

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. This week I have spent some time looking at a range of children's books from across the school. We have looked at Maths, English, Science, Art and History/Geography and I had to share with you how impressed I was. Our behaviour value of taking pride in our work is well and truly being achieved across school and I cannot wait for you to see their books when you come into school for parent-teacher appointments.

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Vose

Key Dates

Mon 6th Oct - Harvest Donations

Mon 6th Oct - KS1 Athletics

Tue 7th Oct - Harvest Donations

Wed 8th Oct - Deaf Base Y2-Y6 Trip

Wed 8th Oct - Parents Evening

Thu 9th Oct - Parents Evening

Thu 16th Oct - UKS2 Netball

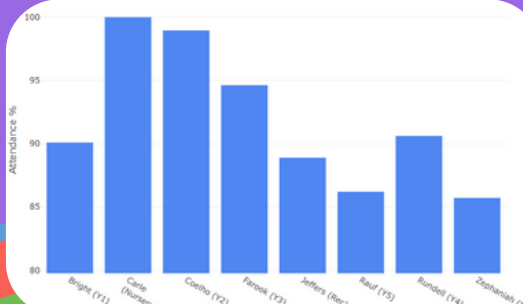
Thu 23rd Oct - Year 6 Class Assembly

Star of the Week



Assembly Focus of the Week: Book Boxes

As part of our commitment to reading for pleasure; we re-launched this year's staff book boxes in assembly this week. Miss Beale and Miss Vose shared a range of the boxes, showed some example books from each one and showed the variety of different types of reading materials in each one. Miss Vose then read 'The Only Way is Badger' by Stella J Jones. The children loved auditioning to be a badger showing their best barking and digging actions!



Weekly Attendance

Together we nurture curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.

Librarians Recommended Reads

"We recommend this book to EYFS and KS1. It is a funny way to learn the alphabet and it made us laugh a lot! We really like this book and think other people will enjoy it as well. We hope this book will help children with the alphabet - Delilah & Toby, Y5 TG Librarians"



Harvest Donations

On Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th October we will be collecting harvest donations to help support our local community. We are kindly asking for donations of the following; cereal, tea, long life milk, tinned vegetables, biscuits, cooking oil, tinned meat, tinned meals, tins of beans with sausages, tinned fruit, tins of tuna, jars of pasta sauce, jam, coffee, sugar, cordial, disposable nappies (size 5,6,7& 8), male & female deodorants, shampoo, shower gels, multi-purpose cleaning sprays and strong black bags.

All donations will be gratefully received and passed on to Chelwood Foodbank

Halloween Disco



Year 3 Forest School

This half term, Team Farook have been the first class to enjoy our new Forest School space since it was set up over the summer by Mrs Bland. The children have engaged in a number of different activities over their first three sessions, including: creating a promise flag to represent their commitment to protecting our forest school site and the nature within it; making forest bouquets; competing in a "best nest contest"; tree-climbing; creating mess in the mud kitchen; and studying bugs and minibeasts. They have been involved in several creative tasks such as taking wax rubbings of flowers and trees, creating natural prints using a technique called "hapa zome", and using square lashing to construct their own frames for natural art. It has been a delight to see the children enjoying this new space and I am sure our other classes are eagerly anticipating their turn to get stuck in!



Cheadle Masjid Open Day

We would like to extend this special invitation to our open day at Cheadle Masjid on Saturday 4th October 2025 between 11am and 4pm.

On this day, hundreds of Mosques across the country open their doors to the wider community as part of the national Visit My Mosque initiative. We will have exhibitions, children's activities and of course, refreshments! There will also be an opportunity to look around by joining one of the tours and gain an insight to the role and activities of the mosque.

Cheadle Masjid draws visitors from schools and the public throughout the year. Visit My Mosque day provides a special opportunity for us to welcome local people from all walks of life to visit Cheadle Masjid, share in conversation, and learn more about each other in a warm and welcoming environment. We very much hope that you, your family and friends will be able to attend – please register online at <https://cheadlemasjid.org/events-activities/visit-my-mosque-2025/> or by email to fratfiq@cheadlemasjid.org.

