

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

This term, our teachers have spent a great deal of time planning and organising Hook Days as well as going on pre-visits ready for the many educational visits that are due to take place. The children's enthusiasm throughout is always a pleasure to see which inspires their teachers to go above and beyond what is expected. As always, I receive lots of feedback on the outstanding behaviour of the children when they are both in and out of school which is always good to hear, if not expected.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

		28 February			7 March
Owl Class	-	Aubree Wallington	Owl Class	-	Reign Sheehan
Osprey Class	-	Evie Boyce	Osprey Class	-	Lottie Pipe
Falcon Class	-	Ottie Woolf	Falcon Class	-	River Sheehan
Kestrel Class	-	Philippa Mansfield	Kestrel Class	-	Noah Sawyer
Merlin Class	-	Lottie Bigby-Sutton	Merlin Class	-	Finlay Mercer Harrison McKernan
Hawk Class	-	Bailey Harrison	Hawk Class	-	Henry Tanner
Eagle Class	-	Felicity Farrow	Eagle Class	-	Isabelle Tehan
		14 March			21 March
Owl Class	-	Rahang Rai	Owl Class	-	Alistair Lee
Osprey Class	-	Annora Thapa-Kamal	Osprey Class	-	Delilah Willis-Alderton
Falcon Class	-	Kenny Attfield	Falcon Class	-	Elsie McVay
Kestrel Class	-	Charlie Smith	Kestrel Class	-	Atonio Rede
Merlin Class	-	Laila Rasheed	Merlin Class	-	Ronnie Randall
Hawk Class	-	Miraak Limbu	Hawk Class	-	Brody Johnston
Eagle Class	-	Phoebe Rose	Eagle Class	-	Emily McFarlane

Platinum Reading Awards - 100 Reads

Congratulations to the following children for reaching their Platinum Reading Certificate:

Owl Class	Willow Wilkinson, Rory Cotterill
Osprey Class	Henrietta Mansfield, Freddie Hooley, Lilly Howarth, Belle Anderson, Jack Watts and Annora Thapa-Kamal
Falcon Class:	Isobel Pitcher, Daisy-Mae Davidge, Ottie Woolf, George Farrow and William Bulmer
Kestrel Class	Isla Cotterill
Merlin Class:	Harry Woolf, Finn Evans, Zara Maher and Eva Smith
Hawk Class:	Isabella Sawyer, Reuben Starkey, Makelesi Naulumatua and Daniella Ale
Eagle Class:	

Hook Days



The children in Falcon Class had a fantastic first day back at school building their own rockets and then launching them on the school field. All teachers plan these exciting days to help engage the children with their learning. Osprey Class certainly enjoyed their full English breakfast. Going that extra mile to make learning fun and exciting is certainly appreciated by the children. Hawk Class also enjoyed their French Breakfast! A French café was set up with the children having to order their food in French! A big thank you to all the staff for going that extra mile to make learning memorable.



Kestrel Class Visit Wisley



Kestrel Class had an amazing time at Wisley. They visited the glasshouse where they had tropical and desert plants. They looked at the differences between the plants and saw how each one had adapted to its environment. They also visited the rock gardens and found a tree that was over 200 years old. The children then got to take cuttings from a Peperomia plant to take home and grow for themselves! Mr Clegg's cutting from last year is still growing really well - How many Year 4's still have theirs?

World Book Day

A big thank you to Mr Vokes and all the staff and children for making the day so successful! Your support as always is very much appreciated.



Dance Club perform at Dance House in Worthing



Owl Class - Play and Share

Thank you so much for your support with this event. Hopefully it gave you an insight into how and what your child learns in Owl Class, which is quite unique in primary education.



Easter and New Life - The Chicks Hatch!



Heart Start

Over the past three weeks Merlin Class and Hawk Class have enjoyed learning about different aspects of 'First Aid' from dealing with a bleeding wound, to helping someone who is not breathing. A big thank you to St Johns Ambulance and Mr Poole for organising these life saving sessions. Kestrel Class also had a one-hour introduction to first aid which will be built upon next year.



Year 6 Residential - Runways End

The children had a fantastic 3 days, undertaking lots of outdoor and adventurous activities including caving, rifle shooting, rock climbing, canoeing and orienteering. I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Vokes, Mrs Jennings and Miss Goss for taking the children and looking after them; it was much appreciated by everyone.



Dates for your Diary - Please see attached sheet

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

25 March	Merlin Class Clarinet Assembly - 9.30am
04 April	Last day of term
07 - 17 April inc	Easter Holidays
22 April	Back to school - first day of Summer Term
30 April	Kestrel Class to Butser Ancient Farm Osprey Class to Marwell
02 May	Hawk Class, Bikeability Level 1 Merlin Class to Chichester
05 May	Bank Holiday Afterschool Clubs start this week
06 May	Owl Class to Staunton Farm & Country Park
07 May	Hawk Class, River Walk, Fishbourne
08 May	Falcon Class to Arundel Castle
12 May	Year 6 SATs week
16 May	Merlin Class to Chichester
23 May	INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day
09 June	New Reception Class Welcome Meeting for parents, 3.15pm
10 June	Hawk & Eagle Classes: BMX Workshop
17 June	Big Sing 2025 at Southbourne Junior School (School Choir)
19 June	Hawk Class to Paulton's Park
23 June	INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day
24 June	Locality Dance Morning, Thorney Island School
25 June	Sports Day, whole school; timings to follow
30 June	Afterschool Clubs end this week
30 June	Street Dance Workshop; KS2

The remaining INSET Days for 2024/2025 are:

Friday 23 May 2025

Monday 23 June 2025

Please make a note of these dates as children DO NOT attend school on these days.

Term Date 2024/2025

22 April 2025	Start of Summer Term
26-30 May 2025	Half Term
22 July 2025	End of Summer Term - Break up for Summer Holiday

Term Date 2025/2026

03 September 2025	Start of Autumn Term
27 - 31 Oct 2025	Half Term
19 December 2025	End of Autumn Term - Break up for Christmas Holiday
05 January 2026	Start of Spring Term
16 - 22 February 2026	Half Term
27 March 2026	End of Spring Term - Break up for Easter Holiday
13 April 2026	Start of Summer Term
25 - 29 May 2026	Half Term
22 July 2026	End of Summer Term - Break up for Summer Holiday