



Thorpe CofE Primary School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 2nd October 2026

This week at Thorpe

This week saw our first Open Day of the year, welcoming prospective families who are considering joining our school in September 2027. The school looked fantastic as we proudly showcased everything that makes Thorpe such a special place to learn and grow. My sincere thanks go to all staff for their dedication and hard work this term in creating such a welcoming environment for visitors. We look forward to welcoming more families at our second Open Day on Tuesday 13th October at 9.15am.

Thank you to Miss Wallage for hosting a phonics workshop for our Reception parents last Tuesday. This informative session helped parents understand how early reading is taught at Thorpe and how they can support their children at home. Phonics teaching continues throughout Years 1 and 2, and we use the Rocket Phonics to support children in becoming confident and fluent readers.

I am delighted that full school uniform continues to be a positive feature of our school. Staff have noticed that a small number of children are not wearing stud earrings as required by our uniform expectations. On occasion, we are seeing hoop earrings and larger crystal-style earrings being worn to school. For reasons of safety and consistency, please ensure that children wear only plain stud earrings if they have pierced ears. All earrings need to be removed for PE lessons. Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards.

Collective Worship



This week, our collective worship explored Sukkot, a Jewish festival of thanksgiving and remembrance. Through the story of God's people journeying through the desert, children reflected on the message that "God will provide" and the importance of being grateful for the blessings in our lives.

The worship encouraged pupils to think about the many things they are thankful for, including family, friends, health, learning and the support of our school community. This links closely to our vision of "Flourishing with God and neighbour through faith, love and excellence" as we recognise the gifts we have received and consider how we can support others.

Children explored how our values of Honesty, Empathy, Respect, Trust and Aiming High can help us live with gratitude each day. By appreciating what we have and sharing with others, we can help everyone in our community to flourish.

In today's Collective Worship we took the opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Lisa Rookes who has been at the school since 2018. Mrs Rookes is moving to Surrey County Council where she will work with and support families across Surrey. We wish Mrs Rookes the very best in her new career path but recognise that she will be greatly missed in our community, especially by the children.

Allergens

Today saw our first bake sale of the year, and we would like to thank everyone who contributed by baking delicious treats. We are especially grateful to those families who provided detailed ingredient lists, helping us to support children and families with allergies and dietary requirements.

This is a timely reminder that we have children in school with coeliac disease who must avoid gluten. It is also important to be mindful of the risk of cross-contamination when preparing and sharing food.

In addition, we have five children across the school who carry EpiPens due to severe nut allergies. Families are consistently supportive in ensuring that nut products are not included in packed lunches or brought into school as snacks, and we greatly appreciate your continued vigilance.

Thank you for helping us to keep all members of our school community safe and able to regularly attend school.

Harvest Services



Next Tuesday 6th October, we will make our first visit of the year to St Mary's Church for our Harvest Festival Service, led by Fr Stephen Girling. Harvest is always a special opportunity for us to come together in worship, give thanks for God's provision and reflect on how we can support those in need within our community.

Thank you in advance to our Worship Committee, who worked alongside Fr Stephen and Brad to help plan and structure the service.

Parents of children in Years 3–6 are warmly invited to join us. Please note that seating in the church is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Timings for the morning are as follows:

- 8:25am – Staff and children attending Early Birds leave Thorpe for the church.
- 8:35am - We request that parents do not park in Church Approach.
- 8:40am – Children may enter the church and will be registered by their class teachers. Lunch choices for the day will also be collected:
 - Chilli con carne
 - Vegetarian chilli
 - Macaroni cheese
 - Dessert: syrup sponge
- 8:50am – Harvest Festival Service begins.
- 9:20am – Service concludes and children walk back to school through the TASIS grounds with their year-group teams.

Children should wear their school uniform. However, pupils in Years 3 and 6 may come directly to church wearing their PE kits, as they have PE lessons later that day.

Children in Reception to Year 2 will take part in their own Harvest Festival Service at school at 1:15pm led by Fr Stephen. Unfortunately, on this occasion it will not be possible for parents to attend.

Shortly afterwards, all children will have the opportunity to add their cereal box to our Cereal Domino Challenge. We are grateful for every donation received, all of which will be given to Runnymede Foodbank to support local families in need.

We will capture some of the highlights from the day and share them on our @thorpe_primary Instagram account, with photographs also appearing on our school Facebook page.

VIP Certificate Awards this week

Congratulations to the following children

Sapphire - Avi

Emerald - Oakley

Ruby - Saul

Amethyst - Elsie

Garnet - Riley O

Amber - Eliza

Topaz - Qasim

Attendance at Thorpe

Sapphire Class - 88%

Emerald class - 91%

Ruby Class - 95.6%

Amethyst class - 94.4%

Garnet class - 91%

Amber class - 94.5%

Topaz class - 96%

Whole School Weekly attendance 92.7%

Year to Date Attendance 94.5%

What's happening in school next week...



