running this valuable resource for our children. Final payments of a further £40 is due by Friday 22nd May. Full refunds will be given if the school is unable to open the pool this year.

Finally, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete an anonymous survey about the school, which can be found [here](#). The first questions are based on the OFSTED framework, while the final questions are tailored specifically to our school. We are keen to understand your thoughts and opinions on how the school is performing. Thank you in advance for your time.

Joe Blaney and Thorpe Team

This Week's Achievements

- Year R** **Evie**
- Year 1** **Indy**
- Year 2** **Clemmie**
- Year 3** **Sahib**
- Year 4** **Sienna**
- Year 5** **Joshua D**
- Year 6** **Rosie**

Congratulations

<i>Our values are rooted in prayerful faith in God</i> ♥	HONESTY
	EMPATHY
	AIM HIGH
	RESPECT
	TRUST

Team Points			
Mars	Saturn	Venus	Neptune
51	73	82	94
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 Neptune for winning over all this week!			

Next week in school....

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday school closed


Friday 8th May – Parent Voice at 8.45am Please give your comments to be raised to your class rep.










Friday 8th May Africa Day in year 2 Celebration of African culture in Ruby Class


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) V	Plant Based "Chickn" Pitta (MU*, SO, G/W) V	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	Cheesy Calzone & Chips (MK, G/W)	 CINCO MAYO	
SIDES 	Chef's Salad V \$	Homemade Potato Wedges & Texan BBQ Baked Beans V \$	Spiced Rice & Grilled Corn V	Chef's Salad V \$	Beans or Peas V \$	 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) V \$	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W) V \$	 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	ALLERGENS						
13 APR / 04 MAY 01 JUN / 22 JUN / 13 JUL	CE = CELERY CR = CRUSTACEAN E = EGGS	F = FISH G = GLUTEN G/B = BARLEY	G/O = OATS G/R = RYE G/W = WHEAT	L = LUPIN MK = MILK MO = MOLLUSCS	MU = MUSTARD N = NUTS P = PEANUTS	SO = SOYA SU = SULPHUR SE = SESAME SEEDS	* = MAY CONTAIN V = VEGAN \$ = SEASONAL VEG



Olives
It's all about food with passion

This afternoon we welcomed residents from the Rivermede Care Home in Egham to enjoy a musical treat from Year 4, the school choir and the KS2 brass band. They thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Thank you as always to Hannah from Egham Brass Band, Mrs Whenman and to Hanka Coshall for organising.



2025-2026 Calendar
Thorpe Church of England Primary School
 Summer Term 2026
Faith, Love and Excellence

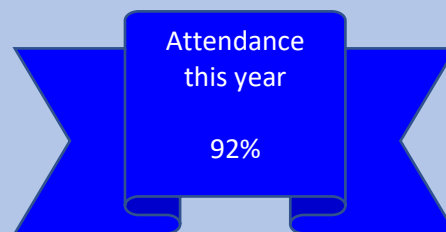
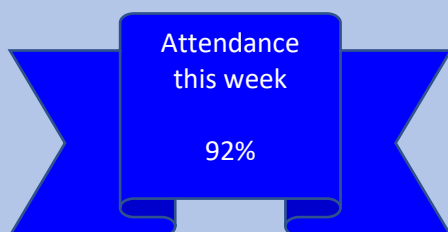
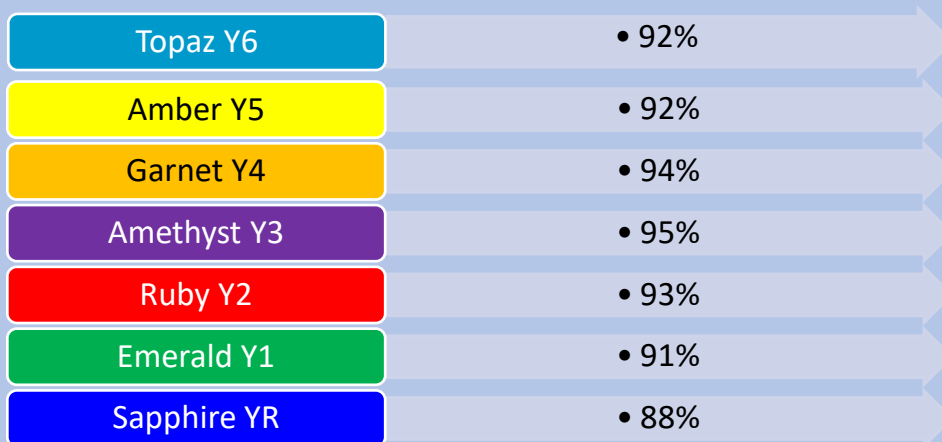
May 2026	
Fri 8 th	Parent Voice 8.45am Year 2 Africa Day celebrations
w/c Mon 11 th	SATs week KS2
Wed 13 th	Teaching and Learning committee 1.15
Wed 20 th	9am Ruby Class Assembly – families welcome
Thurs 21 st	Pentecost service outside service
Fri 22 nd	FOTSA Mufti Day to collect items for school fair Break up for half term at 3.15pm
HALF TERM 25 th May to 29 th May	
June 2026	
Mon 1 st	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 12-4 Please volunteer to assist
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 18 th	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 –
Fri 26 th	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED - Assessment
July 2026	
Wed 1 st	Primary Council Headteacher Conference Bishop Paul to visit school Meet the Team Parents Meeting 6pm in school hall
Thurs 2 nd	Meet the 26-27 Team event for all parents 3.30pm
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 Year 5 trip to Forest School
Tues 14 th	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
Thurs 16 th	New Year R Art Morning
Fri 17 th	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.	

