

THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026



Happy Friday!

Another purposeful week unfolded across the school, bursting with creativity and hands-on discovery. Year 6 pupils immersed themselves in crafting rich, imaginative narratives, while Year 5 turned scientist, designing and testing their own parachutes. Down in early years, Reception lost themselves in the joyful beats of Rhythm Time, and our youngest sidekicks eagerly prepped for an upcoming superhero party. Tying it all together, a special shout-out goes to the leadership team, whose steadfast lunchtime support kept the KS1 lunches flowing calmly and smoothly.

Have a great weekend, Miss Charlotte Brierley

Key Dates

Mon 5th Oct - Y3 Forest Schools Day

Tue 6th Oct - UKS2 Librarian Training

Wed 7th Oct - KS2 Steve Webb Author Visit

Wed 7th Oct - Parents Evening 1

Thurs 8th Oct - Parents Evening 2

Mon 19th Oct - Y4 Forest Schools Day

Wed 21st Oct - Individual School Photos

Star of the Week



Assembly Focus

This week, we were delighted to welcome Bible Encounters for a special assembly focused on the power of forgiveness. Through engaging storytelling, the pupils explored how everyone makes mistakes and how valuable it is to learn from them.

The story provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our school value of **empathy** - helping us put ourselves in others' shoes to understand how they feel. We reflected on what it means to show genuine forgiveness to those around us and how freeing it is to be forgiven in return.



Weekly Attendance

Together we nurture curious, respectful, aspirational individuals.

Upper Key Stage 2: Digital Leaders

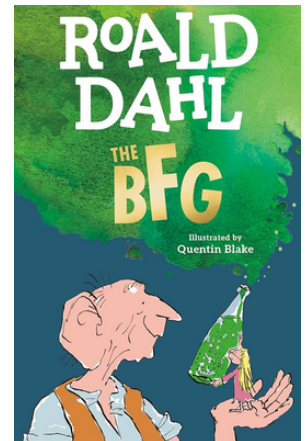
Our Year 6 Digital Leaders this year are James , Ava and Tia. They will work closely with Mr Cotterill and Miss Brierley through the year on things like our school's Acceptable Use Policy, supporting all children with how to stay safe online and more.

They have already made a fantastic start by supporting children in Robotics Club after school and by helping Mr Cotterill to create a new poster to display our Acceptable Use Policy in a way that is easy for all learners to understand. Keep up the great work!



Weekly Librarian Reads

This was a great book to read and I would highly recommend this. I read this to my mum and we both had the same favourite bit when the BFG went to London and met a very special person... I won't spoil this but it's fun for everyone. As a character the BFG is the best, he has everything, he's funny, caring and protective of the other main character Sophie. This book shows our Thorn Grove values of equality and collaboration. No matter how big or small the differences are, you can still work together (pun intended) - Madison & Noah, Y5 Librarians



Thorn Grove Languages Challenge! Autumn Term

We would love to find out more about either the language that you speak or hear at home OR a language that you would like to know more about (it could be a language spoken in a country that you may have visited, or maybe French that we learn in KS2). Choose the challenges that you would like to do or you could even create a fact sheet to share with your class about your chosen language!

How do you say 'Hello!' and 'Goodbye!'?



Learn 10 words in the language!

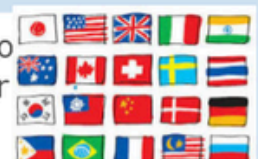
Could you learn a song in the language?



Can you count to 10? Or even 100?



Make a flag for the country (or of the countries) that speak your language.



If you have ever travelled or lived in the country and have a photo of yourself there, maybe you would like to send it in for your class to see.



So that we can share about each others languages in class, we would love you to bring any work into school, or to share pictures / work or even videos onto your google classroom.