

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2026



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette and to the Summer Term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. By now you will have all seen the arrival of the building compound and work will begin to increase over the next few weeks. To support with planning and communication, I have organised a working party consisting of staff, Governors, contractors and parents. Our first meeting will take place on Friday 24th April and a communication will follow shortly after.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Vose

Key Dates

Thu 30th April - Year 4 Chester Trip

Mon 4th May - School Closed for Bank Holiday

Thu 7th May - INSET Day

Mon 11th May - SATS Begin

Fri 15th May - Year 2 Hatworks Trip

Wed 20th May - EYFS Stoller Hall trip

Wed 20th May - Year 3 Class Assembly

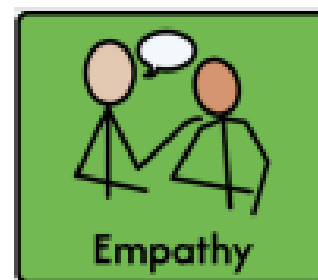
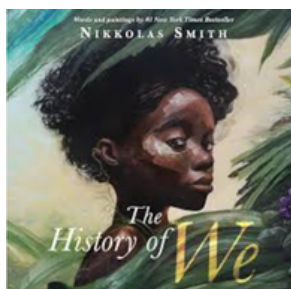
Fri 22nd May - School Closes

Mon 8th June - School Reopens



Assembly of the Week: Empathy

This week in assembly we launched our half term value: **Empathy**. Together we read the book 'The History of We' and linked the value of **empathy** to this text. This book is a part of the non-fiction Sparx Book Awards. Next week we will be taking part in a live webinar with the author Nikkolas Smith so together we generated some questions to send to him in advance such as, "what inspired you to write about early civilisations?".



Weekly Attendance

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Wrap Around Care You Can Trust

Are you looking for safe, reliable care for your child before and after the school day? Our wraparound care provides a nurturing, **empathetic**, structured environment where children can relax, play, and thrive.

We offer a balance of fun activities and quiet time, helping children ease into their day in the morning and unwind in the afternoon. Children can enjoy a varied choice of breakfast to start their day right, along with tasty evening snacks to keep them energised and satisfied after school.



On Wednesday evenings, our dedicated Sports Coach runs engaging, interactive sessions packed with fun building **resilience** and giving the children something extra to look forward to each week.

With experienced staff, a focus on wellbeing, and a welcoming atmosphere, you can feel confident your child is in good hands. We also accept childcare vouchers, helping to make our service more affordable and accessible for families.

Whether you need early drop-offs, after-school supervision, or flexible support around your schedule, we're here to help make your day run smoothly.

Spaces available – get in touch to learn more!

Celebrating Diversity at Thorn Grove

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Docherty for her dedication and hard work in championing cultural diversity across Thorn Grove.

Over the past four years, in her role as English as an Additional Language (EAL) Leader, Mrs Docherty has shown unwavering commitment to ensuring that every child feels valued, included, and supported. She has worked tirelessly to create an environment where diversity is not only recognised but truly celebrated, helping our school community grow richer through understanding and respect.

Her efforts have made a meaningful difference to the children who need additional support, ensuring they are given every opportunity to thrive both academically and socially. Beyond this, she has played a key role in embedding inclusive practices throughout the school.

We are especially grateful for the extensive work Mrs Docherty has undertaken in gathering evidence for the Diversity Award from the Stockport Ethnic Diversity Team. Thanks to her commitment and leadership, we are delighted to have been awarded the Silver Award in recognition of our achievements.

This is a wonderful milestone for Thorn Grove, and it would not have been possible without Mrs Docherty's passion, dedication, and vision.



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