

# THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. My highlight from this week has definitely been our quality assurance visit from our school improvement partner. This year we have been working hard to develop the way in which we teach writing and ensuring children are fully engaged and enthused in their writing projects. During this visit, lessons were observed, books were looked at and a range of children were spoken to. The feedback was outstanding and we have been recommended for an Oracy Award; Watch this Space!

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

## Key Dates

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June - School Reopens

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June - Y6 Triathlon

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June - Parent Welcome Meeting

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> June - Y3 Class Assembly

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Sports Day

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June - Class Photos

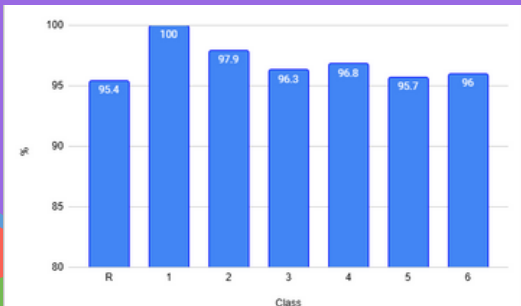
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day

## Star of the Week



## Assembly Focus of the Week- Empathy

In assembly this week Reverend Sarah came to discuss our current school value of empathy: putting ourselves in the shoes of someone else. Firstly, Reverend Sarah asked children to provide examples of empathy e.g. caring for someone if they hurt themselves. Then she compared empathy to a superpower: being able to understand and accept other people's likes, dislikes, opinions, preferences. Sarah then read the bible story: The Feeding of the 5000 and discussed the examples of empathy from within this text.



## Weekly Attendance

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### Librarians Recommended Reads

"We recommend this book because the mythology inside it is fascinating. Starring Elliot, who wishes upon a star but a constellation crashes down on his family farm instead. Whether you are looking for mystery or action, this is the perfect book for you" - Curtis & Jonah, TG Librarians



### Snack Reminder! Let's Keep It Healthy 🥦🍅

Lately, we've spotted a few too many crisps and chocolate bars being brought to school as a breaktime snack. While they might be tasty, please remember that snack should be a healthy choice — think fruit, oat bars, breadsticks or other nutritious nibbles.

Just a reminder: EYFS and KS1 children can access a piece of fruit from their class snack basket each day.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting healthy habits!

### Stoller Hall Musical Space Spectacular

This week our Reception Class children really enjoyed the Stoller Hall in Manchester for the EYFS Space extravaganza. They enjoyed singing and dancing and experimenting with a range of instruments as they took a tour through space. Some of our children even went onto the space to join in with an interactive session. We have enjoyed learning the songs over the last few weeks and along with our space hats we thoroughly enjoyed the morning.



### Deaf Studies Trip to Starkey Hearing Technology

The Year 1 to Year 4 deaf children certainly upheld Thorn Grove's school values recently. In Deaf Studies (led by Hearing and Vision Specialist Service) we have been improving our personal understanding of deafness, recently we have focused on our hearing technology and experiences of going for hearing tests and getting earmolds made for hearing aids.

On 16<sup>th</sup> May, we had the opportunity to see first-hand how earmolds for our hearing aids are made by enjoying a tour round Starkey Hearing Technology, the place where they are processed! Starkey make digitally created earmolds for deaf children all over the world. They also make digital hearing aids for some adults. We were so impressed to know that digital hearing aids have computer chips built inside them that can process 80 million pieces of personalised information per hour, about 22,000 personalised adjustments per second! We also learnt more about how our ears work and had the opportunity to see our own ear drum on the big screen which was amazing. Starkey gave feedback that the children were so curious and respectful and said they were a pleasure to take on the tour. This trip not only deepened their understanding of hearing technology but also celebrated their own personal deaf identity as they had a valuable shared experience.



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