



Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Our Vision

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

Friday 4th September 2026

Newsletter Number 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. It has been a busy and exciting week, and I am delighted to say that all of the children have settled in incredibly well. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and positivity around the school. The children are looking very smart in their uniforms, and it has been great to see many pupils wearing the new technical PE shirts and jumpers.

As a reminder, children must be able to remove their own stud earrings independently for PE lessons. We are unable to tape earrings during PE, so please ensure that only small stud earrings are worn to school. Necklaces should not be worn.

Congratulations to Alex, Qasim and Grace, who have been appointed as our Lead Learners for this academic year. Next week, our Year 6 pupils will take part in a democratic election process to appoint this year's House Captains. Once these roles have been established, we will also be seeking members for the School Council and the Prayer Committee. These positions will be open to children across Years 1 to 6, and I would encourage all pupils to consider putting themselves forward. Leadership opportunities such as these help children develop confidence, responsibility and teamwork skills while making a valuable contribution to our school community.

Next week will also see the launch of our first Reading Raffle of the year. Children who read at home at least three times during the week will be entered into the draw, which will take place during Collective Worship next Friday. Please continue to support your child's reading at home by signing their reading record and encouraging a love of books. Reading does not always need to involve sitting down together for a dedicated one-to-one session. Listening to your child read aloud while you are preparing dinner or travelling can be equally valuable. It is also helpful to ask a few comprehension questions about what they have read or encourage them to predict what might happen next in the story.

Earlier this week I shared our School Development Plan for the year. Many of you will have noticed that one of our key priorities is to further strengthen behaviour and attendance. I will be sharing more information next week regarding Surrey's attendance guidance. Last year, our attendance levels were significantly below both national and county averages, falling below the expected 95%. One of the biggest factors affecting our overall attendance has been the number of term time absences through holidays.

If your child is absent for any reason, please ensure you notify the school through Studybugs as early as possible. This helps us account for all children promptly and reduces the amount of administrative time spent contacting families. Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated.

Homework grids and class newsletters will be shared next week. As part of our ongoing curriculum development, we are making some changes to our spelling provision. From this year, pupils in Key Stage 2 will move from Spelling Shed to Classroom Secrets for their weekly spelling activities. While this means there will no longer be online spelling games, staff have agreed that the programme provides words that are more

closely aligned to pupils' learning and curriculum needs. Children will receive a weekly paper list of spellings to learn at home.

Pupils in Year 2 will continue to learn spellings linked to their phonics programme. If you have any questions regarding spellings, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Christine Manning, one of our dedicated Teaching Assistants in Reception. Throughout her time at Thorpe, Mrs Manning has created many stunning pieces of artwork that enrich our school environment. Over the summer, she completed an inspirational mural developed by last year's Prayer Committee. The mural has been created to celebrate our Christian distinctiveness and now takes pride of place in our entrance hall.

It beautifully reflects our school vision, "*Flourishing with God and neighbour through Faith, Love and Excellence*," and showcases our values of *Honesty, Empathy, Aiming High, Respect and Trust*, reminding us of the character and attitudes we want all children to demonstrate each day. This artwork has become a true centrepiece of our school and perfectly captures who we are as a community. I am sure you will agree that it is a truly stunning addition to Thorpe Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mr Joe Blaney
Headteacher

On behalf of St Mary's Church can I welcome you all for this new term and especially those children and families who are new to the school. As the local parish church we enjoy a very good relationship with the school which involves visits to the church, volunteers helping children with reading and gardening and I myself lead Tuesday Collective Worship, join staff briefings and visit classes.

At St Mary's we aim as much as possible to have the different generations meeting and worshipping together, adults, young people and children. We have a Family



Club that meets on the First Sunday of the month at 4pm; an informal fun gathering at which we learn, pray and eat together - details are in the flyer attached. And finally, I'm always up for a coffee and a chat and / or to pray with people - please feel free to ask.

Best Wishes
Father Stephen

Fun,
faith and
friendship
for the whole
family!



ST. MARY'S
—THORPE—

ALL
FAMILIES
WELCOME!

CHURCH *Family* CLUB

A WARM WELCOME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



SONGS

Uplifting and
joyful songs
for all ages.



PRAYERS

Time to pray
together as a
family and for
our community.



CRAFTS

Creative
activities to
explore, make
and take home.



FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Enjoy a
delicious meal
and treats.



BIBLE STORIES

Inspiring stories
to learn, share
and grow.



FIRST SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH



4:00PM – 5:30PM



Space is limited! ♥

TO BOOK, PLEASE USE:

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SEPTEMBER • OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • DECEMBER
JANUARY • FEBRUARY • MARCH • MAY • JUNE • JULY
(EXCLUDING APRIL AND AUGUST)

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FOTSA



Friends of Thorpe School Association



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**Thursday 10th
September 2026**

Please join us to vote for the 2026 FOTSA Committee, hear about our planned events for the coming year, and review a presentation highlighting everything FOTSA achieved in 2025.

Everyone is welcome to become a member of FOTSA – we couldn't do what we do without the support of our wonderful volunteers and members.

If you're interested in taking on a committee role in 2026, such as Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, or another position, we'd love to hear from you. Please complete a nomination form or speak to a member of FOTSA for more information.

Everyone is welcome – come along and say hello!



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Email: fotsathorpe@gmail.com

Please join us at 7pm on Thursday 10th September
All parents are invited to attend.

WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	Sweet & Sour Chicken (CE)	Butcher's Sausage & Gravy (SU, G/W)	Beef Bolognese with Pasta (G/B*, W)	Captain's Crispy Fish Fingers & Chips (F, G/W)
VEGGIE	Roasted Butternut Squash Topped Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	Sweet & Sour Roasted Vegetables	Veggie Sausage & Gravy (G/W)	Vegetable & Lentil Bolognese with Pasta (G/B*, W)	Vegan Nuggets & Chips (G/W)
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SIDES	Peas & Sweetcorn	Steamed Rice & Greens Beans	Mashed Potato & Carrots (MK)	Peas & Sweetcorn	Homemade Potato Wedges & Baked Beans
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PASTA & JACKET	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	Italian Tomato Twirl Pasta (CE, MK, G/W)	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta (CE, G/W)	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)
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PUD	Apple Sponge & Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit (G/W)	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard (MK, G/W)	Jam Sponge with Custard (E, MK, SO*, SU, G/W)	Cool School Ice Cream (MK)
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DAILY SALAD BAR HOMEMADE BREAD FRESH FRUIT					

DATES

07 SEP / 28 SEP
19 OCT / 16 NOV / 07 DEC

ALLERGENS

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



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LEGO & GAMES CLUB

★ Build, Play, Create and Have Fun! ★

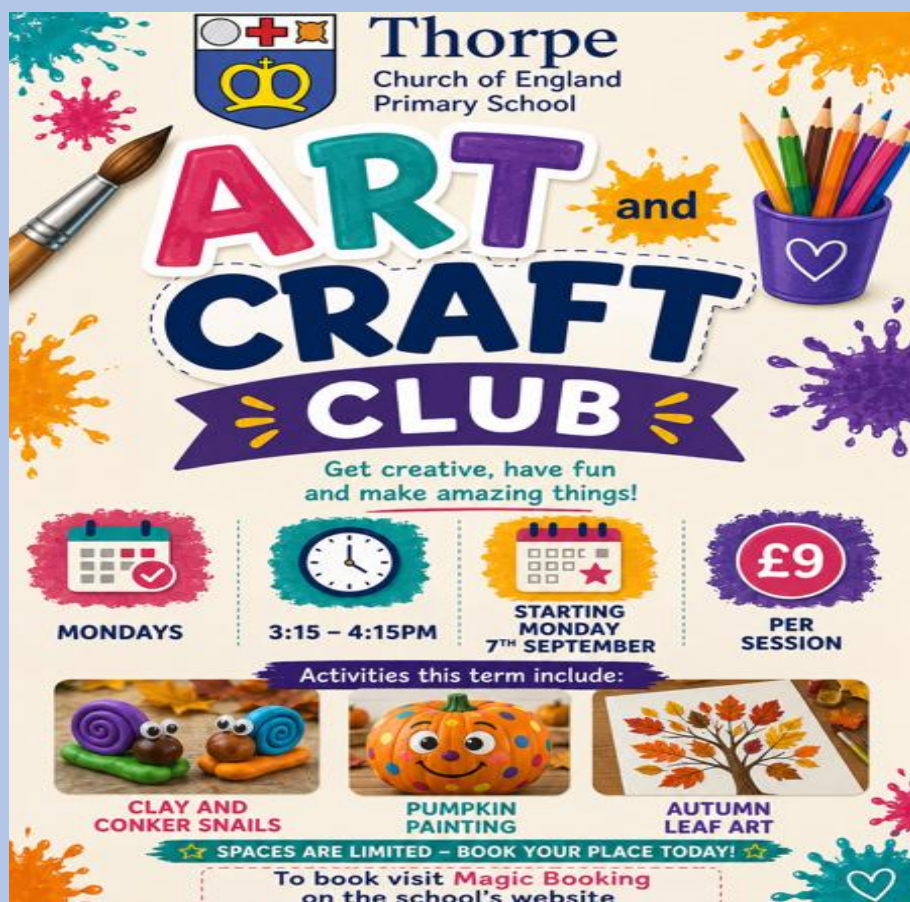
EVERY WEDNESDAY
3:15pm – 4:15pm

£9 PER SESSION

STARTING
9TH SEPTEMBER 26

LEGO BUILDING,
BOARD GAMES,
TEAM GAMES & MORE!

A fun and friendly club
for everyone!



Thorpe
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Primary School

ART and CRAFT CLUB

Get creative, have fun
and make amazing things!

MONDAYS

3:15 – 4:15PM

STARTING
MONDAY
7TH SEPTEMBER

£9
PER SESSION

Activities this term include:

CLAY AND CONKER SNAILS

PUMPKIN PAINTING

AUTUMN LEAF ART

★ SPACES ARE LIMITED – BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY! ★

To book visit **Magic Booking**
on the school's website



Runnymede Family Centre Drop-in

Parenting advice and support available from the
Runnymede Family Centre team.
Just drop in and ask for a confidential chat with one of our
family support workers.

- **Mondays 10:00 - 12:00** at the Revive Coffee Shop
99, Guildford Street Chertsey, KT16 9AS
- **2nd Tuesday of the month 10:00 - 12:00** at The Village Centre
Cafe, Victoria Street, Englefield Green, Egham TW20 0QX
- **Fridays 9:00 - 10:00** at Runnymede Family Centre, The Poplars,
Queen Mary Drive, New Haw, Addlestone, KT15 3TT

Please scan the QR code or visit our website to register your interest.

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