

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2026



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I want to thank all the parents who attended our EYFS Lunar New Year Stay and Play session on Wednesday. I know the children have a lovely time sharing their learning with you. It was great to hear the children speak so **confidently** about their learning. I would also like to say a special thank you to Aiden's Mum in Nursery for coming to talk to the children about how their family celebrate Lunar New Year. For all of our families celebrating Lunar New Year or Ramadan; we wish you a wonderful time filled with family and friends.

Have a lovely half term break

Miss Vose

Key Dates

Mon 23rd Feb - School Reopens

Wed 4th Mar - Parents Evening

Thu 5th Mar - Parents Evening

Fri 6th Mar - PTA Disco

Mon 9th Mar - UKS2 Hockey Finals

Tue 10th Mar - LKS2 Netball

Thu 19th Mar - Year 4 Class Assembly

Mon 23rd Mar - Year 6 Robinwood Parent Meeting

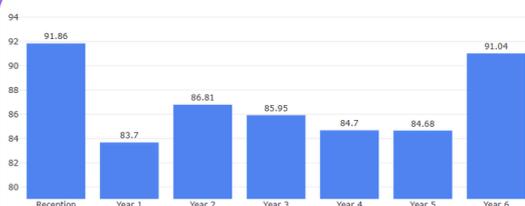
Wed 25th Mar - Year 3 Liverpool World Museum Trip

Star of the week



Polite Reminder- PE Kit

Over the last few weeks I have noticed that many of our children are veering far away from the expected PE Kit and therefore correct uniform for school. As children come to school dressed for PE to maximise activity time, they are wearing these clothes all day and it is imperative they wear correct kit. I do not want teachers to challenge children about this as we believe this is out of their control. I therefore ask that PE kit worn is the correct one and non school uniform items are left at home. Correct PE uniform should consist of a plain blue t-shirt or TGPS PE top, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and in colder months a black tracksuit top. Branded items are an absolute no. I thank you for your cooperation in advance.



Weekly Attendance

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EYFS Lunar New Year Stay & Play

Wow wow wow! What a fantastic morning celebrating the Lunar New Year with our EYFS children. The children and parents engaged with such **confidence** and the staff even got involved too! Showcasing our wonderful narrative immersion curriculum with our Thorn Grove Families and allowing them to come and explore this wonderful celebration through engaging and stimulating activities that can also be recreated at home. From making lanterns to long and short dragons to card making and exploring the great race! The children's behaviour was impeccable and they showed how much knowledge and information they have absorbed over the week. I was very proud. We would like to wish all our TG Families celebrating the lunar new year over the next couple of weeks all the luck and happiness.



Year 3 & 4 Shrek Musical at CHS

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic trip to Cheadle Hulme School to watch Shrek the Musical Jr! The children loved the lively songs, colourful costumes and energetic performances, and it was a great opportunity for them to experience live theatre. It was a memorable afternoon out that sparked lots of excitement and enthusiasm back at school.



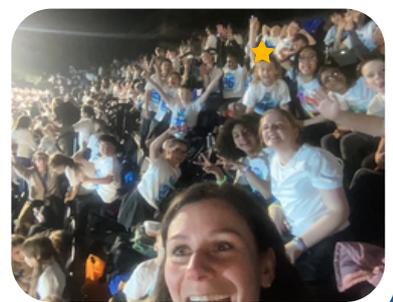
Young Voices

Our KS2 Choir hit a high note this week as they travelled to the COOP Live arena for the spectacular Young Voices concert! It was a day filled with music, energy, and memories that will last a lifetime.

From the very first rehearsal to the show itself, our pupils were excited and fully engaged, soaking up the electric atmosphere of performing alongside thousands of other children. They didn't just sing; they truly shone by putting our school values of **confidence** and **collaboration** into practice.

They sang beautifully, and they represented our school with incredible spirit. A huge well-done to all our talented vocalists for their hard work and dedication.

I would also like to give a special shout out to the choir staff team who have worked with our choir since September to get them performance ready - thank you!



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Thorn Grove Primary School PTA

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EYFS & KS1
5:30PM - 7:15PM

KS2
6:00PM - 7:15PM

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026

VEX Robotics

Over the past two weeks, the TGPS staff team have been using staff meeting time to develop their knowledge and skills in Robotics. As a school, we have decided to enhance our computing curriculum by incorporating the creation and programming of robots into our learning offer. We are incredibly grateful to the PTA, who kindly funded the technology, which has already been put to excellent use during our training sessions.

After half term, Year 2 and Year 5 will be the first classes to experiment with our new robotics equipment. Watch this space for more exciting updates!



Safer Internet Day 2026 - Artificial Intelligence

On Monday, we led a special assembly to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2026. This year's theme was all about Artificial Intelligence (AI) - the technology behind things like ChatGPT, Snapchat's 'My AI', and even the recommendations you see on YouTube. AI is becoming a huge part of our world, and while it's really exciting, we wanted to make sure everyone at our school knows how to use it safely and fairly.

What we shared with the school:

- Don't Overshare: We reminded everyone that you should never give AI your private information, like your home address or your full name.
- Check the Facts: AI can sometimes make mistakes or even hallucinate (make things up). We showed how to double-check information using books or trusted websites.
- The Brain vs. The Tool: We discussed how AI should be used as a tool to help us brainstorm, not as a way to do our homework for us.
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How Parents Can Help:

We know that AI can be a bit confusing for adults, too! To help out, we've attached some links and a newsletter below to help.

1. Explanations of the AI tools your children might be using. [Artificial Intelligence and Online Safety | SWGfL](#)
2. Safety settings to help keep accounts private. [Artificial intelligence safety tips for parents | NSPCC](#)
3. Conversation starters so you can talk about tech at the dinner table. [Top Tips for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Thank you for helping us stay safe online! Miss Brierley and The Year 6 Digital Leaders

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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

SMARTTECH, SAFE CHOICES – EXPLORING THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF AI

ISSUE 19 - SPECIAL

SAFER INTERNET DAY SPECIAL

Welcome to this **Special Edition** of our Online Safety Newsletter, just in time for **Safer Internet Day!** Safer Internet Day is an annual day, where children all over the country explore how to be safe online. However, it is not just limited to children! This year, Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday the 10th of February**. This year's theme is **Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**.



SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming part of everyday life, often without us realising it. While tools like ChatGPT are well known, AI is also used in things like video recommendations, predictive text, photo filters, and navigation apps.

AI can be a helpful tool that saves time and supports learning, but it's important to use it safely and responsibly. A good question to ask is - **"Does this feel right?"** - AI isn't always accurate and can sometimes give incorrect or unsuitable information.

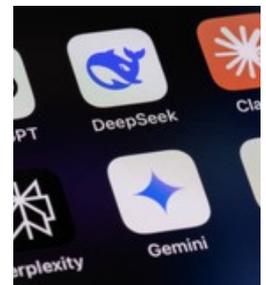
Always take a moment to check and review anything created by an AI tool before using or sharing it, especially when children are involved.

WHY IT MATTERS

It is important that we, and especially children, are familiar with the benefits of AI and, most importantly, how to use it responsibly.

AI has made significant advancements over the past decade, and it will continue to develop rapidly in the years ahead.

Being able to recognise AI-generated content, such as false information or fake images and videos, is an important skill as we browse, use, and share content online.



FIND OUT MORE!

There are some great resources below to help you find out more about Safer Internet Day and using AI responsibly.



This is a quiz that you can use with your child to test your knowledge!



Top tips for Parents and Carers.



Top tips for young people.



Safer Internet Day site.