

# Thorndown Primary School Newsletter

Hello,

It has been a wonderful, if cold, first week of 2025 at Thorndown. We hope you all had a fantastic break and wish you all a Happy New Year.

Whilst the weather looks set to not be quite so cold next week, please do ensure your child has a coat and jumper in school each day.

This week, our Year 6 children started a project with the Charity KICK around mental health and we look forward to sharing more of this in future weeks.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Snape

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 96.8% which is above the national average of 95.8%.

This week, the class winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Bat Class with 96.9%.

Well done Bats!

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## School Dates



20th-23rd January - Y6

Blkeability

21st January - KS2 Panathlon

24th January - Year 6 First Aid  
Course

4th February - Young Voices

10th Feb - Y2 St Ives Mosque trip

11th Feb - Class Photos

19th - 23rd February - Half Term

26th February - Y6 SATs Meeting  
(Online)

27th Feb - Y6 St Ives Rotary Club  
Quiz

28th February - FOTS Silent  
Disco

# Achievement



## EAL @ Thorndown

Language of the month – Tamil.

Mrs Dunsdon was very grateful to Aayan and Aariyan this week for their fantastic enthusiasm when sharing information about their home language, Tamil.

Did you know that Tamil is one of 20 languages spoken in India? It is the official language of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Many people in Sri Lanka and Singapore also speak Tamil.

Mrs Dunsdon was so impressed with the knowledge the boys shared and how much they knew about the state of Tamil Nadu and other neighbouring India states.

Here are some of the words that they taught us:

Hi!- Vanakkam

Good morning- Kālai vaṇakkam

How are you? – Eppaṭi irukkiṛāy?

Good!- Nallatu.

Goodbye- Poitu Varan.

Thank you- Nanri.



## Pre-School

We've had a wonderful first week back at preschool, and we're excited to kick off our half-term focus on animals! To begin, we read the classic *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, which the children have absolutely loved. They've enjoyed not only listening to the story but also reenacting it in their play, bringing the characters and events to life.

We've also been exploring the fascinating patterns found on zoo animals. The children had a great time going on an animal pattern hunt in the small hall, spotting different shapes and designs. It's been a fun and interactive way to deepen their understanding of animals and their features.

There's still plenty of time to bring in something your child has created at home that connects to the story or any aspect of the animal theme. We'd love to see their creative ideas!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to more fun and learning next week!

## Writers of the Week

Each week, in Celebration Assembly, we congratulate those children that have been working particularly hard with their writing. Children from each class have the opportunity to display their work in the hall and receive a certificate. Well done to the children below for receiving 'Writer of the Week' this week:



Badger - Luke  
Hedgehog - Ava  
Otter - Emil  
Kangaroo - Lorenzo  
Owl - Frankie  
Elephant - Carolyn  
Bat - Noor  
Puffin - Leo  
Giraffe - Jess  
Meerkat - Lila  
Chameleon - Aidan  
Lion - Freddie  
Orca - Borys  
Penguin - Ziwei  
Panther - Ivy-Rose  
Toucan - Chloe  
Lemur - Oliver T  
Jaguar - Bruno

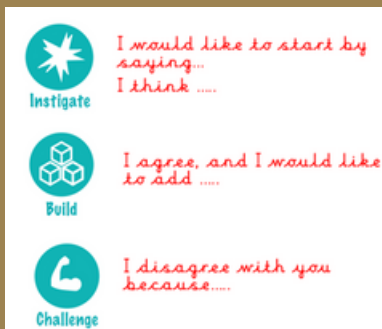
# Well-Being



## Oracy Assembly

This week, in our KS1 and KS2 Oracy Assembly, we introduced something new which will be taking place every Tuesday lunchtime called 'Talk Tuesdays'. Every Tuesday, a new interesting picture and a question will be placed in our lunch hall, alongside our talk tactics to inspire discussion and imagination whilst the children are eating their lunch.

Perhaps you might like to explore this further and have conversations at home by looking at some of the pictures the website 'Once Upon a Picture'; using the talk tactics mentioned below.



