

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. There is no doubt this half term has been a busy one with so much achieved, including launching our new parent information system, introducing time lines to help children gain a greater understanding of chronology, introducing Mastery in Number across school and welcoming the most decorated Paralympian to our school!

I wish you all a restful break, with time to re charge and I hope to see many of you at the disco tonight.

Have a lovely half-term,
Miss Vose

Key Dates

Mon 3rd Nov - INSET Day

Tue 4th Nov - KS2 Author Visit

Fri 7th Nov - After School Doughnut Sale

Tue 11th Nov - UKS2 Dodgeball

Wed 12th Nov - Individual School Photos

Wed 12th Nov - EYFS Dental Visit

Wed 12th Nov - Bags2School Pickup

Mon 17th Nov - Pupil Flu Vaccines

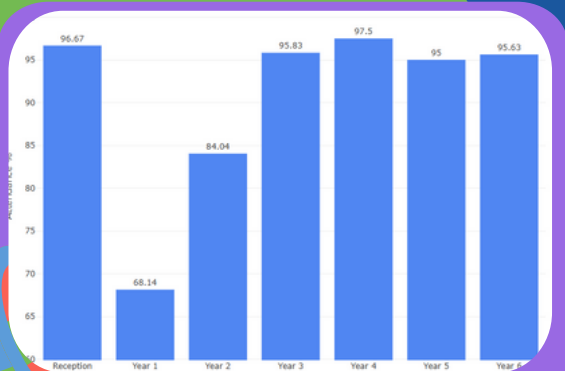
Star of the Week



Happy Diwali to all our Hindu Families!

This week in assembly we enjoyed the story of Rama and Sita and how good triumphed over bad. We learnt about the demon King Ravana and how Rama collaborating with others defeated him.

Mrs Mehta also treated all the staff to some delicious snacks to celebrate Diwali.



Weekly Attendance

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UKS2 Netball

Last Thursday our Year 5 and 6 children represented our school in a netball Competition at St James High school. The children showed all our school values in abundance and I was so proud of how they worked together as a team, supported one another and even when they were losing a game they never gave up. I was so proud of each and every one of them!



Librarians Recommended Reads

'Action Dude' is a graphic novel with robots that are cavemen and a sabre-tooth-tiger named Zondara (and Action Dude is only 9). This is a really funny book and we recommend it for Y3 upwards

Anjali & James, TG Librarians

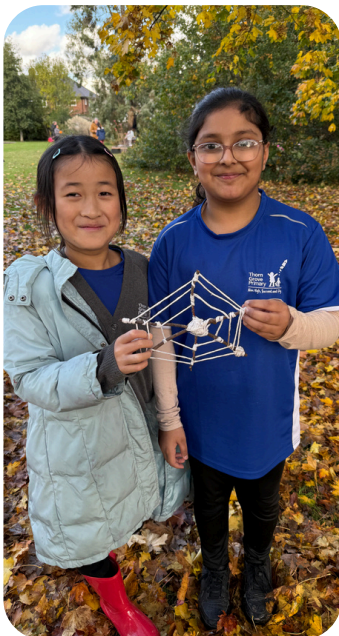


Forest School Fun for Year 5

The Forest School baton has now been passed on to Year 5, with Team Raúf having their second session on Wednesday this week. The children have got stuck into many activities already, including: creating their team promise flag; tree climbing; bug hunting; "tree basketball" invented by Toby and Nikolai; crafting spooky spider webs from sticks and twine; and hammering nails into pumpkins to create patterns and faces.

Mrs Bland has also added a tyre swing to one of the trees on the Forest School site! Although this still needs some tweaking to ensure it is perfect, Team Raúf were the first children to test it out and I think they approved! Please note that although this area is accessible by the wider school community before and after school during drop-off and pick-up times, this tyre swing is not to be used outside of Forest School sessions. The tyre has been intentionally stored away up in the tree to prevent the swing from being accessed.

Mrs Bland would like to thank all of our parent volunteers that have helped out at Y3 and Y5 forest school sessions so far this year - the sessions couldn't go ahead without this support so it is very much appreciated.



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EFYS Stay & Play

Yesterday was our first Stay and Play session for our EFYS children and parents. With the theme being Autumn in the outdoors. Thank you to each and every parent and carer who came to support this event. The children loved having their parents and carers to play with them, engaging in Autumn activities in our outdoor classrooms. From leaf rubbing, making Autumn necklaces, bird feeders to scavenger hunts. The activities were cross curricular, developing all of the children's prime areas and specific areas and were so much fun! These activities will be able to be recreated at home giving our parents lots of food for thought over the half term break.



Year 6 Class Assembly

What an extravaganza! From dance to drama, reading published writing to sharing new knowledge of maths structures, Team Zephaniah showed great confidence and enthusiasm when sharing this term's learning in their class assembly. They've worked hard in their first term of Y6 and shone for their audience. Miss Brierley and Ms Ridgway were both very proud!



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