

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette in what has been a very wet week indeed! This week Mrs Wright has been busy setting up different sensory circuits in school and we have a request for anyone who might have an old skateboard (preferably wooden), any no longer used magnetic tiles and/or ping pong balls to be donated to help us develop this activity. Any donations can be sent straight to the school office.

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Vose

Key Dates

Fri 26th Sept - Y6 NCMP Screening

Mon 6th Oct - KS1 Athletics

Wed 8th Oct - Parents evening

Thu 9th Oct - Parents Evening

Thu 16th Oct - UKS2 Netball

Thu 23rd Oct - Year 6 Class Assembly

Thu 23rd Oct - EYFS Stay & Play

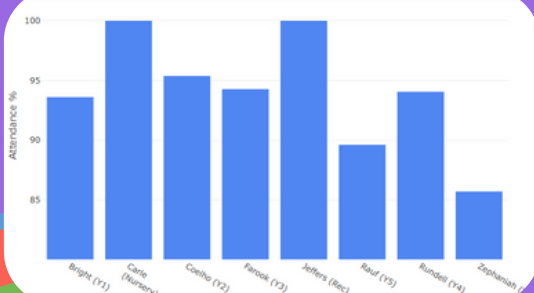
Fri 24th Oct - School Closes

Star of the Week



Assembly Focus of the Week: Lionesses

This week in assembly we continued our thinking around the theme of collaboration. We used the Lionesses as our stimulus. We learnt the BSL for 'team' and looked at how and why this team work so well together. We listened to a podcast with Sarina Weigman where she explained the key ingredients of a successful team; lots of time to talk, valuing everyone equally and looking at mistakes as an opportunity to grow and learn and NOT to blame people.



Weekly Attendance

Together we nurture curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.

School Development Plan 2025- 2026



Each year, we carefully decide on the areas of school life to focus on in order to keep moving forward. These priorities are shaped by a wide range of voices and evidence – including feedback from our parent, pupil, and staff surveys, our assessment data, and the advice of specialist consultants we work with. This ensures our objectives truly reflect the needs of our children and community.

This year, our priorities are:

- Launching a new Computing Curriculum.
- Building children's understanding of History through chronology and disciplinary knowledge.
- Continuing with our Mastery Maths Curriculum.
- Supporting children to become thoughtful writers using RAFT (Reason, Audience, Features, Tone).
- Ensuring consistency in teaching and assessment across the whole school so that all children benefit.
- Embedding the latest Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance, with particular attention to online safety and AI.
- Implementing the updated Relationships and Sex Education curriculum.
- Moving forward with our exciting School Build Project.
- Introducing Compass, our new school management system.
- Continuing our Academisation Journey.
- Expanding high-quality Oracy opportunities, working towards the Oracy Award.
- Develop and broaden our understanding of strategies to support and enhance learning for our HVS children.

By working on these priorities, we aim to ensure that every child receives the highest quality education in a safe, supportive, and forward-thinking environment. We look forward to updating you on our progress throughout the year and thank you for playing such an important role in shaping the direction of our school.

Thorn Grove Librarians 2025 - 2026

I am very pleased to introduce our new librarians for this academic year. Toby, Delilah, James and Anjali will work together and help Miss Beale continue our Reading for Pleasure quest. We are putting them to work straight away as very soon they will receive official librarian training from the Education Library Service.



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Learn to Swim at Life Leisure

A new school year means lots of four-year-olds starting their education. And we need your help to reach their parents to spread awareness of the importance of learning to swim.

Learning to swim is an essential life skill that helps children stay safe in and around water. Beyond safety, swimming boosts confidence, improves fitness, and supports coordination and strength. It's a fun way for children to stay active and healthy, while building skills they can enjoy for life.

Life Leisure swimming lessons are available for children aged 4+, with Badge 1 perfect for complete beginners. Lessons are fun, engaging, and structured so children make steady progress while enjoying their time in the pool.

Days and times: Flexible lessons to fit around school schedules, including evenings and weekends

Venues: Life Leisure Avondale, Grand Central, Cheadle, Hazel Grove, and Romiley

Pricing: Competitive rates on a monthly direct debit

Swimmers also get free public swimming all year round! So you can turn learning to swim into a fun family activity.

For more information or to [book lessons](#), visit [our website](#) or contact the team at: swimming@lifeleisure.net

Thank you for considering Life Leisure. We look forward to seeing you in our pools soon!

Life Leisure Swim Team



Cleaner Vacancy

We are currently looking for a dedicated and reliable cleaner to join the Thorn Grove team.

If you or someone you know seeks pride in their work, has good attention to detail and would be interested in this role please [apply here](#).