

Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette and welcome to the new academic year. I hope you have all had a lovely summer and made lovely memories with your families. It has been fascinating hearing about the adventures our children have been involved in; from learning to fish, to taking part in a World Rubik Cube competition, to meeting Taylor Swift! I have been into every classroom each day since the children returned and they have settled back into school with happiness and ease. In fact, they are already helping me make our school a better place as Y3 and Y4 have shared with me how distracting the noise from the hand dryers can be; so we have turned them off!

I would like to say a warm welcome to any new families who have joined our school this week. I hope your child/children have settled well and they are enjoying their school days.

Have a lovely weekend

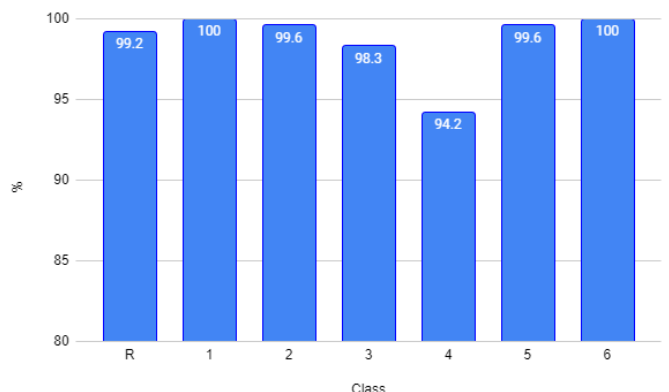
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Prospective Parents

There will be various school visits for prospective parents over the next few months. The first will be on **Wednesday 25th September 2024 9.30am & 6pm.**

If you have a friend, relative or neighbour that would like their child to attend our warm and welcoming school please let them know. All information can be found on our website.

Weekly Attendance



Key Dates



- Fri 13th Sept - Y5 start swimming
- Wed 25th Sept - Prospective Parents Tours
- Thurs 26th Sept - Flu Vaccinations
- Tues 1st Oct - Parents Evening
- Thur 3rd Oct - Parents Evening
- Fri 4th Oct - Harvest Donations
- Wed 9th Oct - Y4 trip
- Wed 16th Oct - Y6 Height & Weight Screening
- Thurs 17th Oct - Y6 class assembly

Assembly Focus of the Week

Vision and Values- I will be writing to you very soon with information about our evaluated vision and values with the help of our Year 6 Leadership team. However, on Tuesday I launched this with the children.



Vision: Together we nurture curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.

Values: Collaboration, Responsibility, Resilience, Confidence, Empathy, Equality.

Focus for this half term: Collaboration

Parent Governor Election

We are pleased to announce we are looking for a representative from our parent body to become a Governor. You do not need to have been a Governor before, or any specific qualifications but a desire to want to work with our board to make Thorn Grove the best possible primary school for our children and the community. Our skills matrix suggests someone with an understanding or background in education or law would be ideal but in no way essential. Additionally, we are keen to work with parents who represent the diverse nature of our school so all voices are heard and acknowledged. We meet once a half term in an evening for 2 hours and we ask for you to commit to some visits to school during the year to see for yourself all the amazing things that take place. If you are interested or want to know more please email headteacher@tgps.uk



Parental Survey

Before we finished the academic year, you will be aware Ofsted inspected our school. As part of this, they asked parents to complete a survey. This will take the place of our annual survey as the two are matched. Please find a summary of the response below. Thank you to those families who took the time to share their opinions.

Question:	% Strongly Agree or Agree
My child is happy at school	92%
My child feels safe at school	95%
The school makes sure pupils are well behaved	92%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	97%
My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	76%
The school has high expectations for my child	92%
My child does well at this school	94%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	92%
There is a good range of subjects available for my child at this school	95%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	99%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	90%
I would recommend this school to another parent	92%

The parental response from parents of SEND children highlighted long and challenging wait times from wider services. This year Mrs Arnold (SENDCo) will be offering a separate parent's evening appointment for children who are on our SEND register and have a SEND Support plan or children with an EHCP.

School Councillors

This week children have shown great respect for our school and put themselves forward for the role of school councillors. The appointed councillors are voted for by their peers and we then celebrated in assembly this morning.

Well done School Councillors 2024/2025

They will have their first meeting with our Chair of Governors very soon!



♥ ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS ♥

Welcome back to the new year and our first Fundraiser!

Please support us in this really easy cash opportunity for school. It won't cost you anything and you will still earn your own customer cashpot rewards too.

All you need to do is:

- ✓ Download the ASDA rewards App if you haven't already got it
- ✓ Go to 'Cashpot' and click on 'Cashpot for Schools'
- ✓ Search for our school by name or postcode SK8 7LD, and select to support us
- ✓ BONUS: Please encourage friends and family to do the same!

We earn £1 for everyone who selects our school and then 0.5% of all the shops done by our supporters, plus a £50 bonus to get us started.

It's on until 30th November so who knows how much it could raise us!

