

Reception Induction Meeting

June 2025



THORPE
PRIMARY ACADEMY

One Community, Growing Together



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TRUST

Welcome to Thorpe Primary Academy!

- Opened 6th September 1965
- Nursery on site offering full time and part time places
- Rich mixture of ethnicity and culture
- Attracts children from a wide area
- Large site with good facilities
- Proud of what we do and continually strive to further improve
- One Community, Growing Together

For more information about the school check out the school website:

www.thorpeprimary.co.uk

Senior Leadership Team



Head Teacher
Mr Jamie Parkhouse



Deputy Head Teacher
Mrs Natalie Oxer



Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Paula Jeremaes



SENCO
Miss Georgia Vincent



Early Years Leader
Miss Rhian Neville



KS1 Phase Leader
Mrs Pauline Martin



KS2 Phase Leader
Miss Kathryn Bothwell



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Mr Charles Knudsen

Safeguarding & Attendance

We have a statutory duty to keep your children safe. If we ever have any concerns or need further information linked to your child a member of the safeguarding team will be in contact with you.



DSL
Mrs Paula
Jeremaes



DDSL
Mrs Linzi
Mastrocristino

Regular school attendance is crucial for a child's education and future success. The local authority in Peterborough has a target of 96% attendance for primary schools, so we closely monitor attendance and work with parents to address any issues. This equates to no more than eight days off in total over a year.

Pupil Premium

Pupil premium is additional funding provided to schools in England to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils and those from service families.

Pupil premium funding helps us to provide:

- additional targeted support and interventions;
- quality first teaching;
- discounted school trips;
- resources, books and much more.

Only some children are eligible for PP funding, but every parent who fills in a Pupil Premium form will receive a free book bag for their child!

Reception Class Teachers



Miss Rhian Neville



Mrs Leah Beeny

Your child will be assigned to a class and have a named class teacher, however, both Miss Neville and Mrs Beeny will get to know and work with all children throughout the week. Please feel free to approach either of us with any questions or queries.

Induction Plan

Date	Arrangements
Weds 2 nd July	Stay and Play Sessions - to allow your child to meet their teacher and get to know their classroom environment. As well as create their first piece of art work to go on display in their new classroom.
From 23 rd June to 17 th July	Home visits (children not at Thorpe Nursery) – A 20 to 30 minute visit to your home by 2 members of school staff. A chance to get to know you and your children even better. Share information and answer any questions.
June/July	Nursery Visits (for children attending Thorpe Nursery) - Reception teachers to drop into Nursery on several occasions to get to know the children better.
3 rd to 10 th Sept	Half day sessions – Children to attend half a class at a time for a morning or afternoon session. They will eat snack at school, but will need lunch at home.
11th Sept	Half day and lunch - All children to attend together for the morning and to have lunch, with children collected at 1pm.
12th Sept	First full day (Friday finish time) - All children to attend together for the morning and to have lunch, with children collected at the end of the day.
WB 15th Sept	Full time school - Children to begin attending full time. <i>(Some children may need an extended period of shorter days to support a successful transition into school. Teachers will discuss this with you personally.)</i>

The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

What Does Teaching and Learning Look Like in Reception?



Whole class teaching



Adult led small groups



Phonics Lessons



PE Lessons



Choosing Time Indoors



Outdoor Play

Play!



Real Life Experiences



Events to look forward to...



**School
Trips**

**Class
Assembly**



Sports Day

Nativity

Assessment and Sharing of Learning

Seesaw

- A platform for sharing key learning, experiences and classroom news through photos and videos.
- Parents are encouraged to send in their own photos and videos from home
- Communication tool between home and school and optional homework tasks.
- We will need permission to take your child's photo on your admission form.



Reports and Parents Evenings

- You will receive 2 reports through the year, 1 in Spring and 1 in Summer.
- You will be given the chance to attend parents evenings.

Reception Baseline

Assessment

- A statutory assessment for all children entering Reception
- A short assessment carried out one to one in the first 6 weeks
- Used to show progress of a school from Reception to Year 6

Early Learning Goals

- A statutory assessment measure for all children at the end of Reception
- Best fit judgements made by teachers across all areas of learning
- Emerging or Expected
- Shared with parents on reports

Supporting Positive Behaviour

Young children are learning how to control their feelings, emotions, behaviours and reactions.

Ready
Respectful
Safe

- Verbal praise
- Stickers
- Recognition charts
- Class reward systems
- Clear warnings
- Time out
- Restorative conversations
- Discussions with parents



Home Reading

- 2 picture books sent home weekly for shared reading
- Phonics books to be sent home weekly when individual children are ready for them
- Reading to take place at home as often as possible
- Phonics videos shared through Seesaw
- Books must be returned before they can be changed



What comes before reading booklets being shared to give ideas to support pre-reading at home.

Snack and Lunch

- Free fruit or vegetable snack daily
- 'Universal free school meals' for all Reception and KS1 children
- School dinners are cooked fresh daily
- Cater for all dietary needs – halal, vegetarian, allergies, gluten free etc.
- Book dinners online through Parent Pay (log in details provided)



Packed Lunches

We would love every child to access our school meals however, if you choose to send a packed lunch for your child please ensure it is a healthy balanced meal that doesn't include fizzy drinks or nuts.