**FOTS!**  
Friends Of Thorndown Schools

F O T S P R E S E N T S :

# SILENT DISCO

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

8 - 11:30 PM    **THORNDOWN SCHOOL**    ENTRY £5

ADULTS ONLY | BAR | TICKETED EVENT

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK





# Opportunity



## SCHOOLS Ticket Voucher 2024/25

### APPLICABLE FIXTURES



**ADULT & U18 FOR £12!**



THIS CODE ENTITLES YOU TO 1X ADULT & 1X U18 SEATED IN THE MEAD PLANT & GRAB FAMILY SOUTH STAND FOR £12. CODE CAN BE REDEEMED FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE APPLICABLE FIXTURES VIA [CUFC.TICKETS.COM](http://CUFC.TICKETS.COM)

ALL FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE GO TO [WWW.CAMBRIDGEUNITED.COM](http://WWW.CAMBRIDGEUNITED.COM) FOR LATEST INFORMATION.

## MATCHDAY INFO...

### HOW TO REDEEM...

Please scan the QR code located on the front of the voucher and the code will automatically be applied to your basket, when one adult ticket and one under 18 ticket in the Mead Plant & Grab South Family Stand are added to your basket or enter the code [SCH00LS0125](http://SCH00LS0125) at checkout, alternatively please call the Ticket Office on 01223 566800.



### HOW TO GET HERE...



The easiest way to get to the Clarendon Abbey Stadium is via the Park and Ride. It costs £3 to get a return bus ticket from the Newmarket Road Park & Ride, which is located at CB8 9AA.

After sorting your ticket and checking out the Kids' Zone, head for the Mead Family South Stand entrance, which can be found via the path which goes through Coldhams Common.

If you have any queries on the day please talk to our 'Abbey Helpers' who are dotted around the ground ready to take your questions and be of assistance.

### JUNIOR U'S KIDS' ZONE...

Once you have arrived at the Clarendon Abbey, why not stop off at the Kids' Zone, which is located just outside of the Club Shop.

Open from 1pm-2:45pm at every Saturday home Matchday, it features an inflatable go-kart, games such as Giant Connect 4, Table Football and Subooos, and you may even see an appearance from our Fir at Team player!

The Kids' Zone is also the place for our Junior U's to get their Matchday Passport stamped! Ask our staff about becoming a Junior U member — there are loads of fun benefits!



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## Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter

We start January 2025 saying farewell to your link EIFA Charlotte Dean as she moves on to her exciting new venture. In the meantime until we have a link EIFA for your school please use the email address below, or the link/QR code if you would like to request support from a member of the team:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BS-8PSZG64>



### Back to school emotions

Now the children are back in school, remember that after a long day children may feel overwhelmed or exhausted due to the effort they put into following rules, focusing on their studies, and managing social interactions. This can lead to a build-up of emotions that are often held in during the school day.

Behaviours we may see include emotional outbursts, tantrums, crying, irritability, or being easily upset over minor issues. It is important to note that this is a normal reaction and doesn't indicate anything negative about the child or their behaviour.

To support your child during this time providing a calm and understanding atmosphere can be helpful. Offering them a chance to unwind, creating a calming space at home, choosing a quiet area where they can relax, rest, and engage in activities they enjoy may also help them regulate their emotions. It's important to validate their feelings and let them know that it is okay to express themselves.

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint ([www.pinpoint-camb.org.uk](http://www.pinpoint-camb.org.uk)) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer)



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## Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to present our newly updated workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Tuesday, 14 January 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="https://shorturl.at/75aOj">https://shorturl.at/75aOj</a> or	
Digital Safety	Thursday, 16 January 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="https://shorturl.at/4J7T9">https://shorturl.at/4J7T9</a> or	
Supporting Your Child with Sleep	Tuesday, 21 January 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="https://shorturl.at/S2Tcc">https://shorturl.at/S2Tcc</a> or	
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Anger	Thursday, 30 January 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="https://shorturl.at/moV7o">https://shorturl.at/moV7o</a> or	
Introduction to Family Wellbeing	Tuesday, 4 February 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="https://shorturl.at/7G6Q9">https://shorturl.at/7G6Q9</a> or	
Responding to Behaviours that Challenge Us.	Thursday, 6 February 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="https://shorturl.at/zbSrv">https://shorturl.at/zbSrv</a> or	
Managing Sibling Rivalry	Tuesday, 11 February 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="https://shorturl.at/d6ZTj">https://shorturl.at/d6ZTj</a> or	

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact [earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

[cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://cambridgeshire.gov.uk)