

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette and welcome to the new school year. I would like to say a special thank you to the new families who have joined us this September; either in Nursery or throughout the school. We hope everyone is feeling settled and glad to be back to routine. Our children have wasted no time and are well back into the swing of school life. I will be writing to you very soon with information about this year's school development plan and our focus areas. For now though, I could not be prouder of how well all children have returned to school and the pride and focus in their work they have already shown.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

Key Dates

Fri 26th Sept - Y6 NCMP Screening

Wed 8th Oct - Parents Evening

Thu 23rd Oct - Year 6 Class Assembly

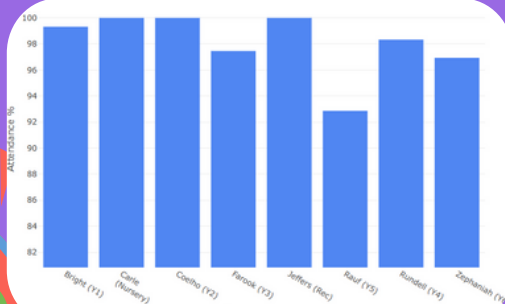
Fri 24th Oct - School Closes

Mon 3rd Nov - INSET Day

Tue 4th Nov - School Reopens

Assembly focus of the week: Ubuntu

This week we welcomed everyone back to school on Tuesday morning. We launched our value of the half term; **Collaboration**. We looked at the idea of 'Ubuntu' from the Nguni Bantu tribes in Africa and listened to the story of how this was discovered. Ubuntu in its simplest form means, 'I am because we are', and is a philosophy to ensure everyone is connected. We then talked about how we can work together in our class tribes to make everyone feel welcome and valued.



Weekly Attendance

Together we nurture curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.

Red Tiger Karate

Red Tiger Karate is Greater Manchester's largest karate club since 2005, with Sensei David Robertson - 3rd Dan Black Belt.

They currently have 8 places available in their Monday class. These sessions take place in our school hall from 6:00 - 7:00pm.

Beginners and advanced students are welcome!

[REGISTER HERE](https://www.redtigerkarateclub.co.uk/classes/book-your-first-class)



The poster features a large photo of a woman in a white karate gi smiling. Below it are three smaller circular photos showing different people in karate gear. The text on the poster includes 'FAMILY KARATE', 'LEARN & TRAIN TOGETHER', 'WE OFFER CLASSES HERE EVERY MONDAY', and a list of benefits: Self Defense, Concentration, Discipline, Fitness, Respect, and Confidence. It also mentions 'Greater Manchester's largest karate club' and 'THORN GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL EVERY MONDAY FROM 6PM-7PM'. A URL is provided at the bottom: <https://www.redtigerkarateclub.co.uk/classes/book-your-first-class>.



Parental Survey Analysis

Thank you so much for the overwhelming number of positive responses to our Summer Parental Survey. Your feedback is invaluable, and we are delighted to share how we are responding to the points you raised. We had over 100 responses which is the most we have ever received; thank you for taking the time to help us!

You Said, We Did

You said: There are too many different platforms for communication.

We did: We completely agree! To make life simpler, we have begun moving to Compass – a single information system that, in time, we will use for all communication and administration. To avoid overwhelming families, we'll introduce this step by step. Part of this will involve transferring administration emails, so please bear with us while we move towards a much smoother, more consistent system.

You said: There are lots of clubs and activities for older children, but not as many for younger ones.

We did: We agree and are already acting on this. During our recent INSET day, staff reviewed the full overview of clubs and activities and ensured that younger pupils are included in more opportunities. In addition, we have asked the Stockport Sports Lead to organise more events aimed at younger children. Watch this space – exciting new opportunities are on their way!

Thank you once again for your constructive feedback. Your input helps us continue to grow and improve, always with the children at the heart of everything we do.



Welcome to the Team

We would like to officially welcome Mrs Cain and Mr Wyngard to the Thorn Grove Team. Mrs Cain will teach Year 3 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Mr Wyngard will teach Y5. Y3 and Y5 have been getting to know their new teachers for a while but we wanted to introduce them to everyone else.



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