

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and have had a lovely week. School has been buzzing with a range of sporting events and drama activities recently - please see the information below for all the highlights. You should also have received your child's mid-year attendance report, which provides an update on their current attendance to date. At Thorpe, we consider good attendance to be 95% or above, and we appreciate your support in helping us maintain and improve attendance across the school. Don't forget that Friday 13th is a non-uniform day (see the previous comms around Children's Mental Health Week).

Attendance

Please see below the class-by-class attendance break down for the week 26.01.26 to 30.01.26 (last week). Highlighted are all of the classes that have achieved 95% or more during that week. Well done 4-Lewis – top once again (that's three weeks in a row)!

1 Grey	94.7%
1 Murphy	93.7%
2 Blake	94.5%
2 Rosen	91.8%
3 Cowell	95.4%
3 Rowling	94.1%
4 Lewis	98.7%
4 Morpurgo	95.9%
5 Dahl	97.4%
5 Strong	90.9%
5 Walliams	91.7%
6 Blackman	95.0%
6 Ibbotson	95.7%
Nursery	80.0%
R Carle	88.4%
R Donaldson	98.4%

Girls Football Event



Our girls football team took part in an inter-academy event with other Peterborough schools. They played really well, though unfortunately are yet to secure a win. They showed great determination and effort and really enjoyed themselves. The scores were:

Thorpe 1-2 Longthorpe
 Thorpe 0-1 Nova
 Thorpe 0-2 Discovery

Good effort girls – onwards and upwards!

House Cross Country Event



Last week, children ran in a ‘Cross Country’ competition, with the Thorpe houses going head-to-head. In this competition, the position the children finished the race in was how many points they received (so the house with the fewest points wins). The results were as follows:

1st: Silver Birch - 81 points
 2nd: Holly - 85 points
 3rd: Horse Chestnut - 87 points
 4th: Willow - 105 points

The top 3 children for each race are as follows – well done everyone!

Year 3 / 4 girls	Year 3 / 4 boys	Year 5 / 6 girls	Year 5 / 6 boys
Kateryna	Micah	Enas	Benas
Taylee	Abdullah	Sheerij	Osman
Haniya	Jalil	Anaya (yr 6)	Aydin

Eid Card Competition

Andrew Pakes MP is running an Eid card design competition for children across the city. The winning artwork will be printed on the front of his official Eid card, and four runners-up will have their designs featured on the back. The MP will also personally write to the overall winner.

Children who would like to take part should complete their Eid card design sheet and bring it back into school by Friday 13th February. Once all entries are returned, they will be collected from the school office.

If your child is interested, they should complete the Eid design sheet that was sent home this week.

Work Spotlight – Year 6 and Year 2

For the last few weeks Year 6 have had the privilege of working with Jason from the Small Nose Theatre company. They have been looking at the story of a World War Two survivor. The children explored her life story and put themselves in her shoes through drama activities. They were able to collaborate in small groups and create thought-provoking still images of pivotal moments. This led them to exploring the thoughts and feelings of being in a new situation and how to overcome fears and unknown circumstances.



In year 2, the children have been publishing their stories this week. Look at the progress of their handwriting – great job everyone.

Friday 30th January 2026 - Friday 6th February 2026
 Lo: To publish my narrative

A long time ago there lived a dragon in a unit cave there was no one there so the dragon was miserable. People were taking pictures and running away. He had mysterious fangs, fiery tail and fiery ears. Blaze the dragon was thoughtful, willing and a friendly dragon.

In the distance there lived blaze. The dragon ^{was} in a full of volcanic. One day the volcanic erupted and he swam in it.

Prayaan

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A long time ago, there was a dragon called Super and Super was helpful. Many years ago Super lived in a very dangerous cave in a land. There was a castle then he knocked the castle down. Super had sharp claws so he could gobble the mouse. Super felt really happy and kind because he had friends called Miss Asker.

In a land called the UK there was a dragon called Super. Super flew to the kingdom. Super was skillful, handsome and powerful.

Aldrin

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In a land, there was a dragon called Army and he wasn't there just to look pretty. He was there to improve people. He looked so elderly and sluggish but he still used to play with people children and it was very good because he was very talented at games. Army felt so cheerful that his family even got cheerful because he ~~got~~ ^{was} very cheerful. Friends so every day he played with them and he also ate with his friends. But, one day, he got very enraged that he even killed his friends.

A century ago there lived a dragon called Army and he was

So gloomy that people even got soaked. Also he didn't go there for long he just flew through the clouds because he was annoyed. He flew to a very bad forest and he met a mirror.

Vakaris

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A long time ago, there lived a mighty, powerful dragon, but his enemy attacked the dragon and the dragon was dead. What amazing monstrous sharp teeth the dragon had! A long time ago, there lived a very mighty dragon. He started from his deep cave and flew to the beautiful rainforest. The next day, the dragon heard an intimidating voice as then he got scared. The dragon glided above the beautiful and soft clouds and then he appeared in a human land and then he saw his his graceful friend. The dragon got wild when he got inside his friend's house.

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A long time ago, lived a dangerous, scary and a deadly dragon. A long time ago, lived a powerful dragon who mocked people because he was scared of a go, spooky man. One bright morning Emily lived in a poisonous hole, in a mountain and a beautiful cave. A long time ago, Emily was in a mountain and she was in a steady, dangerous and a dark cave.

Key Dates Coming Up:

Date	Event
Tuesday 10th February	09.00: Year 1 Phonics Parent Talk 14.15: Safer Internet Day Parent Café
Thursday 12th February	Reception Chinese New Year Parade 14.50: Year 2 class assembly
Friday 13th February	Non-Uniform Day – Clothes they feel comfortable in Last day of the half term (finish at 14.30 as usual).
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school from the half term break
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – children dressing up as a book character 14.50: Year 5 class assembly (5 Walliams & 5 Strong)

Reminders:

Parent Evenings

The dates for the next parent evenings this term have been confirmed and will take place on **Tuesday 24th** and **Wednesday 25th March** between **3.40pm and 6.30pm**. More information will come soon, but I wanted to ensure you had the dates in good time.

Spring Term Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will begin again soon. Please see the timetable below for the Spring Term. They start at 2.50pm and finish at 3.15pm on the designated day (always a Thursday). If you can make it, please come along.

Thursday 12th February	Year 2 (both classes)
Thursday 5th March	Year 5 (5 Walliams & 5 Strong)
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 (both classes)

Safer Internet Day – Parent Workshop

This term we are excited to hold a parent workshop linked to the importance of online safety. We will explore how parents can protect children online, the different parental settings on devices and give tips and tricks. This will be held on **Tuesday 10th February between 2:15pm and 3:15pm**. Please fill in the form to register your place: [Safer internet day - Parent Cafe](#)

Year 1 Phonics – Parent Workshop

We would like to invite you to a Year 1 parent workshop to share information with you about phonics and early reading. Please join us to find out how you can support your child at home and prepare them for the Phonics Screening Check which is coming up in June 2026 for all Year 1 children. This will take place on **Tuesday 10th February at 9am** in the large hall (go through the carpark to the gates on the right-hand side). In the session, we will give you more information about the Phonics Screening Check as well as modelling how we teach phonics in Year 1 live. No need to register, please turn up on the day.

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,

Mr J Parkhouse
Headteacher