

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

THURSDAY 2ND JULY 2026



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. I am writing this introduction after spending time with each class in their new rooms and with their new teachers and I could not be prouder of what I see, hear and feel as I walk around our school. We have started the day in assembly by linking back to our value of 'Equality'. Next Year our classes will be named after Continents in line with our focus on developing Geographical knowledge and skills. We talked about no continent ..or class being more important than any other and by treating each other equally and with equal respect we will be a very happy and kind school.

Have a great weekend!
Miss Vose

Key Dates

Mon 6th July- Y5/Y6 Rounders Tournament

Tue 7th July - Y5 Bikeability

Wed 8th July - Y5 Bikeability

Fri 10th July - Front Row Music Assembly

Mon 13th July - KS2 Sports Day

Mon 13th July - Y6 End of Year Performance

Wed 15th July - Y6 go to Robinwood

Fri 17th July - Y5 Bikeability

Tue 21st July - Y5 Bikeability

Uniform Sale

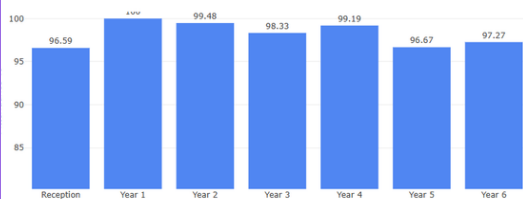
We have now purchased the remainder of the current uniform stock from Monkhouse. This is available for supermarket prices via Compass Shop.

This uniform can be worn all of next academic year so grab yourself some bargains and get organised!

Assembly of the week: Equality

On Monday Reverend Sarah visited Thorn Grove to explore the meaning of our current school value; Equality.

She asked for two volunteers to wrap presents; one being a spade and one being a box. She also gave each volunteer different resources. Unsurprisingly, one volunteer finished first! We then talked about the importance of equality and how this task clearly did not have equality and therefore the outcome was known straight away. However, as we have been discussing this term, we need an understanding of equality and equity to truly help people.



Weekly Attendance

Together we nurture curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.

EYFS Sports Day

Wow! What a morning we had for the EYFS sports day on Monday. The children listened, sat beautifully and loved participating in all the races, they showed resilience, confidence and collaboration in abundance and we are so proud of them all. The parents even got involved with the yearly parents races! Such good sports and the children loved cheering them on. Thank You to all the Year 6 leadership team for helping to run the morning and to all of you the parents for your continuous support.



Aspirational School Cook

Lydia, our school cook, has been awarded for her cooking skills. Last week she travelled to London and competed with a large number of other school cooks. She had to make a savoury and sweet dish, which were rated on presentation, taste and texture. As you can see Lydia has made Taylor Shaw and Thorn Grove proud and was awarded 2nd place!

Well done Lydia!



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Miss Haslam and Mrs Yates Visit to Woodford Primary School

Last week, Mrs Yates and I were invited for a visit around Woodford Primary School, another local school who are a dedicated part of the Laurus trust. We had a great time being welcomed into the Laurus team through making connections with their EYFS staff and learning all about their Early Years provision. It was lovely to be able to share with one another and hear all about the wonderful opportunities being a part of the Laurus trust can offer us. We are looking forward to working together closely in the future.



Team Carle at Forest School Session

This week, our youngest learners enjoyed the first of three Forest School sessions, and what a fantastic start it was! This marks the very first time that Nursery-aged children have been able to take part in Forest School at Thorn Grove, thanks to Mrs Bland's hard work and dedication in making sure every year group has had the opportunity to experience these exciting outdoor sessions this year.

At just 3 and 4 years old, the children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, confidence and huge smiles.

You would never have guessed it was their first time! They listened carefully to Mrs Bland's instructions, remembered (almost!) all of the Forest School rules, and demonstrated many of our school values.

Resilience and Confidence were on full display as the children challenged themselves climbing trees, while Collaboration shone through as they supported and encouraged one another on the tyre swing. Responsibility was also evident, with children eagerly collecting rubbish not only during the organised litter-pick but throughout the afternoon as they explored and played.

Mrs Bland would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers across the school for ensuring children have arrived at Forest School sessions this year with suitable clothing and footwear, whatever the weather. A very special thank you also goes to all of the parents and family members who have generously volunteered their time to support the sessions throughout the year. Your help has been invaluable, and these wonderful Forest School experiences would not have been possible without you.



Year 5 Class Assembly

On Tuesday, Team Raúf hosted a fantastic, interactive class assembly! Breaking away from tradition, the pupils presented their learning in a vibrant "convention style" with various stations. This allowed parents and carers to walk around, engage directly with the children, and see firsthand all the incredible work they've been doing. The children did absolutely incredibly, presenting their knowledge with confidence, enthusiasm, and pride. I am so, so proud of every single one of them! It has been an absolute pleasure to watch them grow, learn, and mature throughout this year.

Thank you so much to all the parents, carers, and family members who came along to support us and celebrate the children's achievements!

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ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS—STEP-BY-STEP GUIDES FOR POPULAR DEVICES.

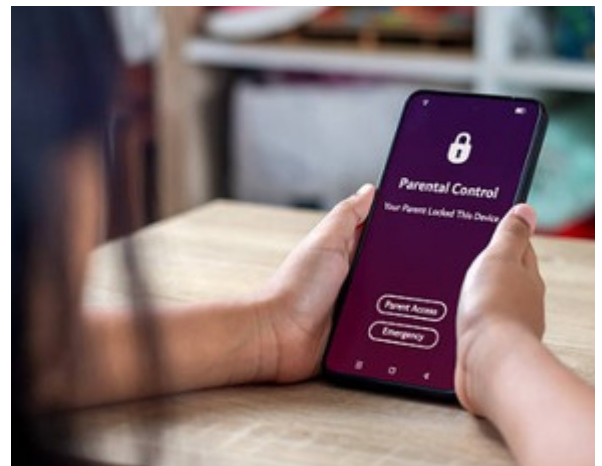
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PARENTAL CONTROLS

In the previous newsletters, we've highlighted benefits of parental controls, how to use them effectively, and the important role they play in managing your child's online access.

Children naturally want to explore the internet, but it's important to set appropriate limits on the content they can access, and only you, as a parent, know what you want your child accessing.

Parental controls are fully customisable to suit your family's needs.



STEP-BY-STEP PARENTAL CONTROL GUIDES FOR POPULAR DEVICES

[PLAYSTATION 5](#)



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Remember: Parental controls are most effective when combined with open conversations about online safety and responsible internet use.