

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school following half term. We hope you all had a restful break.

We have thankfully seen a bit of sun and a return of some slightly warmer weather this week. However, the weather remains very changeable so please continue to send your children in with a coat each day.

We have had a number of issues with our car park both at the start and end of the school day. The car park is only accessible to current staff and those who require to use it for accessibility reasons. Please do not park in the school car park otherwise. The Outdoor Centre on California Road is a short walk to school and has ample parking for parents to use. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Snape

School Dates



2nd March - Y6 Gym Session

5th March - World Book Day

9th March - British Science Week

9th March - Y4/Y5 Gym Session

10th March - Netball Tournament

10/12th March - Parent Consultations

10th March - Safer Internet Day

11th March - Dress as a Scientist Day

13th March - Reception Mothers Day Tea Party

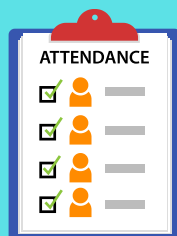
16th March - English Challenge Final - Over

16th March - Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.26%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



This week, the classes winning our attendance trophy for best attendance were Otters with 100%!

The local NHS is reminding families of the extra urgent NHS dental care appointments are available across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. These appointments help with common urgent problems such as severe dental pain, excessive bleeding of the gums and loose or broken crowns and bridges.

If you or your child needs urgent dental help, visit NHS 111 online or call 111. Symptoms will be checked and you'll be given details of the local dental practices that offer urgent dental care. If your family already sees a dentist, please contact them first. If they can't help, NHS 111 will explain what to do next.

As patients are not linked or registered to one specific practice, those who need urgent NHS dental care can contact any practice offering NHS services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to see if urgent care appointments are available.

Urgent NHS dental care appointments are for anybody of any age who needs urgent dental care. Charges start from £27.40 unless you qualify for free NHS care or help with costs. NHS dental care is free for all children under 18, or those under 19 in eligible full-time education.

You can [find more information on urgency NHS dental appointments](#) on the NHS website.

Achievement



Oracy Assembly

In our whole school Oracy assembly this week we had a look at 'Wildlife'. We thought about the impact we are having on our world, and how it is affecting wildlife. The Eco Team shared how we can reduce, reuse and recycle to help our planet and protect habitats of animals who are endangered. We looked at animals that are endangered in the UK and the ECO team will be gathering ideas with their classes of things we can do at school to help them (e.g. build a hedgehog house, create a wildflower patch!).



Writers of the Week!

This weeks writers of the week are...

Elephant - Arabella

Orca - Lyla

Otter - Jobey

Camel - Lyra

Kangaroo - Reenie

Owl - Myla

Bat - Amelia

Turtle - Olivia

Puffin - Harry W

Meerkat - Finn SS

Lemur - Sophie

Giraffe - Rory

Chameleon - Jack

Penguin - Flynn

Lion - Iris

Toucan - Katie

Panther - Ruben

Jaguar - Issy T-L

Pre-School

Wow, what a week it has been in Pre-School learning all about Chinese New Year! We've shared stories all about Chinese New Year and the children have tried some Chinese food. Some of the children have had a go at copying some Chinese letters and we have created a brilliant Chinese Dragon together, completing the week with a Dragon Dance together!

We've also enjoyed the sun this week, with the children choosing to spend lots of time outside, digging in the mud and creating some amazing 'food' in the mud kitchen!



Well-Being

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2026

Conference


For parent carers of children and young people
with SEND, and supporting professionals


10 MARCH 2026

9:30AM TO 2:15PM

FREE
ADMISSION



 **The Burgess Hall**, Westwood Road St Ives,
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 **Marketplace (drop in)** open from **11am to 2:15pm** - support, information and advice from local services

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Pinpoint Cambridgeshire's Annual Conference - a day packed with expert speakers, practical workshops and useful resources empowering families and supporting parent carers across the county.



A day to connect, learn and feel less alone.

Opportunity



Language of the Month

This week our 'Language of the Month' is Lithuanian.

In Assembly this week we learnt about Lithuanian wildlife, climate, traditional foods and the national flower of Lithuania.

We also learnt some greetings in Lithuanian:

Good morning- Labas rytas (la-bas-ree-tas)

Good afternoon- Laba diena (la-bas-dee-nah)

Goodbye- Viso Gero (viss-oh-gar-oh)

Thank you- Ačiū (atch-oh)

Thank you to our wonderful Lithuanian pupil from your support with this. You were so confident in our assembly. Well done!



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MAYOR KERR

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Please sponsor this crazy pair!

Saturday 14th March 2026

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the main benefit for disabled
children even if:

- Your child doesn't have a diagnosis.
- You have a job or savings.
- You get other benefits.

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MATTERS:**

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or health condition and needs
more care or watching over than
other children their age.

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