

Thorndown Primary School Newsletter

Hello,

Its been lovely to welcome the children back this week. We hope you all had a restful half term.

It has already been an action packed half term with Year One having their History Off The Page day on Tuesday alongside rugby matches and football matches taking place.

We are delighted to welcome Miss George to our Pre-School team next week alongside Miss Lace who will be joining our teaching assistant team. We know they are very excited to be joining the school and getting to know the children.

Please remember to send your child in with a coat each day - this is vital as the weather turns more wintery.

Have a good weekend

Mr Snape

Diary Dates

9th Nov - Flu Vaccinations

10th Nov - Walters Cup Football Match

13th Nov - Children in Need (non-uniform day)

16th Nov - Odd Socks Day

17th Nov - Hilltop Residential departs

19th Nov - Book Shop

20th Nov - Y6 Waste Management Workshop

20th Nov - Hilltop Returns

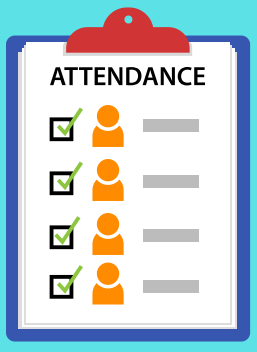
24th & 26th Nov - Parent Consultations

24th Nov - Multi-Sports Festival

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 96.08%





This week, the class winning our attendance trophy for best attendance were Koalas with 99.4%!

Office News

Kingfisher Club Changes

Thank you to all the parents who have responded to our recent correspondence by cancelling sessions where needed and providing us with passwords. Your prompt support is greatly appreciated and helps us to ensure that our records remain accurate and that we can continue to keep your children safe.

If you haven't done so already please note there will be a password system which will be used when collecting your child. Please email kingfisherclub@thorndown.cambs.sch.uk with your password choice as soon as possible. Many thanks.



Fundamentals

Fundamentals lunchtime club has re-started this week - full details are at the end of this newsletter. The clubs offer the EYFS and KS1 children a chance to try different sports and acquire new skills.



Office Postbox

Please remember to use the postbox in the entrance area when returning forms, permission slips or other paperwork. Not only will this save you time queuing at the front desk, but it also allows Kirsty to give her full attention to parents and visitors who need assistance.





Craftea Koala

There are a handful of spaces left at Craftea Koala's. We have six sessions planned full of creativity including drawing, painting, process art, fireworks and of course Christmas crafts. Book through Arbor if you'd like to come along

Attached to this Newsletter are details of how to claim lost property, Odd Socks Day flyer, MP Xmas Card Competition, flu poster, parental workshops and details of the relaunch of the Fundamentals Club.

Achievement

Oracy assembly - Switch off fortnight

Our school Eco team are working together to try and reduce our energy costs at school and help our planet! We have signed up for 'Switch off Fortnight' which begins next Monday, the 9th November. We will be encouraging everyone to switch off appliances and lights when they are not needed and turn things off from 'standby' mode. Did you know that leaving a TV and games console on standby could add an extra £70 a year onto your energy bills? Perhaps you could have some conversations with your families about how you might save energy at home - and in doing so, play a small but important part in helping to stop climate change.



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 - Maisie
Orca - Charlotte
Otter - Sophie
Camel - Jacob
Owl - Jenson
Koala - Abby
Puffin - Arlo
Panther - Lily

Lemur - Harry C
Foxes - Lara
Giraffe - Oliver
Toucan - Ava F
Chameleon - Ava
Penguin - Tristan
Lion - Amalie
Jaguar - Emilia-Grace

Well-Being

Christmas Shoeboxes

A huge thank you to everyone who donated a Christmas Shoebox this year. Mrs Bralee's car was full to the brim with shoeboxes to donate and they will all go to making a huge difference to someones Christmas.

Thank you again for your genorosity.

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

Tag Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday 3rd November we went to a Tag Rugby tournament in Huntingdon.

After lunch a group of year 5 and 6 children went to Huntingdon to play 5 matches of 12 minutes. We managed to get loads of tags, lots of tries and we came in 6th place overall. It was sunny and rainy but it go through it would some smiles and lots of cheering. We had amazing coaches and an outstanding audience. It was the best time ever! By Connor, Mollie and Amalie.





Girls Football Match!

On Thursday some Yar 5 and 6 girls attended the outdoor centre to play a football match against Cromwell School. They played really well in the first half, as did we. The first half was really close and they had some good chances but Thorndown came out on top with the score being 6-0. After a drinks break, the second hald kicked off and Cromwell played well again but we scored another 4 goals and won the match 10-0. Come on Thorndown!

By Lottie, Rosie and Lily.





LOST PROPERTY? DON'T PANIC!

MONDAY: WE UPLOAD!



YOU CLAIM ON-LINE (FOR FREE!)



Go to app.uniformd.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.uniformd.co.uk/items/443

YDP Cambridge Clubs for After October Half-Term!

We are delighted to confirm that we will be starting/continuing blocks of two clubs at Thorndown Primary School after the October break. At these clubs, your child will learn the fundamentals of a range of different sports and skills, whilst having lots of fun, your child will be given the opportunity to challenge themselves greatly. Enabling your child to try different sports and activities will give them the opportunity to try new experiences, and this could be the start of an incredible journey for them. Over the years, we have seen children progress into sports which have become their passion for life!

Multi-Skills	Start Date	End Date	Cost
Key Stage 1	Wednesday 9th September 2026 (15:20 - 16:20)	Wednesday 9th December 2026 (15:20 - 16:20)	£21.00

Fundamentals	Start Date	End Date	Cost
Reception	Wednesday 4th November 2026 (12:30 - 13:00)	Wednesday 9th December 2026 (12:30 - 13:00)	£21.00

Spaces are limited, so book your child on as quickly as you can to ensure that a space on your selected club will be available. To secure your place, please send payment as quickly as possible.

To book a space, please use the Thorndown Primary School Arbor App.

Children will need to wear appropriate clothing for the hall/playground/field and bring a drink.

If you have any questions about the club, please contact me on the details below.

We look forward to working with your children.

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Odd Socks Day

We will be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Monday 16 November



Andy and the Odd Socks

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

