

# THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette and a Happy New Year to all our families. I hope 2026 has been a positive one for you all so far. I would like to thank every parent for the generous gifts and collections our staff team received for Christmas; we want you to know how grateful we are. So far this term, despite Storm Goretti's best intentions, we have escaped the need of a 'snow day' closure. If we make the hard and unlikely decision to close this will be communicated via the Compass App so please ensure you have this downloaded on your phones.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

## Key Dates

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan - Lockdown Drill

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan - Y6 SATS Parent Meeting

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Jan - UKS2 Basketball

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Jan - UKS2 Hockey

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan - Y5 CHS Science Workshop

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jan - Reception & Year 1 Dental Visit

Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Feb - Year 2 Class Assembly

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y5 Weaver Hall Trip

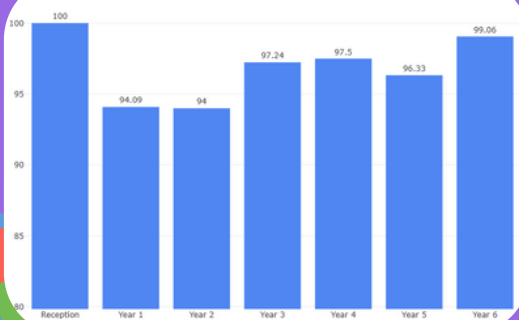
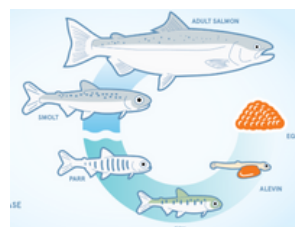
## Star of the week



## Assembly of the Week

This week we launched our value of the half term:  
Resilience.

We discussed our understanding of the word and learnt the BSL sign. Together we then learnt about the life cycle of an Atlantic Salmon and watched how as they grow they leave cold freshwater rivers and move to the sea. As a salmon gets ready to give birth to eggs they must make a tricky journey back to the rivers and go against the current. The children watched a slow motion video of the salmon making this journey and learnt they can jump up to 3m to keep themselves safe. We then discussed how resilient salmon are and are challenging ourselves to be more salmony!



## Weekly Attendance

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## Year 6 Forest School - A Roaring Success

On the last Friday of the Autumn term, Team Zephaniah worked in teams to take part in a fire-lighting challenge. Mrs Bland provided them with all the equipment they needed to build, light and maintain their own small fires. Building on the skill they had picked up the previous week, the children used fire strikers to ignite cotton wool balls, slowly adding kindling to ensure their fire burned long enough to toast their own marshmallows. Every team successfully completed the challenge and enjoyed a toasted treat before the Christmas holidays began. Well done Team Zephaniah!



## Thorn Grove Primary School New Building Update

We are pleased to share an update on our new build project. Last term, Miss Vose attended the local planning committee meeting, where the plans were approved by the panel. Local councillors, including Helen Foster Grimes, spoke positively about the significant impact the development will have on our school, families and children. We are now expecting construction access to be erected in March, and I will write to you shortly with further information about what this will mean for the school. Please click on the New Build icon on our website for further information.



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