Use the website to book your child's school dinners and make payments for dinners online.

ParentPay



Have you signed up to ParentPay yet?

It is an online payment system where you can book and pay for School Dinners, School Trips and Nursery Sessions (unfortunately you can't book Nursery Dinners at the moment).

You can also check your balance to see when payments are due.

It is quick and easy to use!

Interested come to the school office for details of how to sign up!!



School Uniform

- Shirts/Polo Shirts- White
- Cardigan/jumper/fleece- **Navy** blue
- Trousers/skirts/pinafore dress/shorts- Grey
- Shoes – black school shoes
- Socks/tights – Grey or white

PE:

- Shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms – **Navy**
- T-shirt – white
- **Navy** zip up jacket or hoodie

Name EVERYTHING!



- Dress your child appropriately for the weather.
- Please provide a set of spare clothes to hang on their peg in case of accidents.
- Send your child with a book bag and water bottle everyday.
- No jewellery unless for religious reasons or stud earrings.

Branded uniform can be purchased from Total Clothing or online at www.totalclothing.co.uk

Important Things to Know

- School timings – 8.30am-3.20pm (Friday finish 2.30pm)
- Breakfast Club- 7.45am to 8.30am for a charge of £1.50 per child (free for Pupil Premium children).
- Illness – please contact the school office on the first morning of absence.
- Time off school – we can only authorise leave in term time in exceptional circumstances. Leave of absence forms must be completed 4 weeks in advance and evidence will be expected.

Please ensure your email address and mobile numbers are on the school system and up to date, as the vast majority of school communication is made through these routes.



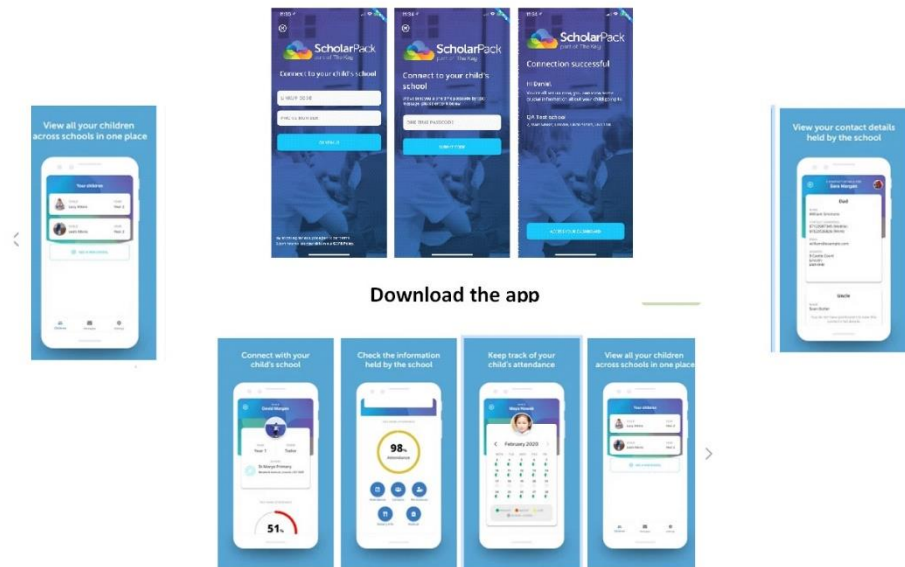
School must see your child's birth certificate and proof of address before they can start school. If you have not yet done so, please bring these to the school office as soon as possible.



ScholarPack Parents App

Download the app to allow you to check the information the school holds for you and keep this up to date.

As a school we are now using ScholarPack Parents, a new app which lets us communicate with you and shows you information held by the school on your child to ensure that everything is kept up to date.



Use the ScholarPack Parents app to:

- Receive and reply to important messages from your child's school
- View your child's dietary requirements and medical information held by the school
- View your child's attendance in real-time

Ask the school office for more details 01733 264340



ScholarPack
Cloud based MIS for Primary Schools

How can you help/prepare...

Your child

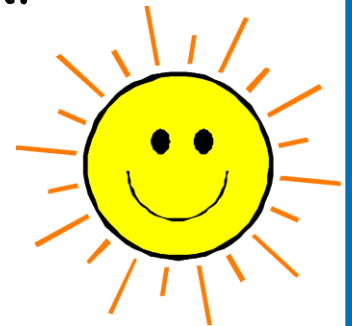
- Talk about school and drive/walk past the building
- Healthy sleeping routine - 10-12 hours per night
- Encourage them to eat a range of healthy foods & use cutlery
- Make sure they can go to the toilet independently e.g. undoing clothing, cleaning themselves and washing hands
- Practise wearing their uniform
- Ensure they can recognise their own name and attempt to write it

Yourself

- Practise the journey to school
- Look at the website
- Contact school with any questions
- Try not to worry!

Most importantly...

- Enjoy the summer together, play and have fun!



Any questions?



Feel free to ask them now or contact the school for questions that arise in the future.

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