You may have noticed that the school gates have been opening slightly later during the latter part of this week. We have made a small adjustment to our morning arrival procedures to ensure that children remain safe and appropriately supervised at all times.

Previously, parents were able to arrive on the school grounds from 8:35am, with Key Stage 2 pupils able to enter the site independently at this time. Classroom doors continue to open at 8:40am, with registration at 8:45am.

We have noticed that some children were arriving on site before staff were available to supervise them. In the event of an accident or incident during this period, the responsibility would be with parents and carers, as the school day does not officially begin until 8:40am. To address this, the gates are now set to open at 8:38am, allowing for a gradual and staggered arrival while ensuring children can move directly to their classroom doors, where staff supervision begins at 8:40am.

As registration starts at 8:45am, Mr Lubbock and I will continue to lock the pedestrian gates shortly afterwards. Any child arriving after this time should enter the school through the main office and make their way independently to their classroom.

We will continue to monitor how this revised procedure works and will keep families informed of any further developments. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our children remain at the heart of everything we do at Thorpe.

Monday 5th October - Please kindly bring in a box of cereal to donate to the Harvest Festival Foodbank appeal.

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

Thorpe School Open Days on Tuesday 13th October at 9.15am

Please share these dates with families you know with children due to start school next September.

Please book your place via the QR code or by calling the school office.



Dates for the diary

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Monday 12th October - Parents Evening booking system will be opened Thorpe School V Tasis Football match

Tuesday 13th October- October School Open Morning at 9.15am

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

Thursday 5th November - Individual Photos in school - full school uniform

Tuesday 10th November - Nasal Flu Vaccine delivered by NHS Nursing Team / Measures Year R & Year 6

Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Day Service for KS2 drop off at St Mary's for 8:40am

Thursday 12th November - NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assembly

Tuesday 17th November - Parents Evening 1

Thursday 19th November - Parents Evening 2

Friday 27th November - Parent Voice meeting at 8.45am in school - comments to reps please

Sunday 29th November - Church Service led by Years 5 & 6 at St Mary's

Monday 7th December - Sapphire Class (Reception) Nativity performance at 2.30pm

Thursday 10th December - KS1 Nativity Performance at 9.15am - Year 1 families invited

Friday 11th December - KS2 Nativity Performance at 9.15am - Year 2 families invited

Friday 11th December - FOTSA Christmas Fair from 3.15pm - more details to follow

Monday 14th December - Christingle Service for Y3+4 9am at St Mary's

Tuesday 15th December - Carol Service for Y5+6 9am at St Mary's

Friday 18th December - Break up at 1.15pm

Clubs at Thorpe



HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS
Thorpe C of E Primary School Ages 5-12 9am-3pm*
*Individual drop off and pick up times will be confirmed when places are booked.

MONDAY 19TH - WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

About the Multi Sports course
The course will be based on enjoyment, encouraging physical and mental health and well-being.
The course will include a wide variety of fun games, challenges, activities and team activities and a certificate presentation at the final day.
Specially chosen will include football, hockey, badminton, basketball, tennis, netball, table tennis, judo and gymnastics.

Cost
£20 per day
£50 for all 3 days
Early booking is a definite plus! Contact Mrs Jones for more details.

What you will need:
• Appropriate clothing and footwear for sport/physical activity.
• Parents will take place outside as much as possible.
• Hydrated lunch.
• Plenty of own kit/kit bag.

How to book & payment:
Email or message Mrs Jones on clintonc@thorpe.cofe.sch.uk or call 01723 443000 stating:
• Your name
• Child's name and age
• How many days
• Contact phone number and emergency contact
• Child's medical conditions.
On receipt of this information book 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 we are a cashless school so please book early.

Keeping your child safe
Thorpe C of E Primary School recognises and accepts its responsibility as provider of the services and we 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 with all recreational activities there will be a risk of injury. Thorpe C of E Primary School will not be held responsible for any injury, illness, loss or damage to any items.


Play * Learn * Have Fun * Make Friends

STREET DANCING BREAK DANCING STUNTS AND TRICKS

A fantastic class to learn cool hip hop routines, try break dancing tricks/parkour

THURSDAY
8-8:35am
Years 1-4



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1 - Still plenty available for this club - please book directly with Pinks

CHEER-GYM

Acrobatics • Gymnastics
Cheerleading • Flip & Tumble

MONDAYS
3:15-4:15pm
Years 1-6



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COME AND LEARN JUDO AT THORPE COFE



WEDNESDAY MORNING 08:00-08:45

GB ATHELETE COACHES TEACHING TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL

JUDO FACTS

The judo moral code consists of 8 virtues including Honour, Humility, Courage, Friendship, Politeness, Self control, Modesty and Respect.

Judo is an Olympic sport, watch team GB in LA 2028 and beyond
Core Judo Academy is one of the top judo clubs in the UK



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