

# Thorndown Primary School

## Newsletter

Hello,

It has been another lovely week here at Thorndown.

In assembly on Monday we discussed Black History Month and its significance across the world. This week the children have also been learning a new language and being treated to Mr Brook singing with his ukelele!

We are sad to let you know that Mrs Smith will be leaving our Pre-School at half term. Many of your children will have been supported by Mrs Smith during her years working and leading in the Pre School and I know you will all want to join me in thanking her for her work and dedication to support each child that came through the setting. We wish her all the best for her new adventure.

Have a good weekend

Mr Snape

### Diary Dates

20th Oct - Reception Phonics Cafe

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Staff Training Day

26<sup>th</sup> Oct - Half-term week

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Return to school

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Tag Rugby Tournament

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Y1 History of Toys Day

5<sup>th</sup> Nov - Henson Cup Football Match

9<sup>th</sup> Nov - Flu Vaccinations

10<sup>th</sup> Nov - Walters Cup Football Match

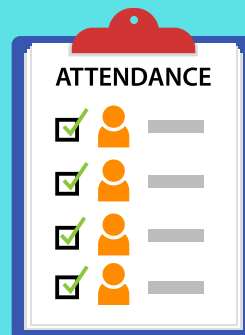
13<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children in Need

17th Nov - Hilltop Residential departs

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 96.13%

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



This week, the class winning our attendance trophy for best attendance were Otters with 98.75%!

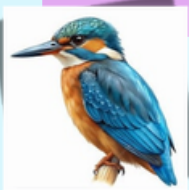
# OFFICE TEAM NEWS!

## Kingfisher Club Changes

Our after school club is currently very popular with many of our sessions full. As a result, from 2<sup>nd</sup> November Kingfisher Club will be charging parents if they fail to give more than 24 hours notice of an absence. We have also seen an increase in persistent lateness in pick-ups and so going forward this also will incur a charge.

We are also introducing a password system which will be used when collecting your child.

Please email [kingfisherclub@thorndown.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kingfisherclub@thorndown.cambs.sch.uk) with your password choice as soon as possible. Many thanks.



## Y6 Bikeability



Just a reminder that consents need to be returned to school by 31<sup>st</sup> October if you would like your Y6 child to take part in the Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability course for the Spring Term. Many thanks.

## Did You Know?

Help us recycle, reuse and support our school community! Our main entrance area has collection points for batteries, inkjet cartridges, small electrical items, uniform and FOTS donations, plus a box for OPAL items.



## Reception Phonics Cafe

A reminder that on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2026 we would like to invite all parents in Reception to join the children for a Phonics Café. The café will begin with a session on how to read with your child at home and the chance to pick up some tips and tricks followed by an opportunity to see the learning that your child might experience in Reception. Refreshments will be available for both children and parents.

The session will run from 08:45 – 10:00. Please make your way straight to the Infant Hall on arrival (through the hall doors in the Early Years playground).

We feel that this would be invaluable, and we would encourage all parents to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there.

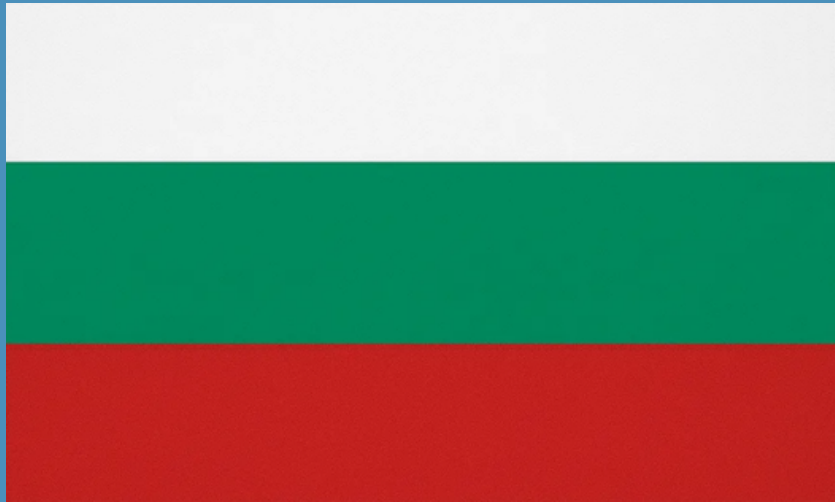


# Achievement



## Language of the Month

This week we have learnt about Bulgaria in our Language of the Month assembly. Mrs Dunsdon was joined by a Bulgarian speaking pupil who taught our school how to say good morning, good afternoon, thank you and goodbye in Bulgarian. The children also learnt about the geography of Bulgaria, the main physical features and about the Bulgarian alphabet. Would you like your home language to be the LOTM? Please talk to Mrs Dunsdon and she will be so happy to create the next assembly with you!



## Writers of the Week

Each week during Celebration Assembly children from each class are awarded for being 'A Thorndown Super Writer'. The 'Writer of the Week' from each class has their work displayed in the hall and they receive a certificate. An overall winner is selected and they receive a trophy for 'Writer of the Week'.

