

# Thorn Grove Gazette

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

Friday 6th December 2024

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I hope you have all had a lovely week. We are now well into the swing of celebrating festivities in and around school. Whilst for many of this is an exciting time, for some it can be hard. Here is a [link to some handy hints and tips](#) for children who find this time of year overwhelming. Please have a read, as there might be one small tweak you can make that could make a world of difference. Thank you to everyone for the donations for the bottle tombola today; I look forward to seeing you all at the fair this evening.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

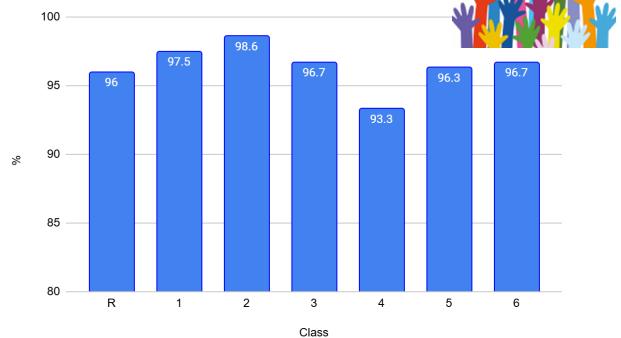
## Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December 2024



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## Weekly Attendance



## Key Dates

Wed 11th Dec - EYFS Christmas Performances

Mon 16th Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance

Tues 17th Dec - Class Christmas Parties

Tues 17th Dec - Y5 Swimming Gala

Wed 18th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18th Dec - Christmas Lunch



## Star of the Week



## Assembly Focus

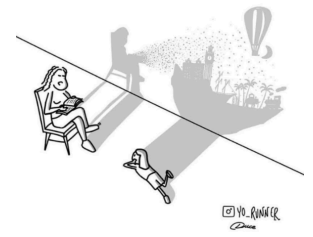
On Monday, Rev. Sarah visited school to lead an assembly about this term's school value of **responsibility**. She shared the parable of 'The Lost Sheep' and discussed that everyone is important and deserves care, love, and attention. Just like the shepherd goes after the one lost sheep, even if he has many others, this teaches us that it is our responsibility to care for everyone. The parable reminds us that no one should be left behind or forgotten, and everyone matters to those who care for them.



## Reading Workshop for Parents

It was a pleasure to see so many of our parents at the Reading at Home workshop on Monday morning. Miss Beale talked to parents about our quest to ensure children enjoy reading and love the worlds we go to when we pick up a book!

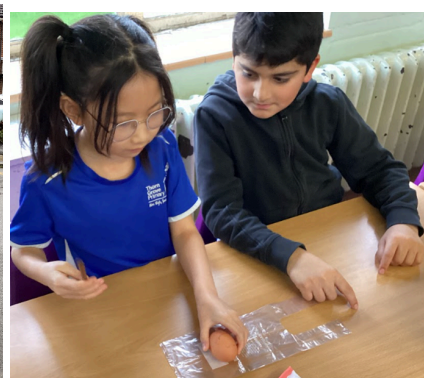
Miss Beale shared the strategies we use in school to teach reading and how you can support yourself at home. All of the materials used are now available on our website. Thank you to Miss Beale and Emma for delivering the workshop and creating the film.



## Road Safety Y2/Y4

On Tuesday, Year 2 had a fun (but wet) morning learning how to cross roads safely. They learnt that they must stop, look, listen and think before crossing any road. They should never cross the danger line (the curb) unless they know it is safe to cross. It was great to see the children thinking for themselves and making the decision to cross when they felt it was safe.

Then in the afternoon, Year 4 had a thought provoking session about the importance of ALWAYS wearing a helmet when using a bike, scooter or roller blades. They watched a video about a boy called Joe and how not wearing a helmet had a massive effect on his daily life. The children then had to try and protect their 'egg brain' when it 'fell'. Andy (the instructor) then introduced 'Egg Sheeran' who was wearing his helmet and how he was protected. The children enjoyed the investigation, but definitely saw the reason why helmets are necessary.



## Christmas Carols at St George's Church

The Year 5 and 6 choir did an outstanding job performing alongside many other schools at St George's Church on Tuesday, bringing their voices together to create a truly special experience. Their singing helped everyone get into the festive spirit, spreading joy and warmth throughout the church. The performance was a perfect reminder of the power of music to bring people together and create a sense of community. Lilah read her reading beautifully with such confidence. Well done to the choir and staff team for their hard work and for making the celebration a memorable event.





## Year 6 speech writing

Team Turing has been writing speeches inspired by the historical leaders we have studied in our recent history unit of conflict. We were so impressed by the understanding of purpose and audience that we wanted to share a few examples of powerful paragraphs. Enjoy!

The time is now; Women must unite as one; We shall march forward and our victory will be remembered! Women - strong and powerful - do deserve the same rights as men.

All we must do to achieve victory is to stay humble and never give up. We must use collaboration to overpower Hitler and resilience to weaken him until he surrenders. He will bow down to us and we will rule all of Germany.

Their incompetent country is no match for us. We must overcome this unforgiving enemy; we will have resilience; we cannot falter now and we must put up a fight. I know we are all capable of achieving these insurmountable challenges. We will rupture Britain's plan and we shall ignite a roaring fire of hope and resilience.

We must unite against this great evil and we shall protect our rights. There is one way to win and that is war. I shall lead us whatever it takes. The time for triumph is now; we must strive to defeat the Allies; we shall conquer this land and we will emerge victorious. Our victory shall go down as the greatest day in history.

Good morning citizens of the nation. As you already know, we are still at war with Germany. However, what ~~seem~~ seems to be an insurmountable task to defeat them is only a minor opposition for our country. Our enemy - overconfident and powerless - will be easily ~~defeated~~ stopped by our brave souls and Unwavering Spirits.