

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Happy Friday

What a fantastic week. The children have truly settled into their daily routines and are eagerly diving into their new, exciting units of learning. We are also thrilled to announce our newly appointed pupil leaders for the year. A huge congratulations to our: Year 6 Leadership Team, House Captains, Librarians, History Ambassadors, Language Ambassadors, Digital Leaders and School Council Representatives.

Every child who applied demonstrated immense confidence, pride, and responsibility throughout the selection process. We are so proud of their enthusiasm and look forward to seeing them shine as they carry out their important duties across the school.

Have a great weekend,
Miss Charlotte Brierley

Key Dates

- 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
- Thurs 8th Oct - Parents Evening 2

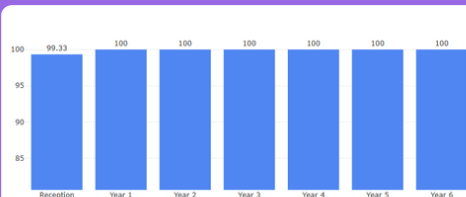
Star of the Week



Assembly Focus

In this week's assembly, we explored the essential skills historians use to investigate, question, and analyse the past.

Throughout the year, we will actively build and refine these skills as we deepen our historical knowledge and engage in thoughtful discussions.



Weekly Attendance

Together we nurture curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.

Developing British Sign Language (BSL) within Our School Community!

We are thrilled to announce a wonderful new initiative aimed at developing the use of British Sign Language (BSL) across our wider school community.

Our school is proud to have deaf, bimodal bilingual pupils on roll as part of our sign bilingual resource provision, alongside a wider cohort of deaf children throughout the school. BSL is a vibrant language and an integral part of Deaf culture. Bringing BSL into everyday school life is a meaningful and vital step toward building a truly inclusive, empathetic, and communicative environment for everyone.

To make this accessible and engaging, our initiative will include:

- Weekly BSL Story Time: Short, fun sessions held at the end of the school day.
- Half-Termly BSL Lessons: Structured lessons once per half term, using specialised resources and lesson plans from 'School of Signs'.

These sessions will be delivered by the Thorn Grove Teaching Team and the Hearing and Vision Specialist Service Deaf Base Team. The content will be tailored across the school to ensure it is delivered in age-appropriate ways for every year group and key stage.

Why is this initiative so valuable for our pupils?

- Promotes Inclusion: Ensures our deaf pupils feel fully included and accessible in all areas of school life.
- Builds Connections: Enhances direct communication between hearing and deaf pupils and staff.
- Fosters Empathy: Cultivates respect, awareness, and appreciation for diversity.
- Expands Learning: Strengthens overall language skills by introducing multimodal communication.

We are incredibly excited to see our pupils grow in confidence as they pick up BSL signs, and we look forward to sharing their progress with you throughout the year!



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Thorn Grove DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads)

At Thorn Grove, the health, safety, and well-being of every child come first. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are the key members of staff who oversee child protection and ensures our school remains a safe, supportive environment for all pupils.

Key Responsibilities of the DSL:

- **Main Point of Contact:** Acting as the primary person for staff, parents, and external agencies to report any concerns regarding a child's safety or well-being.
- **Supporting Families:** Working directly with parents and carers to offer early support, advice, or connections to external support services when family challenges arise.
- **Staff Training:** Ensuring all teachers and school staff receive up-to-date training to recognize signs of harm, abuse, or neglect.
- **Multi-Agency Coordination:** Partnering with health professionals, social care services, and local support teams whenever additional help is needed to keep a child safe.
- **Promoting a Safe Culture:** Maintaining robust school policies on safeguarding, online safety, and anti-bullying.

At Thorn Grove, our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:



Laura Vose



Charlotte Brierley



Michelle Wright



Caitlin Webster-Decaux



Berni Bryant

Welcoming Miss Victoria Broadhurst - Our new School Secretary



Hello! My name is Victoria, I am delighted to be joining Thorn Grove Primary School & look forward to meeting you all over the course of the year. I thought I would share a little about myself. Outside of work, I have a passion for photography & enjoy going on walks. I love to travel and try new experiences. Having studied Ancient History & Archaeology, I particularly enjoy visiting historical sites and museums. I'm always keen to discover somewhere new and learn a bit about its history along the way!