

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and productive term, we would like to say a huge well done to all the children for their hard work, enthusiasm, and resilience. They have achieved so much, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Also, thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parent Conferences. Your support makes a real difference. If you were unable to attend, please do get in touch to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher at a time that suits you.

A special reminder to our Year 6 families: SATs are approaching, and we encourage pupils to continue revising over the Easter break to ensure they feel confident and prepared.

School will reopen on Monday 13th April. The gates will open at 08:25, as normal.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing break, and Happy Easter to those who are celebrating.

Attendance

Please see below the class-by-class attendance break down for the week 16.03.26 to 20.03.26 (last week). There were no classes achieving 95%+ but well done 4-Lewis for the best attendance of the week.

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)
1 Grey	82.8%
1 Murphy	84.3%
2 Blake	84.0%
2 Rosen	84.5%
3 Cowell	85.2%
3 Rowling	79.6%
4 Lewis	86.3%
4 Morpurgo	82.5%
5 Dahl	83.3%
5 Strong	81.1%
5 Walliams	82.9%
6 Blackman	80.3%
6 Ibbotson	83.3%
Nursery	63.5%
R Carle	84.0%
R Donaldson	82.3%

Attendance Prize Draw Winners

Each week, any child who achieves 100% attendance for that week will have their name entered into a draw. This resets at the end of each week, so children have multiple opportunities to achieve this. At the end of each half term, we will pull one name from each year group, and those lucky winners will receive a special reward. This time they had the opportunity to have a special ice-cream treat with Mr Parkhouse. Well done to the winners and to all children who are achieving 100% attendance each weeks.

R Carle - Mikael Tareen
1 Murphy - Mohammed Raahim
2 Blake - Vakaris Ramanauskas
3 Rowling - Hania Amique
4 Lewis - Abdul Raheem
5 Strong - Haya Farooq
6 Ibbotson - Shanefa Khirud



Headteacher Awards

This week, we held our termly Headteacher's Award Assembly. This was a special occasion to celebrate children who consistently demonstrate our core values of being Ready, Respectful, and Safe.

Two children from each class, who have shown outstanding effort and commitment to these values, were chosen. It is always a joy to recognise pupils who work hard every day and contribute so positively to our school community. Well done to all our award winners - you should be very proud of yourselves.



Thorpe Friends

Thorpe Friends enjoyed a party with Mrs Jeremaes and Miss Greaves this week to celebrate all their hard work this year in welcoming new children to Thorpe Primary Academy. Mrs Creswell made cakes for the party and Mrs Mastrocristino helped the children to ice their own cakes before enjoying them. During the party children played lots of games including 'musical statues' and 'hot potato'. These children have been Thorpe Friends since January 2025 and have welcomed several children to the Academy. Every week they meet, during their lunchtime, interviewing new arrivals and creating profiles to welcome the new children. The party was held to say thank you for all of their hard work!



Peer Mediators

We are excited to welcome new peer mediators from Years 3 and 5 to our school leadership community. Peer mediation is a positive process in which children and young people are trained to help their peers resolve conflicts in a constructive, calm, and neutral way. It involves two peer mediators guiding others through a series of agreed mediation steps to find solutions together. Peer mediation can be used with children of all ages and supports the resolution of common issues such as playground disagreements, rumour-spreading, and different forms of bullying, helping to build a more respectful and supportive school environment.



Easter & Eid Lunches

This week, we were delighted to celebrate both Eid and Easter with special themed lunches for the children. It was a lovely opportunity to recognise and enjoy the different celebrations happening within our school community



Class Assemblies Summer Term

Please see the timetable below for the Summer Term. They start at 2.50pm and finish at 3.10pm on the designated day (always a Thursday). If you can make it, please come along.

Date	Classes
Thursday 7 th May	Year 2
Thursday 21 st May	Year 1
Thursday 4 th June	Year 6
Thursday 18 th June	5 Dahl & 5 Strong
Thursday 25 th June	Year 4
Thursday 9 th July	Reception

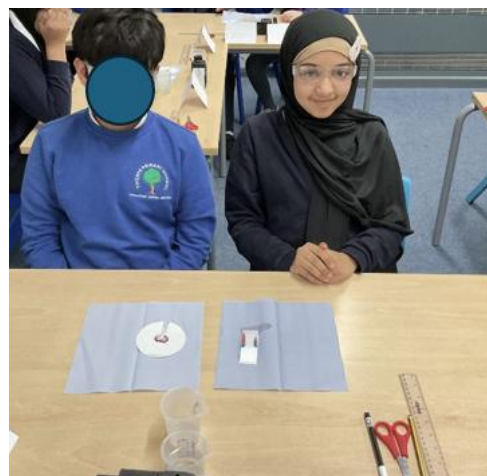
Supporting Our Children

We are very proud to share that Ms Neville, Ms Mozejko, Ms Cobbin, and Ms Vincent have all successfully completed their Level 2 Makaton training. This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful addition to the communication support we offer in school. Their new skills will help us further enhance how we communicate with children who benefit from visual, verbal, and sign-supported language.



Learning Spotlight

Year 6 had an incredible time diving into the world of light through a series of hands-on experiments, exploring how light travels, reflects and refracts. They had the opportunity to observe a fascinating sheep eye dissection demonstration, which gave them a deeper understanding of how we see. It was a memorable experience that sparked lots of thoughtful questions and lively discussion.



Year 4 and 5 children attended some workshops from CND Peace Education, which explored peer pressure and how children can be influenced by others, and how to stand up to it.



Reception walked to St Andrew's Church where they were warmly welcomed by Reverend Clare and some of the church elders. The children impressed Reverend Clare with their knowledge of the Easter story and together they discussed Easter symbolising new life. The children were then able to look around the church and the Elders answered their questions about features such as the baptismal font and the organ. The teachers and supporting adults were extremely proud of the children's behaviour throughout the trip and were impressed with their high levels of interest and the inquisitive questions they were asking.



The children in Potter room gained their Ruby Robin Award and badge by learning more about song birds in the UK and helping them through the winter.



Key Dates Coming Up:

Date	Event
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school at the usual time.
Monday 20 th April	Clubs start.
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SATs exams.
Wednesday 20 th May	Height and weight checks for reception and year 6 classes.
Monday 25 th May	Half Term.

Parent Shout Outs

If your child's teacher or another member of staff has gone above and beyond, I would love to hear from you. Please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/6r5w1yxP8F>

Have a wonderful two weeks and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13th April.

Mr J Parkhouse
Headteacher