

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026



Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of Thorn Grove Gazette. This week the Academy Conversion report has been finalised and shared with Governors. This has taken into account feedback from the survey, the staff information evening and the parental information evening. The report can now be found on the Academisation page of our website. The Department of Education is approving the conversion and as soon as we have a timescale I will write to inform you.

Have a great weekend! It's coming home!!

Miss Vose

Key Dates

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

Mon 20th July - Reports Out

Tue 21st July - EYFS Stay & Play

Wed 22nd July - Year 6 Water Fight

Fri 24th July - School Closes for Summer

Tue 1st Sept - INSET Day

Star of the week



Assembly of the week - Transition

This week's assembly was an opportunity to talk about new class day last week. The children were very keen to teach me the BSL signs for their Continent. Next year each class will be named after a continent, which will hopefully compliment the whole school curriculum development of Geography.

Nursery and Reception - Europe

Year 1 - Asia

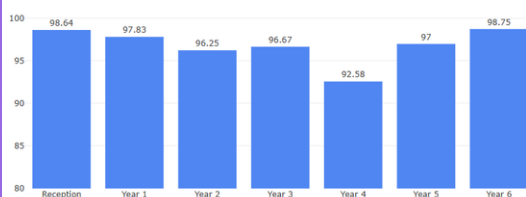
Year 2 - Antartica

Year 3 - Africa

Year 4 - South America

Year 5 - Australiasia

Year 6- South America



Weekly Attendance

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School Grounds Safety Reminder

As part of our new school build project, there have been some temporary changes to access and movement around the school grounds. These changes mean that entry and exit areas are currently busier than usual. To help keep everyone safe, we ask that all students dismount their bikes and scooters as soon as they enter the school grounds and walk them until they leave the site. We also ask everyone to move carefully and be mindful of younger children and other families during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation while these temporary arrangements are in place.

Year 5 & Year 6 Rounders Tournament

A huge well done to our fantastic Year 5 and 6 pupils who travelled to Cheadle Hulme High School recently for an exciting rounders tournament.

Everyone involved had an absolute blast! It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, but even more impressive was the incredible sportsmanship on display. Our players cheered each other on, respected the umpires, and represented our school brilliantly.

We would like to extend a massive thank you to our lovely parent helpers, as well as Cheadle Hulme High School and all of their wonderful helpers for organizing, refereeing, and running such a smooth and enjoyable morning.



KS1 Sports Day

KS1 Sports Day was a roaring success and luckily the rain held off. All the children showed great resilience and support for the races. The water relay was a particular favourite, even if some of us got a little wet!

Thank you to all the grown ups for joining in the carousel activities too. It was lovely to see you all having so much fun.



Mrs Bodley's Gorsey Bank Visit

This week, I was lucky enough to visit Gorsey Bank, another school in the Laurus Trust. This gave me valuable insight into how the organisation works in practice. I was able to see the day-to-day workings of the school, including routines, learning spaces and the positive atmosphere that supports pupils' progress and wellbeing. The friendly staff explained what it means to be a part of the trust and how shared values help create consistency across schools. The visit also highlighted how we will be able to collaborate more closely, share effective practice and learn from one another to strengthen teaching and learning across our schools. I am looking forward to working with them, and others in the trust, in future.



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Dr Louise Dennis - Computer Science Specialist

On Tuesday, KS2 were visited by Dr Louise Dennis, a computer science specialist, from the University of Manchester. She delivered an assembly all about autonomous robots and where people might use them- driverless cars or robot arms for machinery building. James from Year 5 linked his learning to our Computing work- "The robots would be programmed just like we do with Scratch". Year 3 were lucky to have a go at programming Mars Rover robots made of Lego with her afterwards.



Year 5 Bikeability

Our Year 5 pupils have had a fantastic time kicking off their Bikeability cycle training this week! The children have shown wonderful focus and determination as they worked with the instructors to develop their cycling skills and road safety awareness.

A huge congratulations to our first group of cyclists, who successfully completed all of their training sessions this week! They worked incredibly hard and built up brilliant confidence.

The excitement continues next week as our second group takes to their saddles to complete their training.



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