

# Thorn Grove Gazette

*Together we inspire curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.*

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. This week I am making a plea to all parents to help in any way they can with our Christmas fair, which this year will take place on Friday 6th December. The more people that help, the more equitable this is and the less a small group of people have to do. If you can help, even just for 15 minutes please speak to your class PTA representative.

Have a lovely weekend

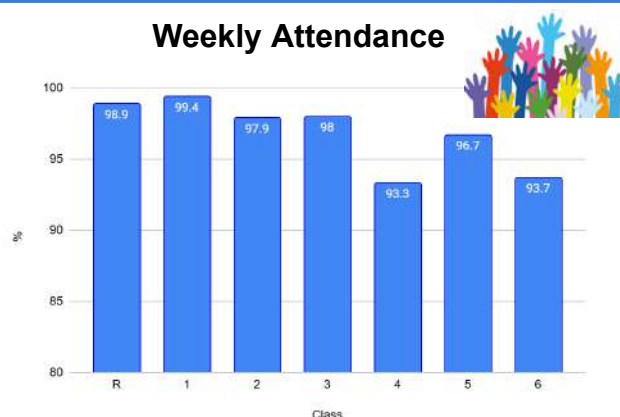
Miss Vose

## Assembly Focus- Reading for Pleasure



As part of our commitment to a school of children who choose to read for pleasure we used this week's assembly to share a story together. The children voted for 'Shoo' by Susie Bower. They loved it! They joined in with the repetitive phrase and guessed at the rhyming couplets. Jenson in Y3 has already borrowed this to read himself! Well done Jenson!

## Weekly Attendance



## Key Dates

Wed 13th Nov - UKS2 Dodgeball  
Thur 14th Nov - Y2 Mosque Trip  
Tue 19th Nov - UKS2 Hockey  
Wed 27th Nov - LKS2 Athletics  
Mon 2nd Dec - Y2 & 4 Road Safety  
Tue 3rd Dec - Y5 & 6 Christmas Carol  
Performance



## Star of the Week



## Responsible Parking



Sadly, I have received a complaint about parking on Woodstock Avenue this week. This is from a local resident who is claiming her drive is often blocked by cars at drop off and pick up times. Whilst I have no authority to patrol parking in this area, I do ask you to help me to have positive relationships with our local community and not block their drives. Understandably this can cause upset and stress.



## Spooky Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spooky Disco last Friday. The event was a huge success and the children had a ball. I would like to thank the PTA team for their super support and for ensuring we raised a great deal of money for school funds.



## Cross Country

WOW!! What an amazing time Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 had at cross country on Thursday. We competed against two other schools. In total, we had 90 children taking part, which is amazing. Every single one of them tried their hardest and represented our school incredibly well. I was so impressed to see all of the children showing resilience and keeping going throughout. The children were also great cheerleaders and extremely supportive towards all of their friends and the children from the other schools.

Huge well done to Nancy and Austin from Year 2, who won their races and both showed extremely good stamina over the course!

Zia (Year 3) and Sadikiel (Year 4), also won awards for their determination and positive attitude towards the event.

A special mention to Sarah (Y1), Ruby (Y2), Lauren (Y2), Ted (Y2), Daniel (Y2), Yoden (Y2), Ghita-Israa (Y4), Emma (Y4), Victoria (Y4), Ruby (Y3), Toby.C (Y4), Noah.D (Y4), Nikolai (Y4) and Lucas (Y4) for being the top 4 boys and girls in their race from Thorn Grove.

Well done everyone that took part - you were all amazing!



## Reading for Pleasure Reading Baskets

At Thorn Grove, we are working on a 'Reading for Pleasure Project' with the Open University to develop how we encourage children to read, so they understand that reading is at the heart of everything and can open so many doors for them.

As part of the project, our staff are developing their knowledge of texts and have made up some lovely boxes and baskets with books they have read that we can share with the children. It has been lovely to see the buzz around books and the children wanting to borrow the books from different staff in school.

Take a look at some of the examples the staff has put together.

We are also in the process of creating a set of slides and a little video for you to see how we share a book and the type of book talk we are using in school too.





## Christmas at Thorn Grove

### Date:

Friday 22nd November

Friday 29th November

Tuesday 3rd December 6:30pm

Friday 6th December

Friday 6th December 5:30pm

Wednesday 11th December 9:30am & 2:15pm

Friday 13th December 9:30am

Monday 16th December 6pm

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December 9am

Thursday 19th December

### Event:

Non Uniform Day - Hamper Donations

Non Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations

Y5 & 6 - St George's Carol Performance

Non Uniform Day - Bottle Donations

PTA Christmas Fair

EYFS Christmas Performance

Front Row Music Christmas Performance

KS1 Christmas Performance

Class Christmas Parties

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Celebration Assembly

School Closes for Christmas