Year 5 please note school trip added for 13th July.
Letter to be sent home shortly.

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.

For Families & Children at St Mary's Church, Thorpe



Noah's Ark

BABY, TODDLER AND PRE-SCHOOL GROUP



Every Thursday of Term-Time 9 - 11.00am

Noah's Ark Dates for Summer 2026 at St Mary's

16th April to 16th July 2026

We meet in the Rutherwyke Room, behind the church. Follow the red brick path to the rear of the building. Feel free to park in the Vicarage on the red gravel.

Noah's Ark is a toddler group for babies, toddlers and pre-school children with parents/carers/grandparents.

We are an informal playgroup and always have an aided craft session, fun action song or story segment during the morning. Secure outside play area (weather permitting).

Refreshments for adults and children.

£2.00 per child.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Closed for Half Term 28th May 2026
End of Term Teddy Bear's Picnic 16th July 2026



Family Club

1st Sunday of every month + 4p.m to 5.15 p.m.

For families with children, includes refreshments, singing, bible story, craft activity, celebrations, prayer and more. Ends with tea for the children.



Please RSVP with any dietary needs to Mary:

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As the National Year of Reading continues to gather momentum, we are keen to support our families to discover books that are exciting, engaging, and a pleasure to read. We are extremely grateful for the fantastic support shown at the Scholastic Book Fair at the end of last term and are delighted to share that we raised over £500 in book credit, which will be used to purchase new and inspiring books for our school library.

This month's reading focus is "Read a book because you love its pictures." Picture books are a joyful and powerful way for children to read and share stories together. Striking illustrations often spark curiosity, discussion, and thoughtful questions that go far beyond the words on the page. For older children, the popularity of graphic novels has grown rapidly in recent years, from the much-loved *Dog Man* series to more specialist manga-style books, offering another exciting way to enjoy reading.

Below are some recommendations you might like to explore together. We also encourage you to visit your local library, where you can request any title to be delivered to your nearest branch. The Carnegie Awards for Illustration celebrate books with exceptional artwork, and this year's shortlist is well worth a closer look. For more details, please

visit: <https://carnegies.co.uk/illustration-shortlist-2026-2/>

A vibrant, detailed illustration of a village fair. At the top, a blue shield with a yellow crown and a red cross is flanked by a grey circle and a yellow sun. Below the shield, a large banner reads 'Thorpe Village FAIR'. Underneath, another banner says 'Hosted by FOTSA'. A third banner indicates the date: 'Saturday 6th June • 12 - 4'. The central scene shows a grassy field with a red and white striped raffle tent on the left, a bouncy castle in the middle, and a cakes tent on the right. In the background, a stone castle with a flag is visible. The bottom section features a list of activities and contact information. The entire scene is decorated with colorful bunting and sunflowers.

Thorpe Village FAIR

Hosted by FOTSA

Saturday 6th June • 12 - 4

Frank Muir Field • Rosemary Lane
— Thorpe TW20 8QF —

- Free Children's Activities • Carnival Games
 - Beer Tent • BBQ • Face Painting
 - Live Performances • Jelly Kelly
 - Inflatables
- fotsathorpe@gmail.com

Children's Craft Club Virginia Water Library



Saturday May 9th, 10:30am-12:30pm
Also on Thursday 28th May
10.30am - 12.00pm



Accompanied Children 3-9 yrs old
£1 donation per child
Numbers may need to be managed