

Newsletter

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PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Welcome to Thorpe Primary Academy

Welcome to the first edition of our new school newsletter. We hope you find this new format informative and useful.

From this term, newsletters will be shared twice each half term and will provide a richer insight into life at school. Alongside celebrating our pupils' achievements and learning experiences, we will keep you informed about upcoming events and opportunities both within our school and the wider community.

We are also delighted to introduce our new Celebration Assembly, which will take place every Friday at 2pm. Each week, one child from every class will receive a certificate recognising how they have demonstrated our school values of being Ready, Respectful and Safe, or for exceptional achievement, progress or effort in their learning. We will also celebrate the class with the best attendance, who will receive the Attendance Cup and a special reward for the following week. In addition, we want to recognise the many achievements that take place beyond the school day. Children are encouraged to share out-of-school successes, such as sporting, creative or community achievements, so that we can celebrate these together as a school community. We will also acknowledge pupils celebrating birthdays each week.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are creating a school community where every child is encouraged to be Ready, Respectful and Safe every day. We hope you enjoy reading about the many wonderful things happening across our school.

Mrs. N. Lamond, Headteacher

School Information

Term Dates & School Timings

The school day starts at 8:30am and finishes at 3.20pm on Monday to Thursday. On a Friday, school finishes at 2:30pm.

Please note the gates close promptly at 8:40am. Should you arrive after this time and the gates are locked, you will need to bring your child(ren) to the main office to sign them in and confirm their lunch option for the day.

Break and Lunch times

Morning break times:

Key Stage 1 - 10.30am to 10.45am

Key Stage 2 - 11am to 11.15am

Lunch times:

Reception - 11.45am to 12.30pm

Years 1 and 2 - 12pm to 12.45pm

Years 3 and 4 - 12.15pm to 1pm

Years 5 and 6 - 12.30pm to 1.15pm

Uniform

At **Thorpe Primary Academy**, we believe that wearing our school uniform helps to create a sense of belonging and pride in our school community. It promotes equality, reduces distractions, and supports a focused learning environment.

We encourage all pupils to wear their uniform smartly each day as a sign of respect for themselves and their school.

Thorpe Primary colour is Navy Blue and school uniform can be purchased from all supermarkets. You can view our full school uniform policy [here](#) and order items with logos directly from our uniform supplier, Total Clothing, at www.totalclothing.co.uk

Keys Academies Trust

We are part of Keys Academies Trust. You can access the Trust website at www.keystrust.org

Year 5 Get Ready For Blast Off!



As part of our learning this term, Year 5 have been focusing on Space. To support and enrich the children's learning, we are excited to be visiting the National Space Centre in Leicester on Friday 27th November 2026. If you haven't signed your child up for the trip yet, please do so as soon as possible. Payment must be made by Friday 6th November on Arbor.

Parents' Evening – a great opportunity to connect

Our upcoming Parents' Evening is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to meet with their child's teacher and find out how they are getting on at school. These meetings are an important part of the partnership between home and school. They give you the chance to celebrate your child's successes, discuss their progress and find out how you can support their learning at home. It is also an opportunity to raise any questions or concerns you may have and to work together with your child's teacher to help them achieve their very best.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to book an appointment. Even if your child is happy and doing well, it is lovely to hear about their achievements and to have the opportunity to discuss their learning and development.

Please book your Parents' Evening appointment on Arbor as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you and working together to support your child's continued success.

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School Events

12 October

- New Reception Intake Opening Evening - 5pm to 5.30pm
- Harvest Assembly - pupils only

13 October

- Year 3 Flag Fen Trip
- 6Z Swimming

14 October

- Year 6 Catch Your Breath Workshop
- Scholastic Book Fair until 21 October

15 October

- Year 3 Parents Assembly

19 October

- Half Term Attendance Draw and Certificates Assembly - pupils only

20 October

- 6Z Swimming
- Parents Consultations

21 October

- Parents Consultations
- Last day of the Scholastic Book Fair

22 October

- Last Day of Term - school closes 3.20pm

3 November

- New term begins - all pupils in school
- 6Z Swimming

4 November

- Bonfire Lunch

5 November

- Reception Intake Group Tour/Visit - 9.30am to 10am

On Monday 12th October we will be holding our Harvest Festival. We hope that you will be able to support us in our collection of harvest foods. This year we will be donating to Peterborough Foodbank. Please send your donations into school on any day up to and including 12th October.



NEW INTAKE VISITS FOR 2027

You are invited to visit us at **Thorpe Primary Academy**, tour the school, meet the staff and hear all about EYFS from the EYFS lead. Dates are as follows:

Open Evening

12th October - 5pm to 5.30pm

Group tour dates:

Thursday 5th November - 9.30am

Tuesday 10th November - 1.15pm

Please email the school office if you cannot make any of the dates shown. You may also book an individual tour/visit with a member of SLT or the SENDCO if your child has Special Educational Needs.

Please scan the QR code with your smart phone and fill in the form to book your visit. You can also email office@TPA.keystrust.org to book your place.



