

# THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I think it is fair to say Christmas is well and truly underway at Thorn Grove and this is not about to stop now. Our fair last Friday was a huge success and it was great to see so many of you there. I would like to say an enormous thank you to **Amy, Lisa, Anthony and Robyn** for their tireless support and organisation. Without them and all the helpers our events would not be possible!

Next Wednesday is Christmas Jumper and dinner day, children are to wear normal uniform with the addition of a Christmas Jumper.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Vose

## Key Dates

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS1 Christmas Performance

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

(with school uniform)

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Lunch

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Class Christmas Parties

(non-uniform day)

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - School Closes

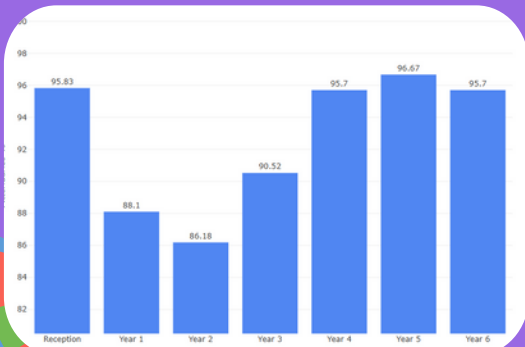
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - School Reopens

## Star of the week



## Assembly of the Week - Advent

This week, Reverend Sarah delivered an assembly about Advent, highlighting it as a time for reflection, preparation, and expectation as we approach Christmas. She introduced the symbolism of the Advent wreath, featuring four candles that represent hope, peace, joy, and love. The children learnt the relevant British Sign Language (BSL) signs associated with these important themes. A festive start to the week!



## Weekly Attendance

*Together we nurture curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.*

## Year 1 Peak Wildlife Park Trip

Last week Year 1 went to Peak Wildlife Park linking to our learning around conservation and animal habitats. Despite the very cold wind and rain, we had a lovely day. The children were extremely well behaved and enjoyed seeing the tapirs, giant rabbits and meerkats, but their real highlight was feeding the wallabies and seeing the polar bears who featured in our story *The Journey Home*.



## Librarians Recommended Read

This is a book about a Christmasaurus - a Christmas dinosaur! He wants to fly and pull Santa's sleigh. It is a funny rhyming tale from Tom Fletcher, about friendship and family. We recommend it for all age groups - TG Librarians.



## Christmas Tree Festival

Thorn Grove has been invited to take part in this weekend's Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Parish Church in Cheadle Hulme. We were asked to decorate a tree around the theme of 'Joy', so three talented artists, chosen from Nursery to Year 6, had a session with Mrs Williams designing and creating their own bauble to decorate our Thorn Grove tree. We decided to use the hymn 'Joy to the World' as our inspiration, linking our baubles to the nature themes within the lyrics, such as fields, rocks, hills and plains. The children produced some beautiful results that they should be very proud of.

Please see the flyer on the next page for further information, but it would be lovely to have as many of you visiting our tree this weekend as possible



## EYFS Christmas Performance

Christmas has definitely arrived at Thorn Grove this week with the EYFS nativity show. The children sang their hearts out, danced like it's Christmas and spoke so clearly to perform 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' to all their parents and carers. Our littlest children put on the best show ever and the whole EYFS team were so proud of each and every one of them. Well done Team Carle and Team Jeffers for bringing the Christmas Magic. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our EYFS Families.



## HVS Pantomime Trip

The annual Hearing and Vision Specialist Service (HVS) Deaf Studies trip was another huge success. Deaf children in Reception and upwards enjoyed a BSL accessible performance of *Aladdin*. Sitting near the front, they loved every minute, they laughed, signed, shouted and sung along with the show. This shared experience wasn't just fun—it helped build a positive identity and sense of community for our deaf young learners.



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## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Friday 12 December 5-7pm

Saturday 13 December

10am-4pm

Sunday 15 December 12pm-2pm

Refreshments Available to purchase

All monies raised to support All Saints Church

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