Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into our final week of the academic year, I want to thank all of our families for your continued support throughout what has been another busy and successful year at Thorpe Primary Academy. There is still plenty to look forward to next week as we celebrate our children's achievements and bring the year to a positive close.

A reminder that school will finish at 1.00pm on Friday 17th July for all children from Nursery to Year 5, with the school gates opening at 12.55pm for collection.

Our Year 6 pupils will remain with us a little longer, finishing at 1.15pm. As is tradition, we would love parents, carers and families to join staff in giving them a well-deserved round of applause as they leave primary school for the final time. It is always a special moment as we celebrate the end of one chapter and wish them every success for the exciting journey ahead.

At the end of this term we will also be saying goodbye to several valued members of staff. We would like to thank Mrs Trott, Mrs Younas and Ms Kauser for their dedication and commitment to supporting our children during their time at Thorpe. We wish them all every success and happiness for the future.

Finally, this will also be my last newsletter as Headteacher of Thorpe Primary Academy. It has been a genuine privilege to work alongside such wonderful children, dedicated staff and supportive families. Thank you for the kindness, encouragement and support you have shown me during my time here. I leave knowing that Thorpe has a bright future ahead and that the school will be in the very capable hands of Mrs Lamond, who I know will continue to lead the school with care, commitment and ambition. I wish every member of the Thorpe community all the very best for the future.

Attendance

Well done everyone, attendance last week was much improved – many classes getting over the 95%. Well done to 4 Lewis for retaining the top spot.

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)
Nursery	93.6%
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R Carle	95.4%
R Donaldson	95.2%
1 Grey	96.0%
1 Murphy	95.0%
2 Blake	94.3%
2 Rosen	91.3%
3 Cowell	96.1%
3 Rowling	97.1%
4 Lewis	99.0%
4 Morpurgo	96.1%
5 Dahl	96.1%

5 Strong	96.1%
5 Walliams	93.0%
6 Blackman	95.2%
6 Ibbotson	97.3%

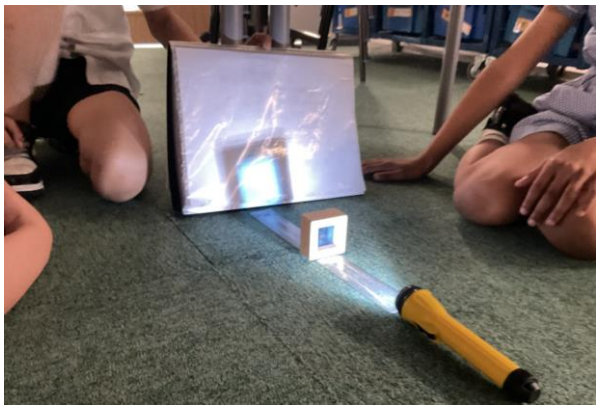
Sports Day

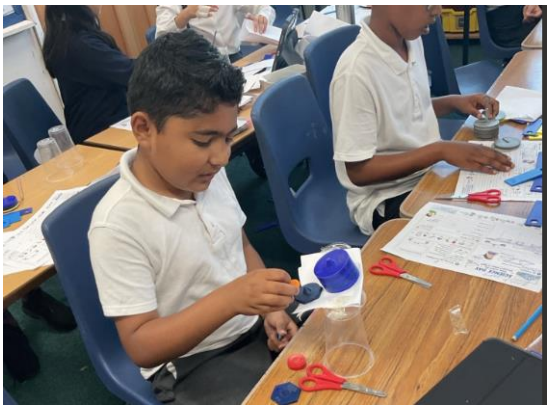
Well done to Holly House who are our 2026 Sports Day champions! They scored 2872 points in total, just beating Silver Birch House by 4 points (they scored 2868 points) to claim the crown. Willow House came third with 2811 points and Horse Chestnut House came a respectable fourth with 2463 points. A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers for attending and for our staff for organising, notably Mr McDonough.

Here are some highlights from the day:

Science Day

Children across the school enjoyed an exciting Science Day, taking part in hands-on investigations and engineering challenges. Year 3 explored light and shadows by investigating which objects created the clearest shadow puppets, while Year 4 designed and tested paper bridges to discover which shapes made the strongest structures. Year 5 became product designers, creating insulated containers to protect chocolate from melting during a hot journey. It was wonderful to see so much curiosity, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day. Well done to all of our Scientists of the day.





Nursery Graduation

Our nursery children are ready for the next stage of their education and we celebrated this with mini-graduations this week. Well done for all of your learning this year.

Key Dates Coming Up:

Date	Event
Tuesday 14th July	School disco • 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
Wednesday 15th July	14.00: Year 6 End of Year Parent Showcase.
Friday 17th July	School finishes at 13.00 for all children in Nursery through to Year 5 (Year 6 finish at 13.15).
Friday 17th July	13.15: Year 6 Parent & Teacher 'Clap Out'.

Staying Safe Over the Summer Holidays

As we head into the summer break, we hope all of our families enjoy a happy, relaxing and safe holiday. Summer is a wonderful time for children to explore, play and make memories, but it is also important to remind them how to keep themselves safe.

Water Safety - Whether you're visiting the beach, rivers, lakes or swimming pools, children should always be supervised by a responsible adult near water. Encourage children to:

- Never swim alone.
- Follow safety signs and lifeguard instructions.
- Stay away from fast-moving rivers and reservoirs.
- Wear appropriate flotation devices where needed.

Sun Safety - Help children stay safe in the sunshine by:

- Applying high-factor sunscreen regularly.
- Wearing a sun hat and protective clothing.
- Drinking plenty of water to stay hydrated.

- Seeking shade during the hottest part of the day (11am–3pm).

Cycling and Scooters - Riding bikes and scooters is great fun and excellent exercise. Please remind children to:

- Always wear a properly fitted helmet.
- Ride safely and be aware of traffic and pedestrians.
- Use lights and reflective clothing if riding later in the day.
- Avoid using headphones while cycling or scooting.

Strangers and Getting Lost - Talk to your child about what to do if they become separated from you:

- Stay where they are if it is safe to do so.
- Look for a trusted adult, such as a police officer, security guard or someone working in a shop.
- Never go anywhere with someone they do not know.
- Make sure they know their full name and, where appropriate, a parent's or carer's phone number.

Online Safety - Many children spend more time online during the holidays. Please help keep them safe by:

- Checking privacy settings on games and apps.
- Talking regularly about who they are communicating with online.
- Reminding them never to share personal information or photos with people they do not know.
- Encouraging regular breaks from screens and balancing online time with outdoor play and family activities.

Knowing When to Ask for Help - Ensure your child knows who their trusted adults are and that they can always ask for help if they feel worried, frightened or unsafe.

Children can contact Childline free and confidentially on 0800 1111 at any time.

If you are concerned about a child or young person and suspect they may be experiencing neglect or physical, sexual or emotional abuse, please contact Peterborough City Council Children's Services. For advice and to make a referral, visit:
Peterborough City Council Children's Services
Emergency Duty Team: 01733 234724

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, always call 999.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you on Monday.

Mr J Parkhouse
Headteacher