

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

After the long weekend it has been another great week here at Thorndown.

We have been celebrating National Deaf Awareness week which has included learning about BSL, learning the alphabet and how to sign our name. We have also had our sign of the week which is 'sit' - ask your child to show you the sign for this!

Next week our Year 6 children will undertake their SATs. We know how hard they have all worked to be ready for these and how well they will all do. Don't forget to come for SATs Breakfast Club which is open to Year 6 children from 8.15am Mon-Thurs next week.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Snape

School Dates



11th - 18th May - Mental Health Awareness Week

11th-18th May - SATs Week

11th May - Duckling eggs arrive to Reception

18th May - Individual photos this week

18th - 20th May - Flatford Mill Residential

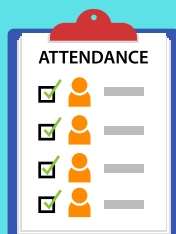
20th May - Waste Management Visit to Y4's

20th May - Y1 Castle Day

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.37%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



This week, the classes winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Puffins with 100%

Mobile Phones at Pick Up

We are noticing an increase in parents who are using mobile phones at pick up times, especially when the children are being released to parents.

To ensure all children are collected safely and remain with their adult, please ensure that mobile phones are not being used at this time.

We have also continued to see children using the trim trails and play equipment on either side of the school before and after the school day. Children must not use this equipment at these times, even if their parents/carers are there, under any circumstances.

Thank you for your understanding and support with these matters.

Achievement



Oracy Assembly

This week, on Wednesday 6th May, our Oracy Assembly focused on a very important topic—Mental Health Awareness Week (Monday 11th – Sunday 17th May 2026).

During the assembly, children revisited our discussion guidelines and worked collaboratively in small groups, using 'instigate' and 'build' talk strategies to share ideas respectfully. They began by exploring what mental health means and discussed their own thoughts and experiences, building confidence in expressing themselves clearly.

We introduced Mental Health Awareness Week, which aims to raise awareness of how we can support our mental wellbeing. This year's theme is ACTION, encouraging everyone to take practical steps—whether that's looking after themselves, supporting others, or making positive changes together.

Through discussion and reflection, children explored simple ways to take action to support their mental health, such as:

- Being kind to themselves and others
- Playing football
- Getting some fresh air
- Getting creative and making something for someone special to them



Writers of the Week!

This weeks writers of the week are...

Elephant - Elsie
Orca - Roseanna
Otter - Alessia
Camel - Arabella
Kangaroo - Kyro
Owl - Hazel
Bat - Evelyn
Turtle - Carolyn
Puffin - Darcie
Meerkat - Grayson
Lemur - Phoebe B
Giraffe - Valentyna
Chameleon - Eevy-May
Penguin - Rebecca
Lion - Jess
Toucan - Priya
Panther - Ava
Jaguar - Libby