Bring on the book joy!

Scholastic's experts have selected the newest and best books from over 60 publishers, including exclusive titles that you won't see in shops or at any other Fairs! When our Scholastic Book Fair arrives, you'll be able to browse over 200 of the books children really want to read, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers, all at amazing prices. Plus, for every book bought, you help to earn free books for our school!

The book fair runs from 14-21 October.



Secondary school applications

For secondary school entry in England, the national application deadline is **31 October** each year, with offers released on 1 March the following year. Please ensure you apply for secondary school places before this deadline. To apply for your child's place, please visit <https://live.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Peterborough/Synergy/>

WEEK A

Our School Lunches
Book your child's lunches quickly and easily on Arber.
Menu A - weeks commencing 31st August, 21st September, & 12th October
Menu B - weeks commencing 7th & 28th September, 19th October
Menu C - weeks commencing 14th September, 5th October

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAL OPTION 1	Plant-based Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Chicken Fajita	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Fish Fingers and Sautéed Potatoes	Beef and Pepper Pizza with Chips
MEAL OPTION 2	Tomato Spaghetti with Garlic Bread	Vegetable and Chickpea Fajita	Cannellini Bean and Cauliflower Cheese with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Fingers and Sautéed Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips
MEAL OPTION 3	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)
SCHOOL MEAL OPTION 1	Cheesy Savoury Wrap	Ham Roll	Tuna and Sweetcorn Sandwich	Chicken and Stuffing Baguette	Egg Roll
SCHOOL MEAL OPTION 2	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
SCHOOL MEAL OPTION 3	Banana Cake	Iced Raspberry Bun	Apple Cake	Ginger Biscuit	Rice Crispy Cake

SESAME NUTS SOYA MILK PEANUTS GLUTEN CELERY MUSTARD EGG SULPHITES CHICKPEAS FISH

WEEK B

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Menu B - weeks commencing 7th & 28th September, 19th October
Menu C - weeks commencing 14th September, 5th October

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAL OPTION 1	Plant-based Sausage and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Roast Pork, Mashed Potato and Gravy	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pizza with Wedges	Spanish Chicken and Rice	Fish and Chips
MEAL OPTION 2	Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread	Potato and Pepper Baked Omelette with New Potatoes	Cheese Pizza with Wedges	Spanish Quorn and Rice	Egg and Chips
MEAL OPTION 3	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)
SCHOOL MEAL OPTION 1	Italian Rice Pot	Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta	Pork Sandwich	Wholemeal Egg Roll	Chicken Baguette
SCHOOL MEAL OPTION 2	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
SCHOOL MEAL OPTION 3	Iced Lemon Sponge	Fruit Jelly	Ice Cream	Shortbread and Fruit	Vanilla Biscuit

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WEEK C

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Menu B - weeks commencing 7th & 28th September, 19th October
Menu C - weeks commencing 14th September, 5th October

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAL OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese and Garlic Bread	Chicken Curry and Rice with Mini Naan	Fish Pie	Chicken Shawarma in Pitta Bread	Ham and Pineapple Pizza with Chips
MEAL OPTION 2	Tomato Pasta and Garlic Bread	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry and Rice with Mini Naan	Baked Bean Pie	Vegetable and Chickpea Shawarma in Pitta Bread	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Chips
MEAL OPTION 3	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)
SCHOOL MEAL OPTION 1	Egg Roll	Cheesy Savoury Wrap	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Pot	Wholemeal Ham Roll	Spicy Chicken Sandwich
SCHOOL MEAL OPTION 2	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
SCHOOL MEAL OPTION 3	Gingerbread	Cheese, Biscuits and Red Grapes	Apple and Blackberry Cake	Chocolate Brownie	Jam Buns

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Special Menus Now Live!

We have some lovely special menus to celebrate Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas! These are now available to book on Arbor.

