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This week at Thorpe

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A very warm welcome to the families of our new Reception children. The children have settled in brilliantly during their part-time transition week and enjoyed their first full day in school today. From next week, they will be attending full time and becoming fully immersed in life as part of the Thorpe community.

Next week will also see the official opening of our brand new EYFS outdoor learning area. We are delighted to welcome Linda Gillham, who supported the project in her role as a Runnymede Borough Councillor, and Councillor Hulley, who championed our successful Your Fund Surrey bid. Together, these grants have provided more than £61,000 of investment into this area. This fantastic new space will enhance teaching and learning opportunities for many years to come, helping our youngest children to flourish through exploration, creativity and play. We are incredibly grateful to both and Councillor Elaine Gill from Runnymede Council for their support and commitment to our project.



Collective Worship



This week in Collective Worship, we began the new Guildford Diocese termly theme, *Count Your Blessings*. The children reflected on the importance of recognising and giving thanks for the many blessings in their lives. Through exploring Psalm 103 and the idea of “counting our blessings”, they considered how gratitude can help develop resilience, wellbeing and a positive outlook. The worship reminded us that God is with us in both joyful and challenging times, supporting our vision of flourishing through faith, love and excellence and our values of Honesty, Empathy, Aiming High, Respect and Trust.

In Picture News, the children also learned about the recent death of Dolly Parton and the positive impact she has had on children's literacy through her Imagination Library Foundation. We reflected on how one person's kindness and generosity can make a lasting difference to the lives of others. This linked closely to our values of Empathy and Aiming High, encouraging pupils to consider how they too can use their talents and actions to help others flourish.

School uniform

We would like to say a big thank you to all the families who have embraced our new uniform guidelines. The children are looking incredibly smart and ready to learn each day. We would like to remind everyone that the children should only wear grey or white socks. Please remember that **cycling shorts, skorts and flared leggings** are **not permitted** for PE days. The children should wear a jumper or cardigan with the school logo, and on days when they have PE can wear the long-sleeved PE top with the school logo. We really appreciate your continued support in ensuring that all children are dressed correctly and ready for a successful day at school. In the coming weeks we will be carrying out uniform checks to ensure that the high standards for our school uniform continue. School uniform guidance can be found [here](#)

Please ensure all uniform - especially the new PE tops - are named so we help return any lost items.



1 - Year 3-6 PE kit with the technical shirt



2 - Year 3-6 school uniform for winter and spring uniform



3 - Reception to Year 2 school uniform

Attendance at Thorpe

Next week the school will meet the attendance officer so we can set our attendance target for the year. We suspect this will be a 95% target which is in line with Surrey and National levels. This week our class attendance to date is:

Emerald class - 93%

Ruby Class - 88%

Amethyst class - 90%

Garnet class - 98%

Amber class - 100%

Topaz class - 94%

Well done to all those children still on 100%. Attendance stars will be handed out to those on 99% and above at the end of the term.

Values in Practice (VIP) winners

Congratulations to this weeks winners:

Sapphire Class - The whole Class!

Emerald class - Eileen

Ruby Class - Lennie

Amethyst class - Margot

Garnet class - Primrose

Amber class - Eli S

Topaz class - Joshua H

FOTSA Committee for 2026-27

FOTSA held their Annual General Meeting last night, where Jamie Wood (Treasurer) announced the fantastic news that an incredible £10,289 was raised during the last academic year. This represents a record-breaking year for the team, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone involved in organising the wonderful events that our school community enjoyed while raising such valuable funds for the children of Thorpe Primary School.

We are pleased to introduce the FOTSA Committee for the year ahead:

- Chair: Sammy Jo Tarling
- Co-Treasurers: Amy Taylor and Martine Mant
- Secretary: Donna Price

The school would also like to recognise and thank Dan and Kayleigh Drawwater, along with Jamie Wood, for their dedication, leadership and hard work in helping to steer the committee over the past several years. Their commitment has made a significant contribution to the success of FOTSA and the wider school community.

Please see the attached AGM presentation slides for a full overview of the financial results.

Parking at drop off and pick up

Many of our new Reception parents may not be aware, but when dropping off or picking up your children, we politely ask that you do not park on The Bence. This area is a road we intend to keep pedestrianised during these times to ensure that our families can arrive and leave the school safely.

