

# Thorndown Primary School

## Newsletter

Hello,

It has been another great week here at Thorndown.

The Year 6 children continued to have their sessions with the Kick charity and have been thoroughly enjoying the work they have been doing with this charity.

It has also been Energy Saving Week with classes exploring different ways they can save energy in their day to day lives.

Next week we have a range of exciting events with our Year 6 children having their bikeability training and some of our children taking part in the Panathlon event.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Snape

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.8% which is above the national average of 94.5%.

This week, the class winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Bat Class with 97%.

Well done Bats!

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

### School Dates



20th-23rd January - Y6 Bikeability

21st January - KS2 Panathlon

24th January - Year 6 First Aid Course

27th January - Blue House Non-uniform day.

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

### House Awards

Last term our winning house, with the most tokens, was Blue House.

Our School Council have worked together to decide the prize for this achievement. This will be a non-uniform day for Blue House on Monday 27th January.

We will send out a reminder to parents nearer the time. Well done to Blue House!

# Achievement



## Pre-School

This week at Pre-School, we've had a fantastic time exploring the story Giraffes Can't Dance! The children have loved reenacting the story in the tuff tray, colouring pictures of the animals, and working on their pencil control with fun giraffe-themed mazes. We've also been focusing on patterns and practicing rhyming words during our carpet sessions, which the children have enjoyed immensely.

A huge thank you to all the families for the incredible Tiger Came for Tea pictures and masks! They are truly wonderful, and we've proudly displayed them in our curiosity corner for everyone to admire. It's been a week full of creativity, learning, and fun!

Becky Smith



## 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 - Abby  
Hedgehog - Felix  
Otter - Evelyn  
Kangaroo - Alice  
Owl - Orlah  
Elephant - Harry W  
Bat - Jaxon  
Puffin - Finn R  
Giraffe - Hugo  
Meerkat - Ursula  
Chameleon - Liam  
Lion - Ewan  
Orca - Molly  
Penguin - Lotti  
Panther - Alfie  
Toucan - Alan  
Lemur - Amalie  
Jaguar - Savannah



# Well-Being



## Oracy Assembly



### Winnie the Pooh Day



This week, we celebrated Winnie the Pooh Day. This day represents an opportunity for fans, young and old, to revisit the Hundred Acre Wood and immerse themselves in the simple wisdom and adventures of Pooh and his friends.

We used the talk tactics: instigate, build and challenge to discuss quotes from the story. Perhaps you might like to revisit the story or discuss some of the quotes using our talk tactics: instigate, build and challenge.

Quotes you might like to discuss:

- “Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room on your heart”
- “A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside.”
- “Rivers know this: There is no hurry. We shall get there some day.”



Instigate

*I would like to start  
by saying...  
I think...*



Build

*I would like to start  
by saying...  
I think...*



Challenge

*I would like to start  
by saying...  
I think...*



Friends Of Thorndown Schools

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

# SILENT DISCO

## FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

8 - 11:30 **THORNDOWN** ENTRY  
P M **SCHOOL** **£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 Subwoos, 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)

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