

# THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. There is much to celebrate at Thorn Grove today. This morning we welcomed a representative from the National Centre of Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) to talk to staff, observe maths lessons, talk to children and carry out some pupil activities to check mathematical knowledge. The feedback has been superb and is testament to the excellent work, led by Miss Brierley, that has taken place to ensure the highest quality maths teaching and learning. In addition, Mrs Cain has passed her NPQ in the Leading and Development of Maths. Well done Team Thorn Grove!

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

## Key Dates

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb - UKS2 Basketball Final

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

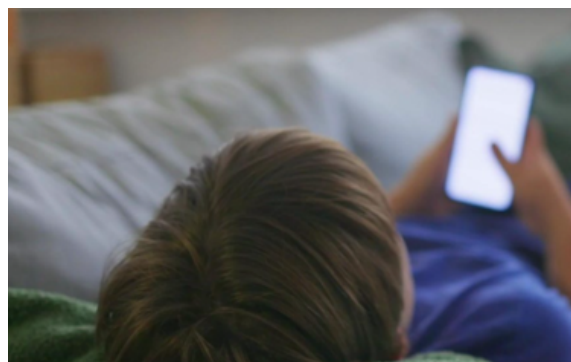
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - School Closes

## Star of the week



## Assembly of the Week: Staying Safe Online

This week in assembly we talked about online social media apps. Our children were very knowledgeable and could tell me lots of information about various apps, their uses, their benefits and the potential dangers. We then had a debate about the potential banning of online social media apps for under 16 years old. We watched a video of children sharing their viewpoints and then discussed our own.



## Weekly Attendance

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

## Year 2 Forest School

Team Coelho have had the Forest School sessions this half term. The sessions have linked to our value of **collaboration** and how to work together to complete challenges such as finding different items around the Forest School site and building the 'best nest' for our own choice of bird. In Science we are focussing on seeds and bulbs, so we planted some bulbs in Week 1 too. Next week, there will be a chance to plant some potatoes, so we can see how they grow too. Even in the cold weather, the sessions have been enjoyed by all of us - especially the chance to get muddy!



## PTA Funds- Simply Amazing!

This week the PTA team met to discuss plans for the rest of the year.

Firstly we looked at the monies raised from the most recent events and are thrilled with how much we have made.

Summer Disco= £1407.76

Halloween Disco = £1230.34

Christmas Fair = £2,923.38

Thank you so much for every donation and attendance at these events!



## Librarians Recommended Reads

"We've loved reading this book about Barnabus, a half mouse, half elephant hybrid, who comes from a secret underground lab. He leads a daring escape with his friends! We recommend it for all year groups and adults too!" - TG Librarians



## Year 5 & 6 Virtual Author Visit - Maisie Chan

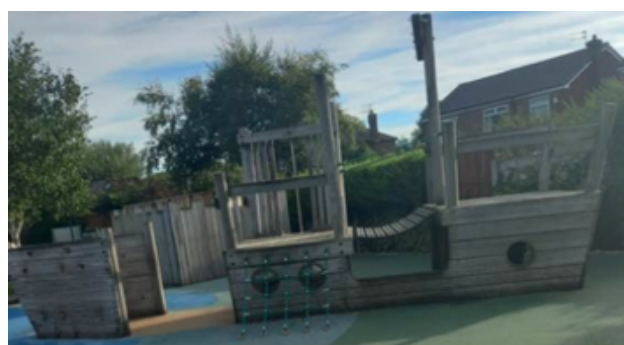
We recently enjoyed a fantastic Booktrust virtual author visit with Maisie Chan, that gave us great insight into her background and creative techniques. It was an engaging and fun session, and we're excited to dive into reading her work.

"I'm definitely going to read her books, especially Nat Yu's Blast from the Past. It sounded really interesting, about the Chinese Labour Corp" - Toby, Y5

"I loved finding out about her as well as her books" - Delilah, Y5



## Safe use of Playground Equipment



I would like to ask for parents help in preventing children from playing on the playground equipment before and after school. Yes, it is the most natural thing in the world for children to play, however we are not insured for children to play on equipment when not supervised by school staff. In addition, this can often be a time when equipment gets damaged and we do not have the funds to replace equipment on a regular basis.

We do not want to stop our children and families connecting and therefore we ask you to do this on the park next to school.

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# Support for the grown-ups guiding growing minds

Want to know more about supporting  
your child's Mental Health and  
Wellbeing?

Drop into the Family Hub for a brew and  
a friendly chat with local services.

## Thriving from Tots to Teens

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

9:30-11:30am

One Stockport Family Hubs Garners Lane,  
Adswood, SK3 8QW



This drop in session will  
include; showcase of  
resources plus  
professionals providing  
useful information and tips

**ONESTOCKPORT**  
**Family Hubs**

**STOCKPORT**  
**LIVE WELL**



**STOCKPORT**  
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**NHS**  
Stockport  
NHS Foundation Trust

**BEST**  
**START**  
**IN LIFE**

**Start well, live well and thrive**  
Working together with communities  
to support children, young people and families