

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Happy Friday and welcome back!

We are absolutely delighted to have welcomed your children back to school this week. It has been wonderful to see the classrooms and playgrounds filled with energy again. The children have settled back into school routines remarkably well and are already enjoying getting to know their new teachers, exploring their new learning spaces, and catching up with friends.

Thank you for your support in getting everyone ready for a fantastic start to the term. We look forward to a brilliant year ahead together!

Have a great weekend,
Miss Charlotte Brierley

Key Dates

Wed 9th Sept - Flu Vaccinations

Mon 14th Sept - Y6 Forest Schools Day

Mon 14th Sept - Front Row Music Assembly

Wed 23rd Sept - EYFS Dental Visit

Thu 24th Sept - Y6 NCMP Screening

Mon 5th Oct - Y3 Forest Schools Day

Tue 6th Oct - UKS2 Librarian Training

Wed 7th Oct - Parents Evening 1

Welcome back!



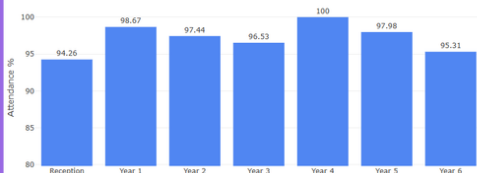
Collaboration

Assembly Focus

Stronger Together:

The Power of Connection and Collaboration

In our first assembly we discussed and demonstrated that true collaboration goes beyond simply working side by side. It is the strength of the connections between team members - our communication, empathy, and trust - that allows us to support one another through challenges and succeed together as a school community.



Weekly Attendance

Together we nurture curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.

Exciting News: Our School Rebuild is Taking Shape!

If you've taken a look over the fence recently, you'll have seen some significant changes happening on site! We are thrilled to share that two huge milestones are now complete: the foundations and drainage are finished, and the entire steel framework is officially up. You can really start to see the shape of our fantastic new school.

What's Coming Next?

In the next phase, the building team will be laying the concrete slabs for the floors and the roof. Once the roof slab is safely set, every class will get a very special turn to go on-site and sign their names on the steel structure! It's a wonderful chance for the children to leave a lasting mark on our new school.

Looking Ahead

After the steel signing, the team will begin working on the building's 'envelope' - adding the walls, windows, and roof coverings to make it completely watertight. This phase will take us through to March, keeping everything right on track for our exciting new chapter.

Thank you to all our pupils, parents, and neighbours for your patience and support as our dream school becomes a reality.



Soul Choirs



SOUL CHOIRS
ARE COMING TO
CHEADLE HULME

Try a **FREE Singing Workshop!**
📅 **Saturday 5th September 2026**
Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church | 3-4pm
No experience needed – just bring your voice!
All welcome (kids too!)

Cheadle Hulme Mondays
THORN GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL | 7:30-9pm
from 7th September 2026
NO experience or audition needed – 18+

Pre-register now and get 50% off our first term!

📄 <https://www.soulchoirs.com/choirs/cheadle-hulme-mondays> (or scan code)



Boss the School Run

Why not cycle, walk or wheel to school? Come on, it's much more fun!

Make on foot and by bike travel part of your routine for the school run. You'll be surprised at how good it will make everyone feel.

www.beeactive.tfgm.com/the-school-run

Free School Meal Changes

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

What's changed from September 2026



TARGETED free school meals

Your family gets Universal Credit

Your family's yearly income is **£7,400 or less**, excluding benefits

- ✓ Free school meals
- ✓ Funded holiday activities and food

EXPANDED free school meals

Your family gets Universal Credit

- ✓ Free school meals only

UNIVERSAL INFANT free school meals

Your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

- ✓ Free school meals only

Think your child is eligible for targeted or expanded free school meals?

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