

# THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I believe the quote is, "Time flies when you are having fun", and this must be the case at Thorn Grove. I honestly cannot believe that we have finished the spring term and are awaiting the summer term. Once again we have achieved so much to be proud of and the children's most recent assessments have shown the wonderful progress that has taken place. As we approach the summer term, there are changes afoot and I have written a separate communication to you all today regarding changes to the school site as the new build project commences. Please take time to read and digest this before returning.

Have a wonderful holiday and Happy Easter!  
Miss Vose

## Key Dates

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April - School Reopens

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> April - Year 4 Chester Trip

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May - School Closed for Bank Holiday

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> May - INSET Day

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 Hatworks Trip

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May - EYFS Stoller Hall trip

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 Class Assembly

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May - School Closes



## Assembly of the Week: Confidence in Action

In Monday's assembly we focused on **confidence** in action. We shared the secret that **confidence** isn't just about feeling big and bold - it's actually like a muscle that gets stronger every time we try something new. We know from our wellbeing learning, that there are different zones that help us to grow.

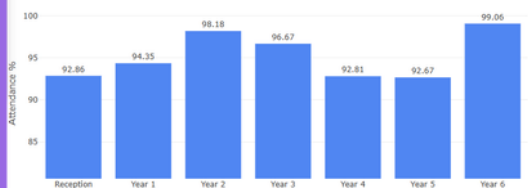
- The Comfort Zone: This is where we feel safe (like eating our favorite snack or playing a game we're already great at). It's nice here, but we don't learn as much or progress.
- The Stretch Zone: This is the Magic Zone! It's where we try something that feels a little bit challenging or scary - like raising our hand to answer a tricky question or trying a new sport or presenting in front of the class. When we stretch, our brains grow and our **confidence** gets a huge boost.

Building **confidence** is a team effort! Here are a few ways to keep the conversation going at home:

- Share Your Own Stretches: Tell your children about a time you felt a little nervous to try something new at work or at home, and how you did it anyway.
- The Yet Power: If your child says, "I can't do this," remind them, "You can't do it yet—you're just stretching and building your confidence!"

**"Confidence."**

- is something you create within yourself by believing in who YOU are.



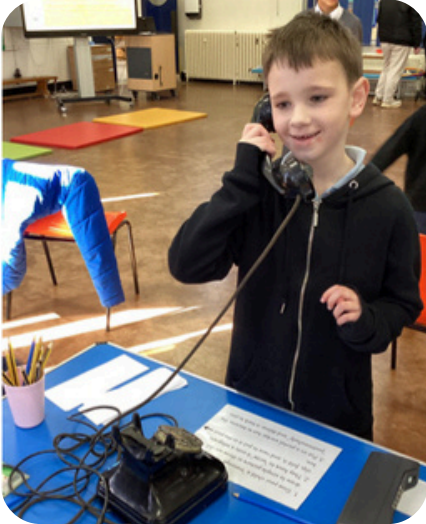
## Weekly Attendance

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### Year 1 Class Assembly

On Thursday morning, Team Bright enjoyed taking their families on a journey through time as we became Technology Time Travellers. We played some games to explore how technology has changed within 'living memory' for shopping, communicating and listening to music. We then consolidated our learning with a carousel of activities and some hands-on experience with artefacts.

We were delighted to have so many of our families there to become history experts, sharing memories of how technology made things different when they were young.



### Year 3 Liverpool World Museum Trip

This "Wintry and Windy Wednesday," Year 3 headed to Liverpool for a fabulous school trip. After observing where the river meets the Irish Sea, they escaped the wind by heading into the Liverpool Museum to discover the secrets of the Ancient Egyptians. From real-life mummies to stunning golden jewellery, our young historians were captivated by the incredible artefacts on display.



### Spark Book Awards

Over the last 5 weeks, all children throughout school have been busy reading the picture fiction shortlisted books for this year's Spark Awards! We've shared stories in assembly and with our friends; read as groups and individually; and had some very passionate conversations about which book is best and why - even the staff have their favourites! This week, it's been time to vote. The librarians have carefully counted, counted again, then double-checked for good measure, and we can now announce that the Thorn Grove winner is... 'These Are My Rocks' by Bethan Woollvin. Next term, we move to non-fiction books and have a range of exciting activities lined up, including an online author visit! Watch this space for more updates to come soon.



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## Stockport County

The KS2 girls have been doing after school football on Wednesdays with a Stockport County coach called Toby. It was incredible and we are so grateful for the skills we learnt and how he spent his free time helping us improve. We loved playing games with him and how supportive he has been throughout. Wednesday was our last football session and he gave us some free Stockport County tops, shorts and socks. We definitely don't regret doing this because we just had so much fun. Thank you so much Toby! - Anya Y6



## Confidence in Action: Freddie

Freddie ran a 2.5k race to raise money for the British Deaf Association as part of Sign Language Week. He raised £570! A great effort and amazing achievement.



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