

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's very special edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. This week I am able to share with you information about the newly developed Vision and Values for Thorn Grove. Developing this has been an utter joy; hearing from various stakeholders what makes Thorn Grove unique and special in their eyes! We hope you enjoy reading about the journey, the rationale and how we are embarking into the new chapter of our wonderful school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend
Miss Vose

Key Dates

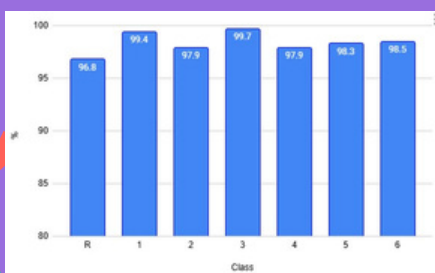
- Tues 21st Jan - UKS2 Hockey
- Wed 22nd Jan - Y6 SATS meeting
- Tues 28th Jan - Parents Evening
- Wed 29th Jan - EYFS Restaurant Trip
- Wed 29th Jan - Parents Evening
- Thu 30th Jan - UKS2 Netball

Star of the Week



Teacher News

We are really pleased to share that Mrs Tweddle will be returning to Thorn Grove following her maternity leave. Her first day back in Year 1 will be Friday 31st January. This does mean we need to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Parker who has been with us for the past 2 years. She has been an asset to our school both in the role of teacher and as Humanities leader. We wish her every success in her next chapter!



Weekly Attendance

Together we inspire curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.

UKS2 Basketball

Our basketball team was incredible on Tuesday when we went to the UKS2 Basketball competition. We played 6 matches and we won 4, drew 1 and lost 1, which is an incredible effort. Freddie was definitely our star player, and led the team in style.

He was helped by all of the children, and as a team they showed many of our school values - **resilience**, **collaboration**, **confidence** and they were all aspirational!

Another special mention goes to Scarlett and Joe, who were brilliant team players and got stuck into every game they played, but also supported their peers from the side lines!



The Next Chapter for Thorn Grove

You may recall I wrote to you last year regarding the evaluation and redevelopment of our school's vision and values. Vision and Values in an education setting means we have a vision statement that outlines to pupils, staff and parents what the school wants to achieve in the future, based on the school's core values and ambitions. As a Headteacher and Governing Board we felt the school had changed so much during my Headship that it was sensible to evaluate who we are, what we are and what we are striving for. This included gathering responses from parents, governors, staff and children which culminated in a visioning day in May where all these responses were explored and taken into account and the following was decided.

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

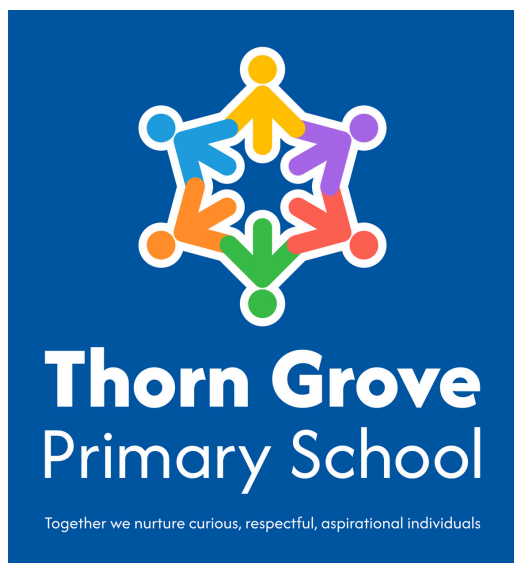
Values: Collaboration, Responsibility, Resilience, Empathy, Confidence and Equality.

At Thorn Grove Primary School, we pride ourselves on nurturing curious, respectful, and aspirational individuals. Our diverse community, with over 20 languages spoken, offers a unique environment where children can learn from one another's cultures and experiences. This fosters a deep sense of respect, tolerance, and understanding— values that are fundamental to preparing our students for the wider world. Curiosity is at the heart of everything we do. We encourage our children to explore their interests, ask questions, and engage in learning both inside and outside the classroom. Whether it is through academic subjects or creative and physical activities like art, music, drama, and sport, every child is given the opportunity to discover and develop their passions.

Aspiration is woven into the fabric of our school's ethos. We believe that every child should have the confidence to aim high and pursue their dreams. Our supportive and inclusive environment, which includes our specialised Deaf Base, ensures that all students—regardless of their background or abilities—are given the tools and opportunities to succeed. Our new logo and branding reflects this unique blend of curiosity, respect, and aspiration, capturing the essence of a school where children grow as learners and individuals, supported by a close-knit, collaborative community.

This will now become the foundation of our school and already our children know the vision and the values we have already focused on. Our classes are now named after inspirational individuals who foster these values, our assemblies are themed, we have Values champions and the key messages are woven in and out of all our lessons and curriculum.

To complement this exciting next chapter we worked with a branding company to help us tell the story of our school so everyone knows, understands and lives by it. The company loved our story and helped us articulate what makes Thorn Grove remarkable. I worked with staff and children to help us find the right images to convey who we are and I am delighted to share these with you below.



The six interconnected figures in the logo symbolise unity and collaboration, reflecting the school's inclusive and supportive community. Each figure represents a core school value, brought to life through vibrant, distinct colours. The dynamic, circular composition reinforces a sense of togetherness and shared purpose.

Combined with the strapline, **“Together we nurture curious, respectful, aspirational individuals,”** the brand celebrates the school's commitment to fostering growth and inspiring success.

Values Representation

Each of the six figures in the logo represents a school value:

Confidence: Inspires self-belief and courage.

Collaboration: Emphasises teamwork and shared achievement.

Responsibility: Encourages accountability and self-discipline.

Empathy: Promotes understanding and kindness.

Resilience: Builds perseverance and strength in facing challenges.

Equality: Upholds fairness and inclusivity for all.

We truly hope you love our new Vision, Values and Logos and we invite you to talk to your children about how we bring these to life in school.

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