

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

We have had another fantastic week at Thorndown.

Our year 1 children travelled back in time for their Great Fire of London day. All of them had a fantastic time enriching their learning and finding out about life at the time of the Great Fire. A huge thank you also to all the helpers who came to support the day.

We also had Giraffe class' assembly. The children demonstrated their learning brilliantly and even had the parents up and dancing! Well done Giraffes on a great show!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Snape



School Dates

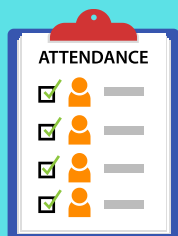


- 24th March - Chameleon Class Assembly
- 27th March - GENR8 Assembly
- 27th March - Parent Play Afternoon
- 27th March - Drumming Assembly
- 27th March - Final Day of Term
- 13th April - Children return to school
- 15th April - Flatford Mill Parents Meeting
- 24th April - Zoolab for Reception
- 28th April - Y2 visit to Zoology and Fitzwilliam Museum

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.35%

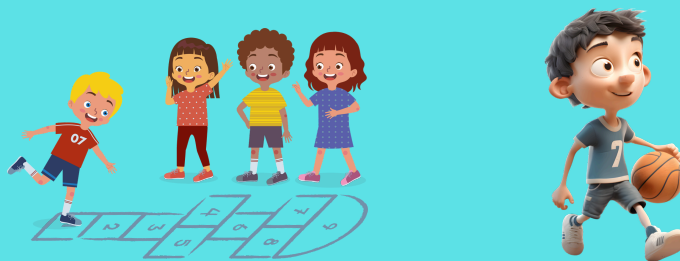
**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



This week, the class winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Elephants with 100%

Parent Play Afternoon

A reminder that we will be inviting parents in for our play afternoon on the last day of term. This will be an opportunity to spend time with your children playing in our breaktime provision and to explore all the different zones and opportunities we have. Come along at 1.30pm on Friday to end the term with an afternoon of fun!



Reading Book Plea

We have noticed that our reading colour book stock is looking depleted. Please can we ask that you have a hunt at home for any books that haven't been returned to school? Thank you for your support with this, The Key Stage One team.

Achievement



Oracy Assembly

We spent this week's oracy assembly celebrating and discussing 'Neurodiversity Celebration Week'.

We explored what neurodiversity means - that we all think, learn and experience the world in different ways - and reflected on our individual strengths. The children discussed how some things feel easy for some people but more challenging for others and shared in their talk trios a time when they found something difficult but improved with practice. We finished by recognising and celebrating each other's strengths, as well as thinking about ways we can support others when they are finding something tricky. You might like to continue this conversation at home by talking about something your child feels proud of and something they are still working hard to improve.



Writers of the Week!

This weeks writers of the week are...

Elephant - Maya
Orca - Zachary
Otter - Effelia
Camel - Lyra
Kangaroo - Shannon
Owl - Hazel
Bat - Harry C
Turtle - Otis
Puffin - Jenson
Meerkat - Iris
Lemur - Charlie
Giraffe - Dylan P
Chameleon - Beau
Penguin - Molly B
Lion - Charlie
Toucan - Izzy
Panther - Brodie
Jaguar - Jack R

Pre-School

This week we've been busy exploring science and taking part in lots of exciting experiments. The children were amazed by the volcano explosion and really enjoyed getting hands-on with investigations using red cabbage water, lemons, bicarb and vinegar.

There was lots of curiosity, excitement and great learning happening throughout.

We also had fun exploring coloured water in the mud kitchen, where the children loved mixing, pouring, and experimenting in their own way.

Our story of the week was Rainbow Fish, and we extended this into our play by creating our own rainbow fish at the art and craft table. The children were very engaged and proud of their creations; it was lovely to see their creativity shine.

The preschool team

Well-Being

National Sign Language Week

This week has been National Sign Language Week in the UK.

As always, here at Thorndown we have had our 'Sign of the Week' which is



We learn a new sign every week in our sharing assembly. If you would like to learn some BSL yourself at home you can do so [here](#) as well as learn more about National Signing Week.

Opportunity



English Challenge Final

Our wonderful team competed in the English Challenge final at Over Community Centre on Monday after winning the initial heats earlier in the term. 12 teams took part in multiple rounds of questions and challenges. The worked fantastically together and supported each other contributing to answers. We did not win but we had the fun of competing – well done team!



Great Fire of London Day

This week our Year Two classes enjoyed a fantastic 'History Off the Page' day to conclude their Great Fire of London topic. Our Year Two pupils came to school kitted out as boys and girls from 1666 and participated in sewing, candle making, writing with a quill, medicine making, clay modelling, salt dough shaping and leather tapping! Abbey, who was our teacher from History Off The Page gave updates throughout the day which told them what was happening with the Great Fire, how it was spreading and the reasons why it was burning so uncontrollably.

In the afternoon, the children used artefact boxes, diary entries and other clues to guess the occupation of various different tradespeople. One of the teams followed clues which helped them to guess that their tradesperson was a leathermaker. His place of work was sadly burned in the fire as he lived and worked very close to St Paul's Church (now called St Paul's Cathedral.)

A great day was had by all. We would like to extend a big thank you to those who helped make this possible by volunteering to help on the day.



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MAYOR KERR

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Saturday 14th March 2026

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the main benefit for disabled
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