



Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Our Vision

Flourishing with God and our neighbour through Faith, Love and Excellence

Friday 8th May 2026

Newsletter Number 30

Thank you to everyone who attended Parent Voice this morning. There were many interesting points raised, and I will share a summary of the key discussions as an attachment to next week's newsletter.

The school has now received 73% of deposits for swimming after half term. Thank you to those parents and carers who have made this commitment. We have decided that we will open the pool this year, even though we are currently facing a shortfall of over £3,000. To help reduce costs, the school has avoided employing teaching assistants to accompany classes during swimming sessions. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered. Attached is our current swimming timetable. If you are able to help, please contact the school office to volunteer, as we may need to begin the DBS process to make this possible.



The Year 2 teaching team delivered an exciting and memorable African Day today — a creative celebration of African art, cookery, music and dance, folk tales, and jewellery making. Further

images from this wonderful day will be shared during the Ruby Class assembly on Wednesday 20 May.

Next Friday will see the class finals of Thorpe's Got Talent. We look forward to seeing the children showcase their creative skills, either individually or as part of a group. Winners will then compete in the whole-school finals on Friday 22 May, and three acts will earn the opportunity to perform for the community at the FOTSA Summer Fete on Saturday 6 June.

I am sorry to announce that Mrs Warren will be leaving the school at the end of this academic year. She has been offered a unique opportunity to work as a consultant supporting schools in the delivery of phonics for the White Knight Group. Mrs Warren has spent 12 years at Thorpe and will be greatly missed. She has been a wonderful Key Stage 1 teacher and has played an important role in driving the English curriculum forward across the school. We wish her every success in this exciting new opportunity, and we will say goodbye to her properly as we approach the end of the summer term.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our Year 6 children the very best for their SATs tests next week. They have worked tremendously hard in preparing for this important milestone. Good luck to each and every one of you, and thank you to the Year 6 team for preparing our children so well for this process.

Joe Blaney and Thorpe Team

This Week's Achievements

Year R Vanya
 Year 1 Charlie
 Year 2 Dolly
 Year 3 Freddy
 Year 4 Eliana
 Year 5 Jessica
 Year 6 George

Congratulations

Our values are
 rooted in
 prayerful faith
 in God
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HONESTY
EMPATHY
AIM HIGH
RESPECT
TRUST

Team Points

Mars	Saturn	Venus	Neptune
80	68	83	75

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!

Next week in school...

Monday 11th-14th

Year 6 SATS. Special Breakfast Club available for Topaz Class 8-8.15am.

Wednesday 13th Governors Meeting of Teaching and Learning Committee 1.15pm.

Friday 15th Thorpe's Got Talent class finals – 3 acts to be selected to appear at the Fair on 6th June

Thorpe Primary School				
WEEKLY MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN Pepperoni Pizza (CE*, E*, MK, MU*, SO*, G/W)	Yakitori 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)
VEGGIE Detroit Style Margherita Pizza Slice (MK, G/W)	Sweet Chili 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)
SIDES Homemade Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Stir Fried Greens	Seasonal Greens	Tomato Rice & Chef's Salad (CE)	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 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
DAILY SALAD BAR HOMEMADE BREAD FRESH FRUIT				
DATES 20 APR / 11 MAY 08 JUN / 29 JUN / 20 JUL		ALLERGENS		
CE = CELERY F = FISH G/O = DATE L = LUPIN MU = MUSTARD SO = SOYA * = MAY CONTAIN CR = CRUSTACEAN G = GLUTEN G/R = RYE MK = MILK R = NUTS SU = SULPHUR V = VEGETARIAN E = EGGS G/B = BARLEY G/W = WHEAT MO = MOLLUSCS P = PEANUTS SE = SESAME SEEDS S = SEASONAL V				

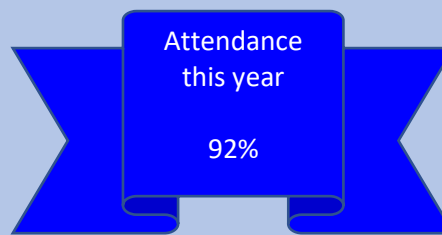
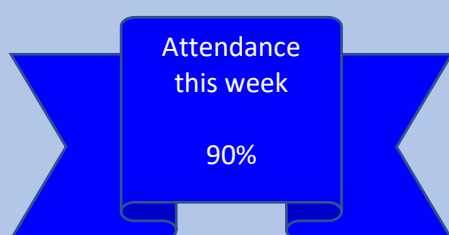
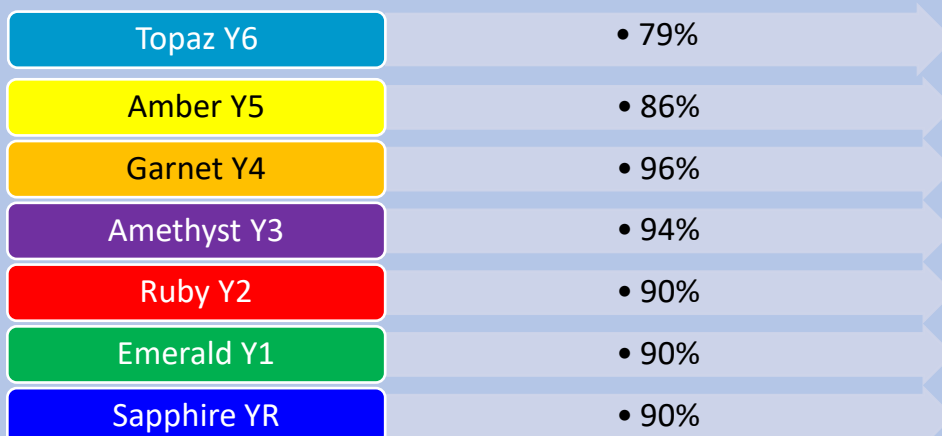


2025-2026 Calendar
Thorpe Church of England Primary School
 Summer Term 2026
Faith, Love and Excellence

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.	

