

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 4TH JULY 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. As you can see from today's newsletter we have had a jam packed week. Thank you to everyone who attended Sports Day this week, sadly I was out on training but I have been told there was a huge turnout and great support shown. In addition, I would like to thank all of the parents who have taken the time to thank the staff in person and commend them for how well organised the events have been. I know this really means a lot to them. On Thursday our children had the opportunity to meet their teacher for September and this was a very positive day across school. It was also lovely to see so many of our Year 6 children return after their day at CHHS to share their stories and news.

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Vose

Key Dates

Tue 8th July - Year 3 Trip

Wed 9th July - Art Gallery

Fri 11th July - INSET Day

Mon 14th July - Y5 Bikeability Begins

Wed 16th July - Start of Y6 Residential

Tue 22nd July - Y6 End of Year production

Thu 24th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly

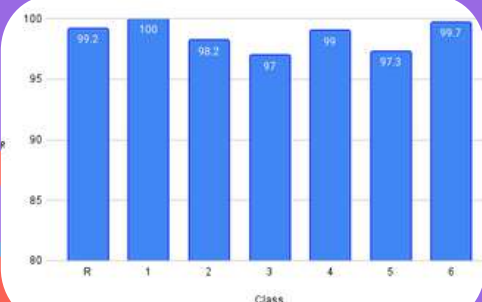
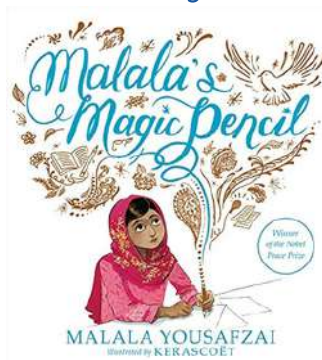
Star of the Week



Assembly Focus of the Week: Equality

To continue our theme of equality we explored the life of Malala Yousafzai.

We read her book 'Malala's Magic Pencil' and thought about the right to an education for everyone and how it would impact people if they did not go to school. Forbidden- was our word of the week and we took time to explore and learn the BSL sign for this. We then discussed with our talk partners our favourite things about school.



Weekly Attendance

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EYFS Sports Day

What a fantastic sports day our EYFS children have had today. They showed resilience, confidence and determination in all of their races and really cheered each other on. They sat beautifully and were so well behaved for the entire morning. The sun even made an appearance which made the morning even more enjoyable. Well done to all our EYFS children for another fabulous sports day. A massive well done to our parents who also joined in with our parents' races. You were such good sports!!



KS1 Sports Day

On Wednesday, KS1 had an incredible sports day! Thank you so much to all the families and friends that joined us because it really made the day special. All of the children were incredible. The Thorn Grove Team were really proud of them all as they modelled all of our school values so well. The children were resilient, tried their hardest and supported their friends with beaming smiles on their faces for the whole afternoon. Green team lifted the trophy and were very proud winners!



Mrs Derbyshire

We are very sad to share that Mrs Derbyshire will be leaving Thorn Grove this summer as her family relocates. Mrs Derbyshire has worked in our Reception classroom for the last few years and has been part of the team to transform this area of school into the magical story world it is now.

Even in her last weeks with us she has been busy organising the Summer Disco and she will be missed by the whole team. We now have a vacancy for an EYFS Teaching Assistant if you know anyone who may want to join the magic in Reception.

If you are interested [click here.](#)

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Y4 Multiplication Check

Every Year in Year 4 the children take part in a national Multiplication test. They are asked 25 questions linked to their 2-12 times tables and have 6 seconds to answer. This year the children were really excited and confident to show how hard they had been working and we are delighted to share that we have achieved the highest scores in the history of this test at Thorn Grove with the average score being 23.7. Year 4 we are all really proud of you and this will help you so much as you move into Year 5.



Class Transition Day

On Thursday all our children had the opportunity to meet their new teacher and spend the day in their new classroom. For some children this also meant a new playground space too.

Based on our commitment to children's wellbeing and the work of Adrian Bethune we use this day to create our new tribe for the year ahead. This year you will know our classes have been named after inspirational people who embody our school values.

Next year our classes will be named after famous authors to compliment the work we have done this year to encourage reading for pleasure. Each half term the children will find out a little more about their author and link this to our values. We truly hope this will encourage and inspire our children to read the works of an author they may not know.

Year Group	Class Name	Books from this author
Nursery	Team Carle (Eric Carle)	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Reception	Team Jeffers (Oliver Jeffers)	Lost and Found
Year 1	Team Bright (Rachel Bright)	The Squirrels who Squabbled
Year 2	Team Coelho (Joseph Coelho)	Our Tower
Year 3	Team Farook (Nizrana Farook)	The Girl who Stole an Elephant
Year 4	Team Rundell (Katherine Rundell)	The Explorer
Year 5	Team Raúf (Onjali Q. Raúf)	The Boy at the Back of the Class
Year 6	Team Zephaniah (Benjamin Zephaniah)	The Windrush Child

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Year 4 Forest School

On Tuesday, Team Glennie had their final forest school session. As the weeks went by, Mrs Bland saw the children's confidence develop, especially when it came to risk-taking and climbing trees. There were some impressive efforts! The sessions concluded with marshmallows toasted on the fire - a treat that everybody was looking forward to!



Confidence in Action - Our School Cook- Lydia

This week Lydia travelled to London to represent Taylor Shaw in the finals of the Catering Competition. Lydia made a collection of different muffins and cakes while cameras watched her every move. Well done Lydia - we are all really proud of you!



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