MCB MUSLIM COUNCIL OF BRITAIN

VISIT MY MOSQUE 2025
- OUR STORIES -
OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

SAT 04TH OCTOBER 2025 Time: 11am - 4pm
AT CHEADLE MASJID.
377, WILMSLOW RD, HEALD GREEN, SK6 3NP

Guest of Honour: The Lord Mayor of Stockport, Councillor Kerry Wafers and The Mayoress, Mrs Wendy Nadin

EXHIBITIONS, CUPPA TEA, MOSQUE TOURS, FRIENDLY CHAT, ARTS & CRAFTS, NOT FORGETTING OUR SPECIAL REFRESHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!

VISIT MY MOSQUE IS A CHANCE TO DROP INTO YOUR LOCAL MOSQUE. SHARE OUR HISTORY AND BUILD FRIENDSHIPS.

REGISTER FOR FREE AT : [HTTPS://CMATRUST.ORG.UK/VMM25](https://cmatrust.org.uk/vmm25)

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Language Ambassadors



Many of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children were keen to give some of their time to help our younger and new children to settle into school and to celebrate the many different languages that we speak. We are very proud that so many wanted to help!

The children who are our first Language Ambassadors are
Nidha, Maisie, Hassan, Mobin, Sofia, Jasmine, Chloe and Gabriel.

The children have launched a 'Language of the Half Term' challenge on Google classroom.

Our language this half term is Cantonese!
We hope that lots of children will try and learn a few words in Cantonese and will choose one or more of the activities on the challenge sheet, to complete at home. Completed challenges can be uploaded onto Google Classroom or brought in to school for us to share!

Happy language learning!

Cantonese challenge!

Can you try writing the numbers 1-10 in Cantonese?

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
English	zero	one	two	three	four	five	six	seven	eight	nine	ten
Cantonese	零	一	二	三	四	五	六	七	八	九	十

Find out what the flag of Hong Kong looks like.
Can you draw it?

Find out about Hong Kong.
Write a short paragraph about it.
If you speak Cantonese, you could write in your home language!

34 of our children speak Cantonese.
We would love you to write your name in Cantonese, for us to display!

Cantonese is spoken in Hong Kong. When it is written, it is called 'Traditional Chinese'. It is also spoken in many other places. Can you research other places where Cantonese is spoken? Can you find these places on the map?

What other languages do you know?
Where are they spoken?

早晨 Jo sun Good Morning
午安 Nam an Good Afternoon
你好 lay ho Hello

我的名字是... not ming high My name is...
謝謝 Door tee Thank you
唔 唔 Men gay Please
拜拜 Bye bye Goodbye

Front Row Music

We are excited to let you know that we have some spaces available for our small group guitar (KS2 only), ukulele and keyboard lessons this year at school! At Front Row Music, we believe learning music should be fun, inspiring and accessible to all children. Our emphasis is on popular music, performance, and building confidence, helping young learners to develop a genuine love for music. Here's what you need to know:

- Weekly 30-minute lessons take place in small groups with friends, focusing on well-known and loved songs.
- Lessons are £31 per month, with flexible payment dates. Payments pause in August, and you can cancel at any time.
- Our award-winning syllabus is designed to help your child to make real progress and hit musical milestones. You receive regular progress updates throughout the year.
- We provide instruments for the children to use in school.

Lesson times will be confirmed once we know how many children are interested. Places may be limited, so please sign-up soon to secure a spot. We're thrilled that so many children are enthusiastic about music, and we can't wait to continue lessons at Thorn Grove! If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at stockport@frontrow-music.com. If you would like to enrol your child for the guitar, uke or keyboard lessons, please scan the QR code and complete the sign-up before FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER and choose STOCKPORT (SK1-6) as the area!

