

# THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. Below is an update regarding staffing for September 2026. This outlines who your child's teacher is for next year as well as some transition arrangements. We are also in the process of planning additional transition for children who find change slightly harder to manage...some of this has actually already taken place and we look forward to sharing this with you over the next few weeks.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Vose

## Key Dates

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June - EYFS Sports Day

Tue 30<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 Class Assembly

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July - KS1 Sports Day

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Class Transition Day

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - INSET Day

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> July - Y5 Bikeability

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July - Y5 Bikeability

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July - Front Row Music Assembly

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July - KS2 Sports Day

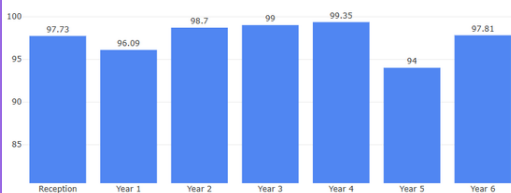
## Star of the Week



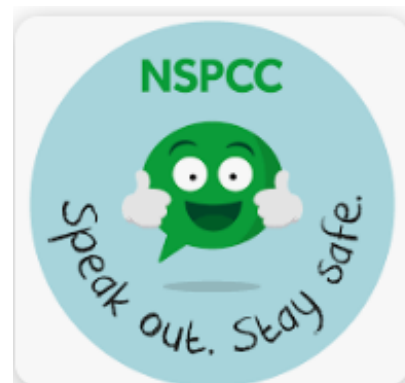
## Assembly of the week- NSPCC

Children took part in the NSPCC Speak Out virtual assemblies, learning about their rights, how to stay safe, and where to get help if they are worried about anything.

The sessions encouraged pupils to speak up, stay safe, and know that trusted adults are there to support them. Next week children in specific year groups will take part in additional workshops all aimed at ensuring our children are safe at all times.



## Weekly Attendance

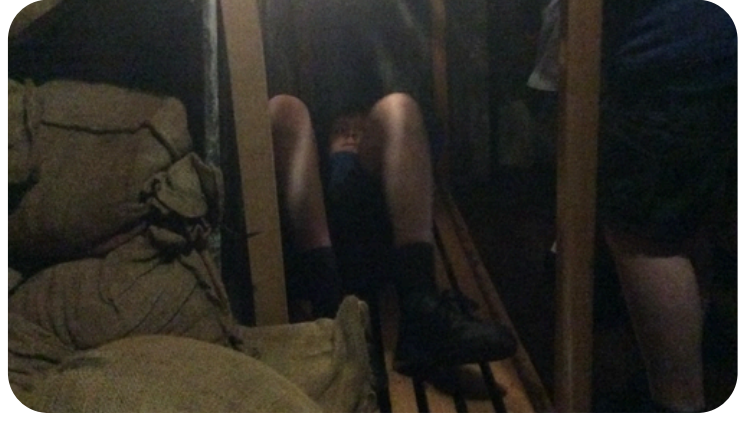


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### Year 6 Air Raid Shelter Trip

Team Zephaniah had a wonderful time bringing their history learning to life during our recent trip to the Air Raid shelters. The children fully immersed themselves in the experience, brilliantly stepping into the role of WWII evacuees. Their curiosity shone through as they asked insightful questions and engaged deeply with the history around them.

Just as impressively, the children were exemplary ambassadors for our school while using public transport. They were polite, respectful, and showed great empathy toward members of the public, eagerly offering up their seats. We are incredibly proud of their behaviour and maturity.



### Mr Wyngard's Trip to Hazel Grove Primary School

Recently, I had the wonderful opportunity to visit Hazel Grove Primary School, one of the schools within the Laurus Trust, and learn more about how a school within the trust operates. It was a fantastic experience to step into another vibrant school environment, meet some of their dedicated staff and pupils, and experience firsthand the collaborative spirit of the trust. Everyone I spoke with was incredibly welcoming, and it was highly valuable to learn more about the shared values and exciting opportunities that lie ahead for our own school community. I look forward to building on these new relationships as we move forward into this positive next chapter together.



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## Staffing Update and Teaching Team for September 2026

I am delighted to be writing to share our teaching team for September 2026. Before I do so, I would like to update you on some important staffing changes that will be taking place at the end of this academic year.

Firstly, Mrs Cain, who has taught Year 3 alongside Mrs Dawson this year, will be leaving us to take a personal career break. Mrs Cain has been a fantastic addition to the Thorn Grove team and we are extremely grateful for her hard work, dedication and the significant contribution she has made to developing our history curriculum. We wish her every success and happiness in this next chapter.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Arnold, our SENDCO. Mrs Arnold has worked closely with the leadership team to transform SEND provision at Thorn Grove and has had a hugely positive impact on the lives of many children and families. Whilst we are sad to see her leave, she is moving to a role within a Stockport trust where she will support schools in developing their knowledge, skills and expertise in SEND. This exciting opportunity will allow her to have an even greater impact across a wider number of schools, colleagues, children and families.

In addition, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Williams, our Year 1 teacher, after an incredible 21 years of service at Thorn Grove. During her time with us, Mrs Williams has taught generations of Thorn Grove families, worked across many year groups, transformed our art curriculum and even served as our school SENDCO. Mrs Williams is following her passion and, from September, will be working in a special school supporting some of the most vulnerable learners throughout their educational journey.

At Thorn Grove, our mission is to nurture curious, respectful and aspirational individuals. Whilst we most often think about this in relation to our children, it is equally important for our staff. We are proud to work in a school where colleagues are encouraged to develop their skills, pursue their ambitions and embrace new opportunities. The decisions made by Mrs Cain, Mrs Arnold and Mrs Williams reflect the same curiosity, aspiration and commitment to growth that we seek to instil in our pupils every day. Whilst we will miss them greatly, we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time at Thorn Grove and excited to see the positive impact they will continue to have in their future roles.

Following the successful promotion of Miss Brierley to Associate Headteacher, we have appointed Mrs Robinson, an experienced teacher, to join our Year 6 team. She will work alongside Ms Ridgway, who will be completing her SCITT Teacher training year with us. Following a thorough recruitment process, we have also appointed Mrs Baker and Miss Baldry, and we are delighted to welcome them to Thorn Grove.

I am also delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Webster-Decaux as our new SENDCO. Mrs Webster-Decaux brings a wealth of experience from specialist educational settings and has an exceptional understanding of the full spectrum of SEND needs. Her passion for ensuring that every child receives the support, opportunities and provision they need to thrive is truly inspiring. We are incredibly excited to welcome her to Thorn Grove and are confident that her expertise, commitment and enthusiasm will further strengthen our provision for children with additional needs and their families.

I am pleased to confirm the teaching team for September 2026:

- Nursery: Mrs Harding
- Reception: Miss Haslam
- Year 1: Miss Baldry
- Year 2: Miss Beale
- Year 3: Mrs Dawson and Mrs Baker
- Year 4: Mrs Bodley
- Year 5: Mr Wyngard
- Year 6: Mrs Robinson and Ms Ridgway
- SENDCO: Mrs Webster Decaux
- PPA Teachers: Mr Cotterill and Mrs Docherty

Your children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher on Thursday 2nd July during our annual Meet the Teacher Day and will be on hand at the end of the day for you to say 'hello' as they bring the children out to the playground.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting year ahead as we continue working together to nurture curious, respectful and aspirational individuals.

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