

# THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2026



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. This week we welcomed 12 teachers from across the North West to a Oracy and Drama training event held at Thorn Grove. The teachers observed and learnt about how we use drama to provide a purposeful context and opportunity for quality oracy. The group of teachers observed Year 2 being taught a History lesson linked to The Great Fire of London using these techniques. Every teacher commented on the truly magnificent learning behaviours displayed by our children and how well they collaborate and are able to share their knowledge. Well done Team Coelho!

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

## Key Dates

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

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

Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y3 Dental Checks

Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Feb - UKS2 Netball

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

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - EYFS Chinese New Year Stay & Play

Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Young Voices

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Front Row Music Parent Assembly

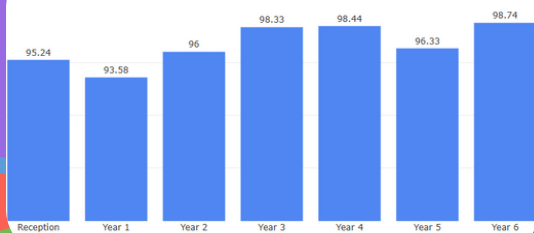
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - School Closes

## Star of the week



## Assembly of the Week: Greta Thunberg - Resilience Champion

This week in assembly we focused on Great Thunberg. We read the book 'Greta and the Giants' which is based on Greta and how she developed her passion for the environment to seek positive changes. We compared her life to Rosa Parks and thought about our key language; protest, boycott, discrimination and opposed. We then discussed how Greta shows the value of **resilience**.



## Weekly Attendance

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

## UKS2 Basketball

Last Tuesday, 9 excited YR 5/6 children attended a Basketball competition at CHHS. What a fantastic and **resilient** team we took! Our students set an amazing example by **collaboratively** working together, showing their teammates support as well as **empathy** to the opponents that they faced. Every team member showed their determination which resulted in their **confidence** growing and as a result they have reached the Greater Manchester finals. I have every confidence in the team that they will have the courage to represent our school in the final stage. As always, we are incredibly proud of all their efforts and they all showed the spirit of the games. Well done to you all. A great team effort, I look forward to taking you to the finals.



## UKS2 Hockey

On Tuesday some of our year 5 and 6 children attended a hockey competition at St James' High School. The children worked **collaboratively**, respectfully and showed fantastic **resilience** whilst out on the pitch. They supported one another, cheered for each other and showed great sportsmanship for the entire competition.

I was so proud of them all which made it so hard to choose the child for the spirit of the games award. Well done to Theo ! The children's hard work paid off and we are now through to the next round. Well done team TG !



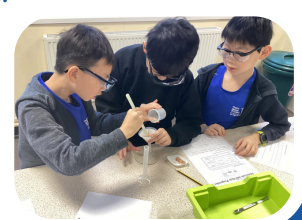
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## Year 5 CHS Science Workshop

Team Rauf had a great time on Thursday learning all about different materials at CHS. They looked at different reversible and irreversible changes, dissolved rocksalt in water and had a look at melting chocolate and candles. We also had a visit from a group of Year 12 students, Team Sonic, who design, build and test materials for F1 cars. As always, Year 5 had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experiments.



## EYFS Penguin Visit

This week Team Carle and Team Jeffers had an unexpected visitor... We were introduced to a lonely penguin in need of some help. The penguin didn't say much but we thought we would make him feel welcome by singing some songs, pretending to be penguins and even making him some snacks. The children loved making sardines on toast and even gave it a try themselves!



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HALLÉ CONNECT

# BOYS SING!

AT HALLÉ ST PETERS



"Such energy, such fun, such passion – what a fantastic session!" – KS3 Music Teacher

You are invited to join us on  
**Thursday 12th March 2026**  
for

# BOYS SING!

Boys Sing! Will be led by our inspirational Hallé Youth Choirs Director Stuart Overington and HYC Assistant Director and HYTC Director Matthew Roughley and will include working on vocal technique, listening skills, and experimenting with different types of repertoire.

**Thursday 12th March 2026**

**KS2 10:30–12:00    KS3 & KS4 13:00–14:30**

**Hallé St Peter's, 40 Blossom St, Manchester, M4 6BF**

**KS2**

**£7 + VAT per child**

**KS3/4**

Places are limited and on a first come first served basis

Scan the QR codes to book tickets  
Alternatively email [clare.webster@halle.co.uk](mailto:clare.webster@halle.co.uk)

