

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

It has, thankfully, been a slightly cooler week here at Thorndown.

With sports days and exciting trips for year 2 and year 5 it has been a busy week for the children.

You will also receive your child's annual school report today. All the children have worked incredibly hard this year and the reports reflect all the great progress that has been made.

Next week looks to be another hot one and we will continue with our strategies to keep the school and children as cool as possible.

Take care,

Mr Snape



School Dates



6th July – Y4 Cromwell Museum Trip

8th July – Year 6 Play

8th July – Y1 Local Area Walk

9th 10th July – Transition Days

10th July – End of Year Volunteer Tea Party

14th July – Y2 Music Festival

14th July – Year 1 Botanical Garden Trip

16th July – Leavers Assembly

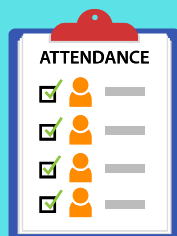
17th July – Y6 Wicksteed Park Trip

17th July – Final Day of Term

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.16%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



This week, the classes winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Meerkat!

Transition Days

We will be holding our transition mornings next week on the 9th and 10th July. The children will spend the morning with their new teachers. We will also have our usual Open School after school on Thursday alongside our 'Take One Picture' Art Exhibition which you can read more about in this newsletter.

Achievement



Art Exhibition

Come and see our amazing gallery on Thursday 9th July, after school in the main hall as part of our open evening. The children have created art in response to the painting 'A Muse' by Cosimo Turo as part of our work with The National Gallery.

Each class has spent time exploring the painting and creating their own pieces which link to the painting.



Writers of the Week

Camel - Amelia
Kangaroo - Rowan
Owl - All of them!

Bat - Aurora

Turtle - Leo

Puffin - River

Meerkat - Kelanie

Lemur - Joshua

Giraffe - Hugo

Chameleon - Abigail

Penguin - Chloe

Lion - Iris

Toucan - Ryley

Panther - Sam

Jaguar - Emily S



Pre-School

Last week we saw our caterpillars turn into chrysalis and this week we have seen them turn into butterflies! The children were able to experience the butterflies being released and waved goodbye to them as they flew away.

This was an amazing experience enjoyed by all.

We also had a visit from Theatre Artz who did an engaging dance session with our preschoolers.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you all next week!

Preschool



Well-Being

Safer Routes Maps – A Simple Tool, Big Impact!

Want to make the school journey safer, healthier and less stressful? Our **free personalised Safer Routes Maps** are helping schools across Cambridgeshire do exactly that. They're also perfect for sharing with families on your website, in newsletters or at events.

Created by the Road Safety Education Team, these clear, practical maps help families choose safer walking, cycling and scooting routes to and from school.

What's included?

Each map is tailored to your school and highlights:

Safe walking and cycling routes

Key crossing points

Park-and-stride locations

Local landmarks for easy navigation

Why schools are using them

These maps are a great way to:

Encourage walking, cycling and scooting

Reduce congestion at the school gate.

Ready to request yours?

If you'd like a bespoke Safer Routes Map—or an updated version—the Road Safety Education Team is here to help.

road.safety@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

"I like using the map because it shows where the safest crossings are—and I can walk with my friends." – Pupil



Why Go Sustainable?

- Reduce your carbon footprint
- Save money on fuel and taxes
- Improve your physical and mental health
- Beat the traffic and enjoy the journey

What students say...

"I use my map to longer distances and cycle when the weather's good. The map helped me find the safest routes." – Jay, Engineering Student

"I started walking to college last term and it's made such a difference – more energy, less stress, and I save on travel costs." – Anna, Health & Social Care Student

Want to save money and travel smarter?

Find out about student discounts and bike hire schemes in Cambridgeshire:

- 1 Bike Hire with Camper van Cycles
- 2 Student Rail Discounts - Student Connect
- 3 Reprograph Student Bus Passes

Top Tips

Wise & safe! Try walking part of the way, cycling to the station, or leaving up with friends for a shared journey.

Let's make college travel smarter, cheaper, and more active. Flip the map, find your route, and take the first step toward a more sustainable future.



"The map made it much easier to find a good place to park and walk the last part—it's really helped reduce the stress of the school run." – Parent

Opportunity



Year 2 Religious Day Experience

On Tuesday Year Two went to Peterborough for a Religion and World Views trip. In an unforeseen series of events, it was not possible for us to enter the Sikh Gurdwara.

Instead, we visited the Bharat Hindu Samaj Mandir which is a Hindu community centre very close to the location of the Gurdwara. At very short notice the members of staff at the temple made us feel so welcome. This opportunity provided the children with brilliant pre-teaching opportunities ahead of their Hinduism focus in Year Three! We are so grateful for the kindness of the people at the Hindu temple who made our school feel so welcome. We had a short introduction to Hinduism and practised some 'ohm' breathing.

After we had returned from the temple, we had a visit from a member of the team from the Sikh Gurdwara. We learnt all about Sikhism in our classroom and were able to show off all of our learning from this half term. Our visitor was so impressed with our knowledge and understanding of Sikhism.

We would like to say a huge well done to the children for their patience and great attitude during our visit to Peterborough. You made us all feel very proud of you! We would also like to express our thanks to the parent helpers on the trip. We are so grateful for your continued support in making these educational visits possible.



Education Inclusion Family Advisor Drop-in sessions

June/July 2026

Weekly Online drop in
30-minute bookable appointments



Email katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
or complete a support request form

[EIFA support request consent form for Katie Smith – Fill in form](#)
to discuss availability and book a 1:1 meeting via Microsoft Teams



Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

