THORN GROVE GAZETTE

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

Happy Friday!

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful and fun half-term break.
A huge thank you to all who contributed to our recycled clothes drive - your generous donations will make a real difference to families in our community. The children have returned refreshed and have settled back into their school routines wonderfully as we dive into some exciting new learning units. We have a busy, action-packed term ahead filled with brilliant events and opportunities, and we can't wait to share it all with you.

Next Friday (13.11.26) is our first non-uniform day in preparation for the Christmas Fair - chocolate donations please.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Charlotte Brierley

Key Dates

Mon 9th Nov - Y5 Forest Schools Day

Fri 13th Nov - Non-Uniform Day: Chocolate Donations

Wed 16th Nov - Odd Socks Day

Tue 17th Nov - Y6 Whitworth Art Gallery Trip

Fri 20th Nov - Non-Uniform Day: Hamper Item Drop

Fri 27th Nov - Non-Uniform Day: Bottle Donations

Fri 4th Dec - Non-Uniform Day: Cake/Baked Goods Donations

Fri 4th Dec - Christmas Fair 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Value Champions



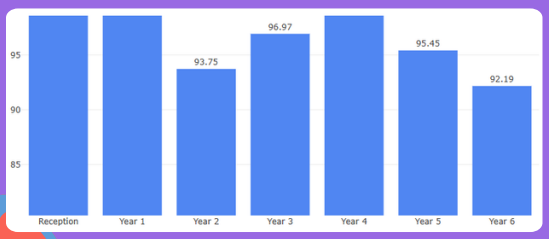
Assembly Focus

This Week's Assembly: Taking the Wheel

In assembly this week, we launched our new school value: **Responsibility**. We encouraged the children to think of themselves as the drivers of their own cars - in complete control of their decisions and directing the path of their own journey. We also reflected on how our daily choices create a ripple effect, showing how taking personal responsibility positively impacts those all around us.

How to continue the conversation at home:
Ask your child where their "car" is heading this week and what choices will help them get there.
Discuss the "ripple effect" of small positive actions, both at school and at home.

Weekly Attendance



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Recycle 4 Schools Collection

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our collection! **Collaboration** in action. Your generous donations make a real difference - not only by supporting our wider community and encouraging sustainability, but also by directly funding vital teaching and learning resources for our children. We truly appreciate your support!







Stockport County Midweek Match Opportunity

Stockport County will host Tranmere Rovers at Edgeley Park on Tuesday 10th November, 7pm kick-off, with tickets available from just £10 for adults and £5 for children. Tickets available here.

Alternatively, you can contact the Ticket Office on 0161 266 2700 or email tickets@stockportcounty.com



Top Spin Tennis Academy

Spaces still available for Y2-5 Top Spin Tennis running afterschool on Mondays 9th November - 14th December.
See details on how to book below.



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Voluntary Contribution Towards Our Contract With Cheshire Library Service

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Thorn Grove Primary School, we are committed to nurturing a love of reading in all our children, from Nursery to Year 6. Reading is at the heart of learning, and we strive to ensure that every child becomes a fluent, expressive reader who is inspired by a wide variety of books and resources.

One of the ways we achieve this is through our partnership with Cheshire Library Service, which provides access to thousands of fiction and non-fiction books, artefacts, and classroom resources. This invaluable service helps us engage children with diverse and exciting resources that support their learning across the curriculum. The books enable us to keep our classroom libraries current and our main library exciting and attractive. These books are allowed to be taken home to be enjoyed at home too.

We also benefit from an annual visit from the 'Book Bus' , where our children get to choose up to 30 books for each classroom to keep forever. The children love this opportunity and take the selecting very seriously. The artefacts we order allow children to have a hands-on experience with real life objects often generating a great many questions and thoughts.
However, like many schools, we are facing increasing financial challenges. The rising costs of educational resources mean that continuing our subscription to this service is becoming more difficult to sustain. To ensure that our children continue to benefit from this fantastic resource, we are asking parents and carers for a voluntary contribution towards our contract with Cheshire Library Service.

It costs approximately £15 a child each year to benefit from this service, however any amount you can give, no matter how small, will help us maintain access to this vital service and continue to inspire our young readers. If you wish to make a donation this is available on Compass, feel free to adjust the amount to your chosen donation. We have set this as a rolling contribution so you can make payments as & when suits.

We truly appreciate your support in helping us keep our library resources rich and engaging for all our children. Thank you for your generosity and for being part of our shared commitment to fostering a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you in advance,

Miss Brierley
Associate Headteacher







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