

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week. You may have heard the news that I will be leaving Thorpe at the end of the academic year. I am incredibly proud to have contributed to the success of Thorpe this year. The school is a happy, calm and positive place for both children and staff, and the team has worked extremely hard to ensure that the school operates so effectively. As soon as I receive more information about my successor, I will share this with you. In the meantime, please be assured that I will continue to lead the school with the same commitment right through to August, ensuring a thorough and effective handover so that the school can continue to build on its success in September.

Please remember to check the key dates listed at the bottom of this newsletter in the 'reminders' section and make sure they are noted in your diaries. A small number of changes have been made this week, so do take a moment to double-check any dates that are relevant to you or your child. Some key dates added are:

<b>Event</b>	<b>When</b>
Sports Days	Tuesday 23rd June 09.20 to 12.15: Years 4, 5 and 6. Thursday 25th June 09.20 to 12.15: Years 1, 2 and 3. Thursday 25th June 13.30 – 15.00: Nursery & Reception.
School Disco	Tuesday 14th July Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 17.00 – 17.45 Year 3 - 6: 18.00 – 18.45 Year 6 stay for pizza: 18.45 – 19.15
Year 6 Events	Year 6 End of Year Parent Showcase: Wednesday 15th July 14.00. Year 6 Parent & Teacher 'Clap Out': Friday 17th July 13.15.

## Attendance

Please see below the class-by-class attendance break down for the week 13.04.26 to 17.04.26 (last week). Well done to 4 Lewis for the best attendance that week!

<b>Registration Form</b>	<b>Present R/C: Marks (%)</b>
1 Grey	92.8%
1 Murphy	91.7%
2 Blake	92.3%
2 Rosen	91.4%
3 Cowell	88.2%
3 Rowling	93.9%
4 Lewis	99.3%
4 Morpurgo	93.8%
5 Dahl	88.3%
5 Strong	83.3%

5 Walliams	88.4%
6 Blackman	94.7%
6 Ibbotson	95.3%
Nursery 1	53.8%
Nursery 2	77.2%
R Carle	90.4%
R Donaldson	96.9%

### Learning Spotlight

Before Easter, Year 5 went to Ferry Meadows. They spent half the day completing a study of the river, including measuring the flow and speed of it. They also looked at land usage and plant life. The other half of the day was looking at what lives in the river and then identifying the creatures.



As part of the cooking curriculum, Year 3 learned how to prepare and make sandwiches.



Nursery have been learning about shortest and tallest, ordering and counting to 5. As part of their topic, 'Jasper's Beanstalk', they have also been growing beanstalks.



## New Outdoor Sensory Play Area

You may have noticed our new outdoor sensory play area. We are in the process of adding equipment, but already it is having such a positive effect on our pupils who access our Potter Room – ensuring calm, purposeful play to support their learning and needs.



## Reminders

### Key Dates Coming Up:

Date	Event
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	3 Rowling swimming sessions begin.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	2.50pm: Year 2 class assembly.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 trip to Woburn Safari.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs exams.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception trip to Hamerton Zoo.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Height and weight checks for reception and year 6 classes.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	2.50pm: Year 1 class assembly.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Final day of school before half term.

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closed for a training day.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term – school closed.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children return to school.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	2.50pm: Year 6 class assembly.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 and 2 Phonics Screening Checks.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos are taken.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	‘Eat Like A Footballer’ week (World Cup week).
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	5pm: New (September 2026 start) reception parents induction evening.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	3 C swimming session begin.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	2.50pm: Year 5 Strong & Dahl class assembly.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform day: Dress in the clothes that represent the country you are supporting in the World Cup.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	09.20 – 12.15: Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential trip to Boughton Woods.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	09.20– 12.15: Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day. 13.30 – 15.00: Nursery & Reception Sports Day.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	2.50pm: Year 4 class assembly.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Fenland Adventure camping experience.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 transition day to Jack Hunt. Meet your new class teacher day (Move up day). Reception ‘stay and plays’.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports to be sent home.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	2.50pm: Reception class assembly.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents’ Open Evening.
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	School disco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 17.00 – 17.45</li> <li>• Year 3 - 6: 18.00 – 18.45</li> <li>• Year 6 stay for pizza: 18.45 – 19.15</li> </ul>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	14.00: Year 6 End of Year Parent Showcase.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School finishes at 13.00 for all children in nursery – Year 5 (Year 6 finish at 13.15).
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	13.15: Year 6 Parent & Teacher ‘Clap Out’.

### 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 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 1
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	5 Dahl & 5 Strong
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception

### **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 weekend and see you on Monday.

Mr J Parkhouse  
Headteacher