

# THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. Today your child will come home with their annual report. These are a celebration of their year's work, progress and achievements. Please enjoy reading and sharing these with your child. I am writing this week's newsletter from Robinwood, where I have been since Wednesday with Year 6. All I can say is Wow- what an incredible fun, supportive, kind, well mannered, resilient group of children. We have had an absolute ball but we will all sleep tonight.

Have a lovely weekend  
Miss Vose

## Key Dates

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Y6 End of Year production

Thu 24<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Leavers Assembly

Thu 24<sup>th</sup> July - EYFS Stay & Play

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July - School Closes

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Sept - INSET Day

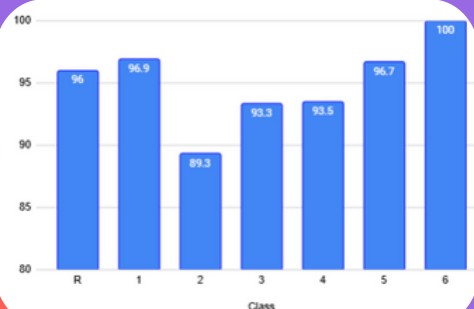
Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - School Reopens

## Star of the Week



## Assembly of the Week

The life of Annie Edson Taylor was the focus of our assembly this week with a particular focus on how your age should not define what you are capable of. We looked at the word 'daredevil', learnt the BSL and discussed what a daredevil does and does not do. We then read extracts from 'Queen of the Falls' by Chris Van Allsburg. Together we summarised Annie's life and talked about why she felt the need to deceive people about her age and what we can learn from this in terms of our value of Equality.



## Weekly Attendance

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## Art Gallery

On Wednesday last week, Images School Art Exhibitions came to school to showcase the artistic creativity of our children. They arrived early in the morning to set-up our summer gallery alongside our teachers before we allowed each class some time to explore. It was so lovely seeing the children find their image, and that of their siblings and friends. The children used the time to wander and wonder at the images, as if they were in a real art gallery.


We have been on a journey with Art this year and a lot of hard work went into the children's art. Staff have had training around drawing, the use of sketchbooks and using a range of media to teach their year group the required skills, all of which was evident in the final pieces.

We were overwhelmed by the amount of parents who came back to the gallery at the end of the day and special thanks to those who purchased their child's image and helped raise valuable funds for our school.



## Key Stage 2 results

We are delighted to share with you the KS2 Assessment results. Last week Miss Brierley and Mrs Ridgeway spoke to each child on an individual basis to share their results with them and their reactions were simply beautiful. We are of course proud of the collective result, but what that does not show is each unique achievement, each unique child's journey to get there. Every year I reflect on the results we achieve and feel so happy about not just the results themselves, but how we get the children there. We do not shrink the curriculum, we do not carry out relentless boosters and interventions. Instead we know our children, we plan excellent lessons and ensure the right support for the right child at the right time.

	GPS	Reading	Writing - Teacher assessed	Maths	Combined (R/W/M)	Science - Teacher assessed
<b>Thorn Grove EXS+</b>	93%	86%	86%	83%	79%	89%
<b>National EXS+</b>	73%	75%	72%	74%	62%	82%
<b>GDS</b>	55%	55%	21%	45%	17%	
<b>EXS</b>	38%	31%	62%	38%	62%	
<b>WTS</b>	7%	14%	14%	17%		11%

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## Year 5 Bikeability

This week, many members of Team Jackson were lucky enough to take part in Bikeability. With the guidance of the expert instructors, the children learnt practical skills to help them cycle safely. After a morning practising in school, every child progressed out onto the roads, to encounter realistic cycle training to improve their understanding of potential hazards and how to respond. They definitely grew in confidence as they learnt vital skills including: stopping and starting safely; how to pass stationary vehicles; understanding the rules, signs and road markings. We hope these skills and understanding will stay with them for life and I am proud to say they behaved impeccably, had fun and passed their Level 2. Well done everyone.



## Public Engagement Meeting

After three years of waiting since the Department for Education first announced investment in a project to rebuild the school, Tuesday evening marked a truly special moment. We were delighted to share with families and the wider community the plans that have been developed during that time.

If you weren't able to attend the event, you can view the [plans](#) on the [school website](#).



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Planning Proposals



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