

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

It has been another scorching week here at Thorndown.

Our Year 2 children had a fantastic trip to Cambridge to visit museums related to their topic this week. All the children represented the school brilliantly and you can read more about the trip in this newsletter.

As the weather warms up please do send your children in with a water bottle, a hat and apply sun cream before school. We are hoping, soon, to be able to further extend our play offer so keep your eyes peeled for news!

Take care and enjoy the longer weekend,

Mr Snape

School Dates



4th May - Bank Holiday

11th - 18th May - Mental Health Awareness Week

11th-18th May - SATs Week

11th May - Duckling eggs arrive to Reception

18th May - Individual photos this week

18th - 20th May - Flatford Mill Residential

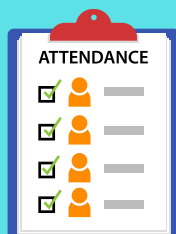
20th May - Waste Management Visit to Y4's

20th May - Y1 Castle Day

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.37%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



This week, the classes winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Jaguars with 99%

Arbor App

A reminder for parents and carers: the vast majority of school messages are sent through the Arbor App. Please take a moment to check the app regularly and make sure push notifications are switched on, so you don't miss important updates. We have noticed that some messages are going unread, so your support in checking Arbor will help us make sure everyone stays informed. Thank you.

Achievement



National Deaf Awareness Week

Next week we will be celebrating National Deaf Awareness Week. Alongside an assembly and our usual 'sign of the week' children will be learning some sign language and learning how to sign their own name.

Deaf Awareness Week is an annual event raising awareness about deafness and celebrating British deaf culture, community, and history. This year, they are taking the opportunity to raise awareness of common signs of deafness and hearing loss, to help make sure deaf children get the right support as soon as possible.

If you would like to find out more information, or download free resources, you can do so [here](#).

Writers of the Week!

This weeks writers of the week are...

Elephant - Isha

Orca - Harry

Otter - Louie M

Camel - Eric

Kangaroo - Bruno

Owl - Franek

Bat - Parker

Turtle - Carolyn

Puffin - Jenson

Meerkat - Ella

Lemur - Aariyan

Giraffe - Will

Chameleon - Noah

Penguin - Janelle

Lion - Jack

Toucan - Fabian

Panther - Evan

Jaguar - Cerys



Pre-School

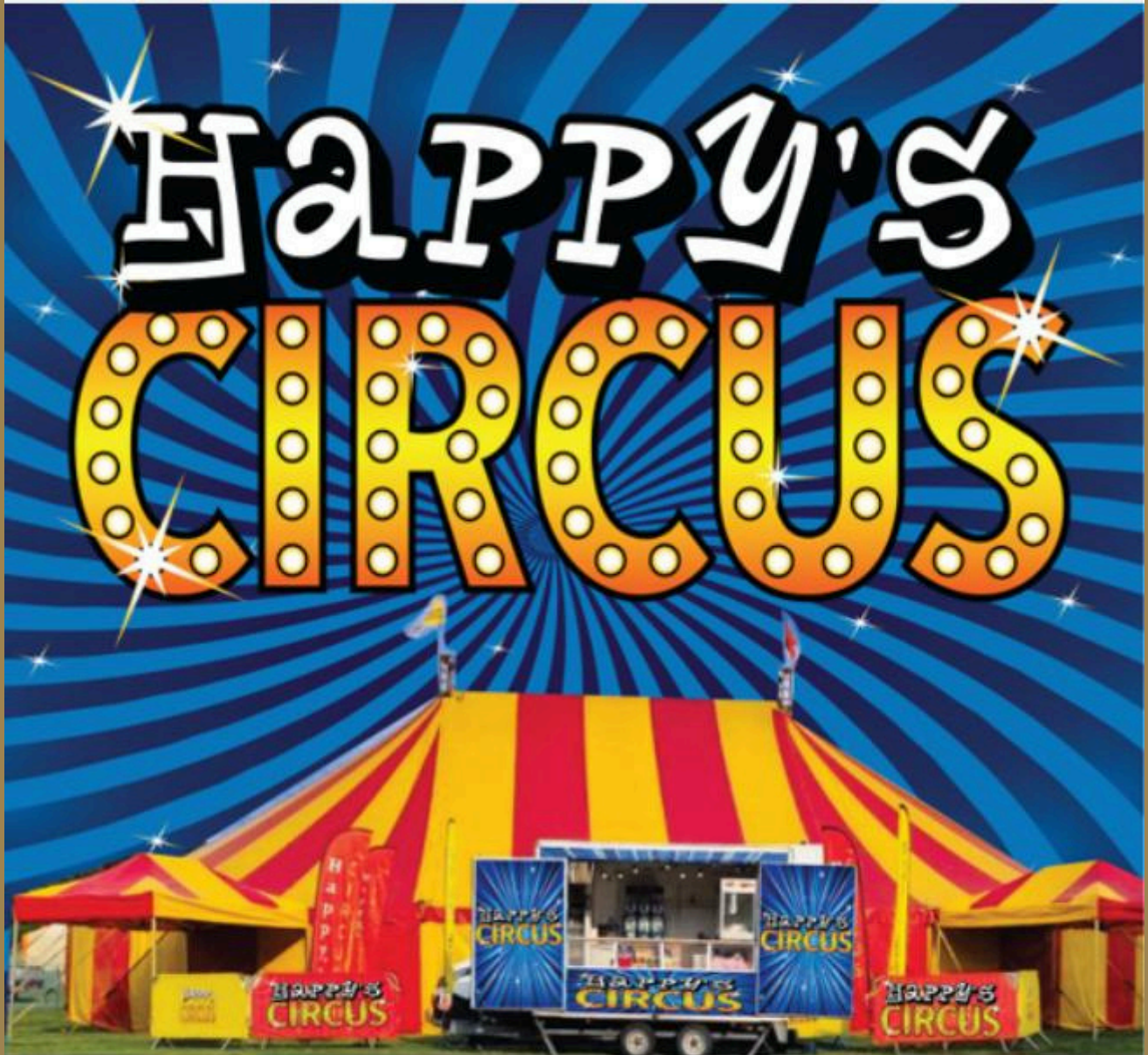
The children have enjoyed having a visit from the Old Grammer dentist this week, looking at teeth and how to brush them properly, they also enjoyed learning all about photography and looking at some amazing pictures, next week we welcome St Ives police to Pre-School, to talk about being a police officer and sharing a story.

