

Thorndown Primary School

Newsletter

Hello,

As we move through October it is hard to believe we only have 2 weeks left until half term.

We've certainly seen all the weathers this week (we even had some ducks on the playground at one point!) so please ensure your child has a coat every day for playtimes.

Please can we remind you that children should not be on the play equipment before or after school.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone for your contributions toward our Harvest collection for the food bank - it was the biggest collection we have had for some time!

Have a good weekend

Mr Snape

Diary Dates

14th Oct - Hilltop Parents Meeting 3.30

20th Oct - Reception Phonics Cafe

23rd Oct - Staff Training Day

26th Oct - Half-term week

2nd Nov - Return to school

3rd Nov - Tag Rugby Tournament

3rd Nov - Y1 History of Toys Day

5th Nov - Henson Cup Football Match

9th Nov - Flu Vaccinations

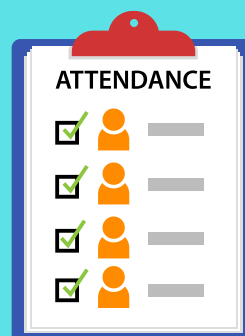
10th Nov - Walters Cup Football Match

13th Nov - Children in Need

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 96%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



This week, the class winning our attendance trophy for best attendance were Penguins with 100%!

OFFICE TEAM NEWS!

Lost Property

Our new Lost Property site is proving very successful, and we'd like to thank everyone who has used it so far.

As a reminder, new lost property items are uploaded every Monday, so please take a moment to check the site regularly.

Any items that remain unclaimed by the end of Friday will be donated to either our second-hand uniform sale or the charity collection box.

Thank you for your support.

Lost Property site:

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/443>

School Meals

A reminder that school meals should be paid for in advance.

If your account falls into arrears of £10 or more, we kindly ask that you provide your child with a packed lunch until the outstanding balance has been cleared.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Y5 West Stow Trip

If your Year 5 child is eligible for Free School Meals and is attending the West Stow trip, please use the following link to pre-order their lunch:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/LKjADkRsHB>.

History of Toys Day for Y1

The Year 1 Team are looking forward to our History of Toys Day on 17th November.

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline for payments via Arbor is 31st October.

We are also looking for parent helpers to support the day. As a thank you, volunteers will receive a free school lunch with their child. If you are able to help, please let the school office know. There is no need to dress up!

Thank you for your support.

Achievement



Oracy Assembly

In our Oracy assembly this week we thought about our mental health. First, we discussed what we mean by mental health, using the instigate and build talk tactic. We learnt that we all have mental health; it is concerned with how we feel and think and how this might influence the way we behave.

We discussed:

- What is mental health?
- Who can you talk to?
- How can we look after our mental health?

We discussed some strategies to improve our mental health including eating a healthy diet, getting plenty of sleep, being outside and talking about our feelings.

At home you could enjoy an outside activity together, a walk in the park or some gardening, and share your thoughts on the experience using the instigate and build talk tactic.



I would like to start by saying...

I think...



*I agree with ____,
building on their idea I
think....*

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:



Otter - Alfred
Camel - Louie
Owl - Naomi
Koala - Henry
Puffin - Ismaeel
Panther - Philippa
Lemur - Elizabeth
Fox - Pola

Giraffe - Darcey
Toucan - Samuel
Chameleon - Ruth
Penguin - Nesi
Lion - Harry
Jaguar - Connor



Achievement



Year 3 trip

Last week Year Three went on an exciting trip to Meadow Lodge Farm in Bluntisham. Year Three have been learning about Agriculture in Geography and this trip was the perfect way to bring our learning to life.

Meadow Lodge Farm is a 45 acre family run fruit farm and nature reserve which grows apples, pears, plums and apricots. During our visit we got to taste different varieties of apples, press apples to make juice and take part in a quiet observation activity near the farm pond.

We learnt about the importance of pollinators and what Meadow Lodge Farm do to protect these important creatures.

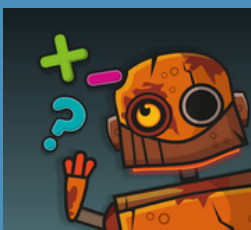
A highlight of our trip was classifying apples by their appearance. Who knew there were so many different types of apples that we'd never heard of!

Thank you very much to the adults who accompanied us on our trip. We couldn't have run this trip without your kind support.



Numbots Presentation

For all those who were unable to attend the parent Numbots presentation by Mr Brook, the video for this can now be found [here](#).



Well-Being



Harvest Festival



A huge thank you to all those who donated food to our Harvest Festival.

Callum from St Ives Foodbank came to present a special assembly to the school. He explained the work the foodbank does, the people they help and the sorts of things they were looking to be donated. He was amazed at the generosity of Thorndown Primary School – he wasn't even sure he was going to fit all the food in his van!

If you are feel the foodbank may be able to support someone you know or yourself, details on how to contact them can be found on their website [here](#).

Opportunity



Help us win £1,000 of LEGO® Education resources!

We're taking part in the LEGO® Education Token Collect Competition and need your help!

From 26th September to 5th November, tokens will be printed in your local newspaper. The more tokens our school collects, the greater our chance of winning fantastic LEGO® Education resources worth up to £1,000.

Tokens will be printed in:
Hunts Post and Ely Standard

How you can help:

Pick up a participating local newspaper during the promotion period

Cut out and save the LEGO® Education tokens

Gather as many as tokens as possible and take them to your nearest participating school,

Every token counts, so please ask family members, friends and neighbours to get involved too.

Thank you for supporting our school and helping us bring more LEGO® Education resources into the classroom!

Spaghetti Maths

Yesterday in assembly, Alex from Spaghetti Maths was back to showcase the new series of the creative and fun Spaghetti Maths Club!

If your child would like to attend (Tuesdays), please go to www.spaghettimaths.co.uk and search for Thorndown to book. You may remember, this club tends to sell out fast, so book now to avoid disappointment.

Thank you

Apply now

for a Secondary school place for September 2027

If your child will be aged 11 by
31st August 2027

**You need to apply
NOW
for a school place**



**Apply by
31st October
2026**

For further information please visit
or contact your local School

Secondary school admissions - September 2027 | Cambridgeshire County Council

Contact the Admissions Team by:
Telephone 0345 045 1370
or
Email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels. Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly. Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly. Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school. Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment. Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away. Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'