This week's writers were:



Elephant - Jacob M  
Orca - Daisy  
Otter - Avery  
Camel - Mia  
Owl - Otis  
Koala - Amalie  
Puffin - Freya  
Panther - Kassima

Lemur - Zach  
Foxes - Noah T  
Giraffe - Amelie  
Toucan - Phoebe M  
Chameleon - Beau  
Penguin - Milena  
Lion - Aanayah  
Jaguar - Iris



# Well-Being

A poster for 'Moody Mondays' featuring a sad, yellow, rain-filled cloud with a face and a green umbrella. The text on the poster includes: 'Moody Mondays', 'Feeling low or worried? Come and talk to us. This is an informal, safe, and confidential space run by volunteers and professionals to support your wellbeing.', '9.15 - 11.30 am Every Monday (term time only)', 'The Coneygear Centre Huntingdon PE29 1PE', 'Talk to us, don't suffer in silence.', 'We're here for you', and logos for 'Huntingdon Community Action Projects' and 'Cambridge Acorn Project'.

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HUNTINGDON COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS  
H.C.A.P.

Cambridge Acorn Project

**Huntingdon**

## Free Online Parenting Courses

Cambridgeshire Local Authority provides free, online parenting courses. These cover a range of different topics are available to anyone who lives in Cambridgeshire.

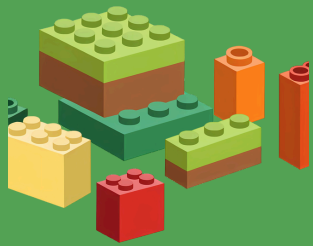
If you would be interested in finding out more you can access them [here](#).

# Opportunity



## Help us win £1,000 of LEGO® Education resources!

We're taking part in the LEGO® Education Token Collect Competition and need your help! From 26th September to 5th November, tokens will be printed in your local newspaper. The more tokens our school collects, the greater our chance of winning fantastic LEGO®



Education  
resources worth up to £1,000.

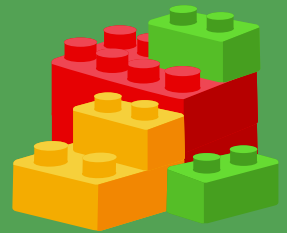
Tokens will be printed in:  
Hunts Post and Ely Standard

How you can help:

Pick up a participating local newspaper during the promotion period

Cut out and save the LEGO® Education tokens

Gather as many as tokens as possible and take them to your nearest participating school, Every token counts, so please ask family members, friends and neighbours to get involved too. Thank you for supporting our school and helping us bring more LEGO® Education resources into the classroom!



We would like to say a very big thank you to Isaac (Y6)'s auntie, Jas Bolla from confused.com, for their incredibly kind donation of £400 to our school. Thanks to this donation, we have been able to top up our reading scheme in KS2 and purchase lots more lime green books. This means that our children now have an even wider range of books to choose from as they develop their reading skills, discovering new texts before they move onto free readers.

Donations such as this help us to continue building a rich and inviting reading environment for all our children here at Thorndown. Thank you once again, Jas, for your kindness and support.



# LOST PROPERTY? DON'T PANIC!

**MONDAY:  
WE UPLOAD!**



**YOU CLAIM ON-LINE  
(FOR FREE!)**

Go to [app.uniformmd.co.uk/items/443](https://app.uniformmd.co.uk/items/443), claim your child's items (free of charge!), and they will be sent home with your child.



**FRIDAY:  
DONATED OR SOLD!**

Any unclaimed items are donated or go to the 2nd hand uniform sale by Friday!



**CLAIM HERE: [app.uniformmd.co.uk/items/443](https://app.uniformmd.co.uk/items/443)**

# You're INVITED

## **ToaFREE after-school Gymnastics and Acrobatics taster session**

**WHEN: MONDAYS**

**ONE HOUR AND TWO HOUR CLASSES AVAILABLE**

Get ready to jump, flip and tumble with our MOOV After-School Gymnastics & Acrobatics Club.

Bursting with energy and creativity, our sessions inspire children of all abilities to build confidence, strength, flexibility and coordination while mastering amazing new skills.

From earning achievement badges and reaching exciting new milestones to shining in spectacular performances for family and friends, every child has the chance to celebrate and enjoy their moment in the spotlight.



SCAN HERE

**REGISTER HERE**



0800 915 9350

admin@Twistersgymnasticsclub.com



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**PRACTICE MAKES PROGRESS**

**JOIN US FOR OUR**



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **AGENDA:**

- **ELECTION OF ROLES**
- **ANNUAL REVIEW**
- **AIMS / PLANS**



**WEDNESDAY  
21ST OCTOBER  
AT 3:30PM  
(CHILDREN  
WELCOME)**

**MEET AT THE  
PRESCHOOL  
CLASSROOM**



**EMAIL [FOTSSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FOTSSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM) WITH ANY QUERIES**



Supporting  
our Armed Forces  
past and present

Lest  
We Forget

# Royal British Legion GOODS ON SALE!

Items will be on sale to children from  
week beginning 3rd November

## Snapbands



£2  
each

## Wristbands



£1  
each

## Pencils and Reflectors



£1  
each

## Poppies



50p  
each

Items will be sold on the following days:

**Tuesday**  
EYFS

**Wednesday**  
KS1

**Thursday**  
Y3 and Y4

**Friday**  
Y5 and Y6

Items will be available at breaktimes and lunchtimes only.

Small purchases  
make a big difference

Thank you  
for your support