Pre-School

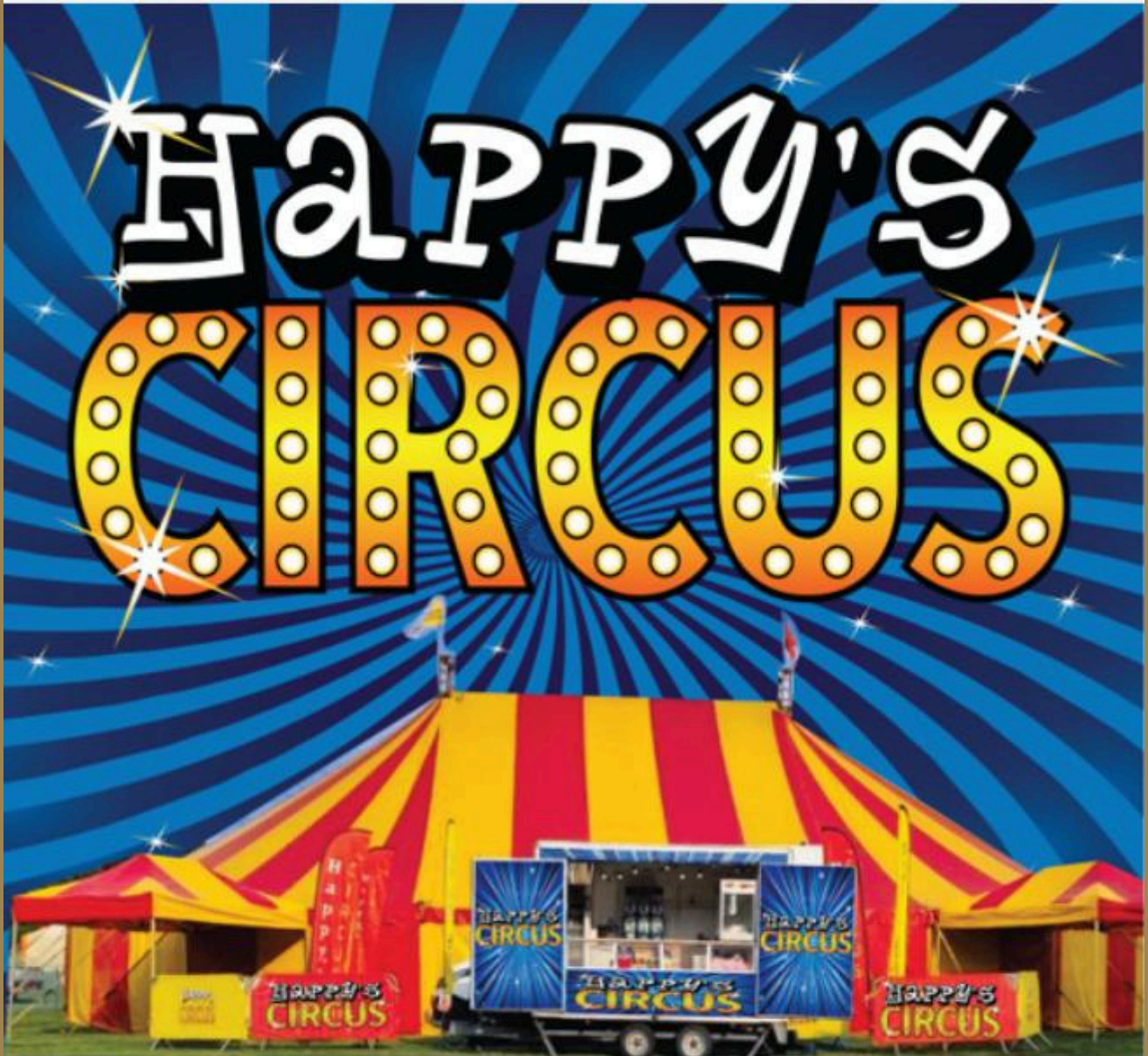
This week the children have enjoyed creating some wonderful cakes, soups and potions in the mud kitchen using herbs and flowers from the preschool garden. The children have also been helping to care for the plants by helping to water them.

We were all very excited when Miss Gray brought some of her tadpoles into Pre-School, learning all about the life cycle of a frog.

Have a lovely weekend!



Well-Being



SAVE THE DATE

Friday 5th June
4.30pm-7.30pm
Show 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Food and drink available

A fun packed comedy show for all the family
supported by amazing International Circus Artists
www.happyscircus.co.uk

Opportunity



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THE MAPLE CENTRE, BRIGHT ROOM

MON 20TH APRIL, MON 18TH MAY,
MON 22ND JUNE, MON 6TH JULY

10AM-12PM

**Please note: Parent Connect sessions are a space to pause and find out helpful ways to support your family. Kindly no children.*



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HUNTINGDON LIBRARY, MEETING ROOM 1

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Discover what St Ives
has to offer

ST IVES COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY

Saturday 16th May 2026

10am to 1pm

at St Ives Corn Exchange and Free Church

Explore local stalls, meet
community groups and find
out about activities,
volunteering opportunities and
support for all residents.

Everyone welcome.



If you have questions, please contact Jane on
stivescares@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk or 01480 388929

60+
Organisations
represented

See separate
Talks
Timetable

TALKS FOR THE ST IVES COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY

Saturday 16 May 2026

CORN EXCHANGE

Upstairs in the café area of the Corn Exchange
(10 minute talks)



10.00am	Meet your new Mayor and new Youth Worker
10.15am	We are Citizens Advice ' The People's Champion'
10.30am	Caring Together - are you an unpaid carer?
10.45am	Older People's Visiting Support Service
11.00am	Dementia Friendly St Ives
11.15am	How you can foster with the Fostering Service
11.30am	What's on offer at Huntingdonshire Athletics Club
11.45am	Playing games with St Ives Tabletop
12 noon	What is the iCaSH Service?
12.15pm	Happy Birthdy to ADHD + AutiStic Ives

FREE CHURCH

Upstairs in the Centrum of the Free Church
(15 to 25 minute talks)

10.15am	Funding the Golden Years with Field Lodge Care Home
10.45am	CyberWatch and Scams Awareness with Neighbourhood Watch
11.15am	AI hands - on with the u3a
11.45am	Find out more about the Rotary Club of St Ives
12.30pm	Community sing along with some of our local choirs

