

# THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. Another jam packed week at Thorn Grove. It was lovely to hear all the well deserved reasons for Star of the Week today and hear how our school values are permeating around the school for each and every child. Next week I will be writing to you with an update regarding the New Build, which will be commencing very, very soon, and some important changes to the exterior.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in the PTA Disco last Friday; another great community event.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

## Key Dates

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Mar - Reception Mastering Number Parent Session

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Mar - Year 1 Mastering Number Parent Session

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Mar - Year 4 Class Assembly

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar - Year 6 Robinwood Parent Meeting

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Mar - Year 3 Liverpool World Museum Trip

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Mar - KS1 Cross Country

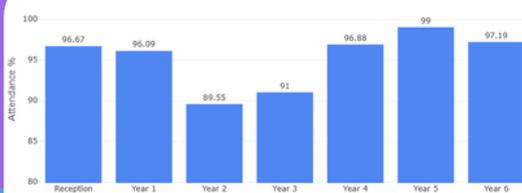
Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Mar - Year 1 Class Assembly

## Star of the week



## Assembly of the Week: Water Safety

Katie and Steve from the Canal & River Trust recently visited the school to deliver three engaging assemblies focused on water safety. They spoke to the children about spotting potential dangers around canals, rivers and reservoirs, and how to risk assess situations as they grow older and become more independent. The sessions explored the risks of open water, including the effects of cold water shock and how temperatures below 15°C can impact the body and its organs. The children were extremely sensible in their responses and reflections, with fantastic levels of participation throughout. Steve also shared the important SAFE message with the children: Stay Away From the Edge.



## Weekly Attendance

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### What3Words

As the days become lighter and our older children begin spending more time out and about, continuing to develop their independence, we would like to highlight a useful safety tool for families. The What3Words app can help children share their precise location if they ever need help. The app has divided the world into 3 metre squares, each identified by a unique combination of three words, making it quick and easy to tell someone exactly where you are.

Emergency services across the UK also use this system, which can help them locate people more quickly. We encourage families of older pupils to explore the app together and talk about how it could be used to help keep children safe when they are out independently.



### UKS2 Hockey Finals

This week it was the Stockport Hockey Finals for our upper KS2 children, competing at St James High School on Monday after school. They played in 7 matches against other schools. We drew lots of our games and lost two which positioned us in 5th Place overall. The children were superstars all evening, working **collaboratively**, showing fabulous teamwork, **confidence**, respect and **resilience** even when we were down a goal or two. Well done to all the children. You were such a credit to our school! Well done to Raayan who received our spirit of the games award for Teamwork!



### LKS2 Netball

A small group of pupils from Years 3 and 4 were selected to take part in a netball festival at St James High School this week. They learned different passing techniques, practised shooting and defending. They worked hard together and really enjoyed this experience



### National Sign Language Week

Next week is National Sign Language Week and as you are already aware some of our children and staff use sign language to communicate. At Thorn Grove we learn BSL signs as part of our curriculum and have learnt to finger spell. Next week we will be taking part in various activities across school. For example, staff will be wearing different BSL signs- can you find out what they mean? Can you master the sign? Can you teach someone else? In addition we will be taking part in a Signing Assembly where we will revise signs we already know, learn new signs and challenge each other to remember them! If you would like any more information please look here <https://signlanguageweek.org.uk/>



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"I am not alone and other parents go through the same"

"I am a more confident parent and met new people"



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## Information Session

Join us!

Everyone is welcome who wants to learn more about EPEC – whether you're a parent, thinking about volunteering, or work with families in Stockport.

**Friday 20th March 2026**

**1pm - 2.30pm**

**One Stockport Family Hub Abingdon Road  
Abingdon Road, Reddish, SK5 7EU**

Come along to:

- ✦ Learn about free EPEC parenting courses in Stockport
- ✦ Find out how parents can get involved and grow in confidence
  - ✦ Connect with the EPEC team and volunteers
- ✦ Discover how EPEC supports families across Stockport



**No need to book – just drop in on the day!**  
Questions? Email [admin.epec@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:admin.epec@stockport.gov.uk)

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