We are really enjoying exploring different occupations.

The children have been over to the allotment to plant some vegetables, we are hoping to grow lots and get to try them during snack soon. Linking nicely to our life cycle theme.

We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend and will see you all from Tuesday.

Well-Being



SAVE THE DATE

Friday 5th June
4.30pm-7.30pm
Show 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Food and drink available

A fun packed comedy show for all the family
supported by amazing International Circus Artists
www.happyscircus.co.uk

Opportunity



Year 2 Cambridge Museum Trip

This week our Year Two classes visited the Museum of Zoology and the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge.

We travelled on two coaches for our much anticipated big day out!

At the Museum of Zoology we observed many different specimens spanning the entire animal kingdom from elephants, giant ground sloths and giraffes, to birds, reptiles, insects and molluscs. We participated in a Habitats workshop with Sam from the Education team and learnt about how animal teeth can tell us about an animal's diet and why balance in our ecosystems is so important. Our time at this museum is the perfect kick start to our Science learning this term.

During our visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum we visited many different galleries and observed paintings, sculptures and precious artefacts. We enjoyed looking closely in the 'Flower painting, In-laid furniture and Clocks' room in order to answer questions relating to certain artefacts.

Many of our children were amazed by the grand decor in the main entrance hall of the Fitzwilliam Museum.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the fantastic response we had for parent help for this trip. It was so brilliant that so many helpers were able to support on this trip.



Reception Zoolab

On Friday 24th April Reception were joined by a visitor from Zoo Lab who introduced us to his friends and helped us learn about their habitat of the rainforest. He shared lots of facts about these animals and we were able to touch and hold Honey the gekko, Olaf the corn snake, Jarvis the cockroach and met Elvis the tarantula.

The children were incredibly brave and we were really proud of how well they listened and the fabulous questions they asked about the animals.





Discover what St Ives
has to offer

ST IVES COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY

Saturday 16th May 2026

10am to 1pm

at St Ives Corn Exchange and Free Church

Explore local stalls, meet
community groups and find
out about activities,
volunteering opportunities and
support for all residents.

Everyone welcome.



If you have questions, please contact Jane on
stivescares@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk or 01480 388929

60+
Organisations
represented

See separate
Talks
Timetable

TALKS FOR THE ST IVES COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY

Saturday 16 May 2026

CORN EXCHANGE

Upstairs in the café area of the Corn Exchange
(10 minute talks)



10.00am	Meet your new Mayor and new Youth Worker
10.15am	We are Citizens Advice ' The People's Champion'
10.30am	Caring Together - are you an unpaid carer?
10.45am	Older People's Visiting Support Service
11.00am	Dementia Friendly St Ives
11.15am	How you can foster with the Fostering Service
11.30am	What's on offer at Huntingdonshire Athletics Club
11.45am	Playing games with St Ives Tabletop
12 noon	What is the iCaSH Service?
12.15pm	Happy Birthdy to ADHD + AutiStic Ives

FREE CHURCH

Upstairs in the Centrum of the Free Church
(15 to 25 minute talks)

10.15am	Funding the Golden Years with Field Lodge Care Home
10.45am	CyberWatch and Scams Awareness with Neighbourhood Watch
11.15am	AI hands - on with the u3a
11.45am	Find out more about the Rotary Club of St Ives
12.30pm	Community sing along with some of our local choirs