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.



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

RAFFLE TICKETS

WE ARE SENDING HOME TWO BOOKS OF RAFFLE TICKETS PER CHILD FOR THE THORPE VILLAGE FAIR RAFFLE

TICKETS COST £1 EACH AND WE HAVE ORGANISED SOME GREAT PRIZES WHICH INCLUDE:

- NINTENDO SWITCH GAMES CONSOLE
- SILENT POOL DISTILLERY TOUR
- FORTNUM & MASON HAMPER
- ROSE & CROWN VOUCHERS
- GREAT COCKCROW RAILWAY TICKETS
- AND MANY, MANY MORE!

PLEASE SELL AS MANY AS YOU CAN TO FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS.
EXTRA TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT FROM THE OFFICE. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD RETURN THE COUNTERFOIL, ALONG WITH THE MONEY & ANY UNSOLD TICKETS TO THE OFFICE BY **WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE 2026** AT THE VERY LATEST
THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026 WITH WINNING TICKETS SELECTED BY MR BLANEY

MANY THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

THE FOTSA TEAM

SAVE THE DATES!

FRIDAY 22ND MAY - FOTSA MUFTI DAY - CASH DONATION

WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE - 7-9PM - SUMMER FAIR PREP AT SCHOOL, HELPERS NEEDED!

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE - THORPE VILLAGE SUMMER FAIR - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO RUN THE EVENT, PLEASE SEE SIGN UP LINK BELOW



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

[HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/YTEYAFX](https://signup.com/go/yteyafx)

THE EAGERLY AWAITED SIGN UP PAGE IS NOW OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN THIS YEARS SUMMER FAIR

PLEASE LEND A HAND, WE NEED TO FILL 80+ HOUR SLOTS TO ENSURE THE FAIR CAN RUN SMOOTHLY & BE THE BEST FAIR YET

STILL ACCEPTING BOTTLES!



WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING BOTTLES FOR THE SUMMER FAIR BOTTLE TOMBOLA, PLEASE CONTACT FOTSA IF YOU HAVE ANY YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE

THANK YOU

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HAS SUPPORTED OUR FOTSA EVENTS SO FAR THIS YEAR

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING NEW, HAVE ANY IDEAS, OR FANCY JOINING THE TEAM, THEN PLEASE GET IN CONTACT

ORGANISED BY FOTSA

FRIDAY 22ND MAY

Multi Day

CASH DONATION

PLEASE ENSURE APPROPRIATE CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR ARE WORN

CASH OR CARD DONATIONS PLEASE!

DONATION BUCKET & CARD READER AT BOTH ENTRANCES

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO DIRECTLY TO HELPING RUN THIS YEARS SUMMER FAIR

Volunteers required – Please contact the FOTSA to lend a hand!



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<https://authorfy.com/masterclasses/meltaylorbessent/>

Use this link to find out more about Mel Taylor-Bessent – one of Thorpe School’s favourite authors.

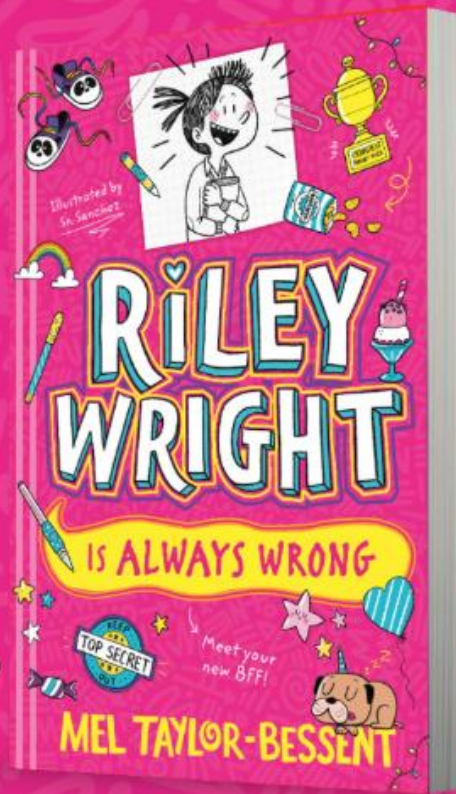
Half term book launch with Mel Taylor-Bessent!

Waterstones Staines, Saturday 23rd May, 10:30am



Join us to celebrate Mel’s hilarious new diary-style series ‘Riley Wright is Always Wrong’ with friendship bracelet making and a book signing. Visit waterstones.com/events for details.

Tickets: £5 / Ticket & book: £10



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As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your students should complete the survey

here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

I am asking you to share the survey with all the children, parents and carers in your school or college community. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' responses.

To support you to do this, I have created a pack of resources which include an introductory video, a lesson plan, and FAQs, which are available on [my website](#). I would be grateful if you could ensure that every child in your school or college has taken part before the deadline of Friday 23 October.

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner



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.

TUESDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 29TH MAY

About the Multi Sports course

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 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!

What you will need:

- Appropriate clothing and footwear, weather permitting sessions will take place outside as much as possible.
- Packed lunch
- Plenty of non-fizzy drink

Keeping your child safe

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.

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.

Cost

£20 per day
£75 for all 4 days

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

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.

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:

stmarvschurchthorpe@outlook.com



St Mary's Church Thorpe, Church Approach, Thorpe Village, TW20 8TQ.



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