It has been noticed that several cars are turning in the school drive to turn around to exit The Bence as they drop off their children. Today I had to shout at a child to stop as they were by the school as a parent was reversing into the school entrance to turn. Please use local roads to drop off and park to protect the safety of all of our children and to also be mindful of the residents in The Bence





What's happening in School next week...

Tuesday 15th - Judo Assembly at 9am

Thursday 17th - EYFS new playground -official opening at 2pm with Cllr Hulley and Linda Gillham

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 23rd September - Year 5 Vikings workshop at Chertsey Museum - drop off at 8.45am

Thursday 24th September - Years 3&4 Roman and Pre-History workshops in school

Thursday 24th September - Welcome Bible Service for Reception at Thorpe from 2:30pm

Thursday 24th September - Year 6 Residential meeting for parents 3.25pm in school

Friday 25th September - World Language Day celebration in school

Tuesday 29th September - Phonics workshop for Sapphire Class (reception) at 8.50am in school

Thursday 1st October - School Open Morning at 9.15am

Tuesday 6th October Harvest Service at St Marys for KS2 - drop off directly at St Marys. KS1 Service in school

Thursday 13th October School Open Morning at 9.15am

Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October Half Term break

School Menu Week 3 Autumn 26

Thorpe Primary School					
WEEKLY MENU					
WEEK 1 WEEK 2 WEEK 3					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
MAIN  Italian Tomato Tort Pasta (CE, MK, G/W)	MAIN  Cowboy Beef Chili (CE)	MAIN  Pepperoni Pizza (CE, E, F, MK, MP, SP, G/W)	MAIN  Chicken Biryani	MAIN  Crabby Catch Fish & Chips (F, G/B, W)	
VEGGIE  Sticky Wagon Pasta Surprise (CE, G/W)	VEGGIE  Tex Mex Mild Veggie Chili (CE)	VEGGIE  Vegetable Biryani (CE, G/B, F, P, R, W)	VEGGIE  Jerk Vegetable Curry (CE, G/B, F, P, W)	VEGGIE  Cheesy Pizza & Chips (MK, G/W)	
SIDES  Broccoli	SIDES  Steamed Rice & Broccoli	SIDES  Paprika Spiced Vegetables	SIDES  Rice & Peas (CE)	SIDES  Baked Beans or Peas	
PASTA & JACKET  Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	PASTA & JACKET  Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	PASTA & JACKET  Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	PASTA & JACKET  Italian Tomato Tort Pasta (CE, MK, G/W)	PASTA & JACKET  Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings (E, F, MK)	
PUD  Iced Vanilla Sponge (E, MK, SP, G/W)	PUD  Syrup Sponge with Custard (E, MK, SP, G/W)	PUD  Giant Crunch Cookies (MK, G/B, O, W)	PUD  Mixed Berry Crumble with Custard (MK, G/W)	PUD  Chocolate Cake & Custard (E, MK, SP, G/W)	
DAILY SALAD BAR / HOMEMADE BREAD / FRESH FRUIT					
DATES 14 SEP / 05 OCT 02 NOV / 23 NOV / 14 DEC ALLERGENS CE = CELERY F = FISH G/O = DATE L = LAMB MK = MUSTARD SP = SPICE W = WHEAT Y = YEAST Z = ZINC					

St Marys Church, Thorpe

As a Church School, Thorpe CofE has a Christian ethos, vision and values. I'm regularly working with the school leading Collective Worship or helping in classes or welcoming the school to St Mary's for services and visits. If you are curious to know more about the Christian Faith and what your children are being taught, you'd be welcome to join the forthcoming Alpha course at St Mary's, details are in the flyer (***NB the time has now been shifted to 4.30-6pm***). If Thursday evenings suit you better there is an evening Alpha course at St Peter's Chertsey, you'd be very welcome there. Best Wishes, **Fr. Stephen**

**Explore
life,
faith &
meaning**

The Alpha course is an opportunity to hear a topical talk on the Christian faith by Fr. Stephen and discuss it with others, bringing your questions. **All Welcome.**

Thursdays 4 - 5.30pm
24th September to 3rd December (except 1/2 term).

To find out more or sign up,
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