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MONDAY	DIWALI LUNCH	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Plant-based Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Butter Chicken Curry with Rice and Naan	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Fish Fingers and Sautéed Potatoes	Beef and Pepper Pizza with Chips
Tomato Spaghetti with Garlic Bread	Butter Veg Curry with Rice and Naan	Cannellini Bean and Cauliflower Cheese with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Fingers and Sautéed Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips
Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)
Cheesy Savoury Wrap	Ham Roll	Tuna and Sweetcorn Sandwich	Chicken and Stuffing Baguette	Egg Roll
Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
Banana Cake	Diwali Biscuit	Apple Cake	Ginger Biscuit	Rice Crispy Cake
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	BONFIRE LUNCH	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni Cheese and Garlic Bread	Chicken Curry and Rice with Mini Naan	Hot Dog (Pork Sausage) with Curry Fries	Chicken Shawarma in Pitta Bread	Ham and Pineapple Pizza with Chips
Tomato Pasta and Garlic Bread	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry and Rice with Mini Naan	Quorn Hot Dog with Curry Fries	Vegetable and Chickpea Shawarma in Pitta Bread	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Chips
Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)
Egg Roll	Cheesy Savoury Wrap	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Pot	Wholemeal Ham Roll	Spicy Chicken Sandwich
Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
Gingerbread	Cheese, Biscuits and Red Grapes	Chocolate Apples	Chocolate Brownie	Jam Buns
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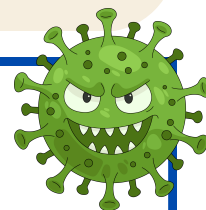
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	CHRISTMAS LUNCH	THURSDAY	
Macaroni Cheese and Garlic Bread	Chicken Curry and Rice with Mini Naan	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Sausage in Bacon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Ham and Pineapple Pizza with Chips	
Tomato Pasta and Garlic Bread	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry and Rice with Mini Naan	Halal Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Roast Potatoes	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Chips	
Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	Jacket Potato Bar (Choice of fillings, Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans etc.)	
Egg Roll	Cheesy Savoury Wrap	Vegetable Lasagne	Spicy Chicken Sandwich	
Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Roll	Cheese Sandwich	
Gingerbread	Cheese, Biscuits and Red Grapes	Christmas Cupcake or Golden Coin Chocolate Cupcake	Jam Buns	
SESAME NUTS SOYA MILK PEANUTS GLUTEN CELERY MUSTARD EGG SULPHITES CHICKPEAS FISH				



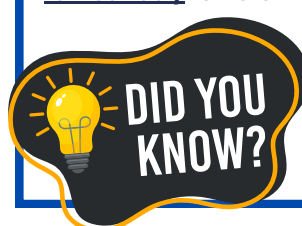
First Aid Update

From now on, we will only be calling parents/carers if their child has sustained a **serious** head or facial injury. Minor bumps, scrapes and accidents will be treated by a First Aider and you will be notified, as usual, via Medical Tracker. There is no need to contact us to check on a child after receiving such a notification. You will **ONLY** be called if we deem the injury serious enough to need medical evaluation or treatment.

Is your child too ill for school?



With the cold and flu season upon us, it is likely you and your family will become unwell at some point this winter. Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If they have a high temperature (38 degrees Celsius or more) please keep them off school until it goes down. With vomiting and diarrhoea, please stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours). If you do keep your child at home, you must phone school on the first day and give us the reason. Please visit www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/ for lots more information.



You cannot catch a cold after getting wet or not wearing a coat!



Our school piano needs a new home! Please contact the office if you would like it! It's free!



Bad weather!

During periods of bad weather, please allow extra time for your journey and leave home a little earlier where possible. Arriving on time ensures children are marked in promptly, ready to learn and do not miss valuable learning time. Good punctuality and regular attendance are important for your child's progress and wellbeing.

The last day of term is Thursday 22nd October and school reopens again on Tuesday 3rd November.



Thorpe Attendance Superstars

Below are the attendance figures for the whole of September. Congratulations to **Nursery N1** for their 100% attendance and **6 Morpurgo** for 98.7%.

Registration	Year Group	Present R/C
Nursery	Nursery N1	100%
Nursery	Nursery N2	92.9%
R Carle	0-2026	91.8%
R Donaldson	0-2026	93.4%
1 Grey	1-2026	97.6%
1 Murphy	1-2026	94.1%
2 Blake	2-2026	94.1%
2 Rosen	2-2026	96.6%
3 Cowell	3-2026	97.3%
3 Rowling	3-2026	93.6%
4 Dahl	4-3036	94.8%
4 Lewis	4-2026	96.9%
5 Blackman	5-2026	97.5%
5 Ibbotson	5-2026	97.6%
6 Morpurgo	6-2026	98.7%
6 Rauf	6-2026	95.1%
6 Zephaniah	6-2026	91.9%

LATEST NEWS

Free School Meals Reminder

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please ensure that you complete an application as soon as possible. To process your application, you will need to provide your National Insurance (NI) number and your child's date of birth.

Applying for Free School Meals can also help the school access additional funding to support pupils. For more information or assistance with an application, please contact the school office. Please visit

<https://form.jotform.com/262773657344063> to apply.

Changes to school meal payments

After the half term holidays, you must have credit on your Arbor account to book school meals.

Labelling items in school

Please label and name all items your child brings into school - uniform, coats, lunchboxes, bags etc. It makes life much easier when trying to reunite lost property to its rightful owner!

Thank you to all the parents who updated their social media consent. Your support is very much appreciated!

Moving house?

Please bring proof of your change of address into the office so we can update our systems.

Christmas Card Design Competition

Don't forget to send in your Christmas card designs for the competition set by our local MP, Andrew Pakes! We can't wait to see all your creative and festive designs. Please make sure your entries are handed in to school by 19 October so they can be submitted in time. Good luck, everyone - and get creative!



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Location	Dates	Time
NORTHBOROUGH	26-27 OCT	9.30-3.30PM
HAMPTON GARDENS	28-30 OCT	9-3PM
YDP FOOTBALL CAMP	28-30 OCT	9-3PM
WILLIAM LAW	28-30 OCT	9-3PM

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