

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends

It has been a very busy start to the term but also a very productive one. The children all appear very happy and settled and are making very good progress in their learning. Your support with this, as always, is much appreciated.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

18 September			25 September		
Owl Class	-	Leo Brevitt	Owl Class	-	Matilda Richards
Osprey Class	-	Rory Stacey-King	Osprey Class	-	Poppy Boyce
Falcon Class	-	Jace Waterman	Falcon Class	-	Joey Windram
Kestrel Class	-	Cema Matakiwai	Kestrel Class	-	Skylar Thrift
Merlin Class	-	Tegan Richardson	Merlin Class	-	Henry Hellmers
Hawk Class	-	Charlie Smith	Hawk Class	-	Milo Day
Eagle Class	-	Florence Pollitt	Eagle Class	-	Zara Maher
02 October			09 October		
Owl Class	-	Raya Black	Owl Class	-	Chester Ward
Osprey Class	-	Seb Harpham	Osprey Class	-	Theo Pitcher
Falcon Class	-	Myla Rae Shearsby	Falcon Class	-	Elijah Downie
Kestrel Class	-	Lottie Pipe	Kestrel Class	-	Flo Naulumatua
Merlin Class	-	Lainie Carroll	Merlin Class	-	Archie Burton
Hawk Class	-	Tristan Gurung	Hawk Class	-	Atonio Rede
Eagle Class	-	Finlay Mercer	Eagle Class	-	Niamh Ashton

Tuppenny Barn - Kestrel Class

Kestrel Class had a brilliant time at their recent visit to Tuppenny Barn, where they got to explore the site, trying different edible plants and looking at where food comes from. The children saw huge cucumbers, hanging tomatoes and massive pumpkins. They picked apples and made muffins and apple juice, which was really hard. In the afternoon, they planted some spinach seeds and made seed bombs to help the bees. Finally, they walked all the way back to school!



Monster Phonics Day - Owl Class

How amazing did Owl Class children look on their Monster Phonics Day! This should really help them to learn the names of the characters and the sounds that they make. Hopefully this will ensure they make great progress with their reading. A big thank you also goes to all the parents who managed to make the phonics meeting; this was much appreciated by both myself and the school governors.



Vacancy for a Parent Governor

We are looking for a new Parent Governor to join the schools Full Governing Body and would be delighted to hear from anyone with an interest in fulfilling this voluntary role. Governors perform a vital strategic role and as part of the governing body you will attend termly committee and full governing body meetings, as well as being invited to attend school events and spend time in school during the working day. Full training will be offered.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs McCrossan, Clerk to Governors at bursar@ticps.co.uk
You can find further information about the role of governors in school by clicking the following link
<https://schools.westsussex.gov.uk/Page/1354>

New Secondary School Profiles

The Department for Education (DfE) is testing **School Profiles**, a new online service that helps parents and carers explore and compare state secondary schools in England. Families can view key information in one place and compare up to six schools side by side.

Parents and carers applying for secondary school this year are invited to try the service and share feedback.

Families can:

- Visit the [School Profiles beta website](#)
- Search for and compare secondary schools
- Share feedback (all feedback goes directly to the DfE)

The DfE encourages parents and carers to take a look and share their feedback as early as possible, so improvements can be made ahead of the next secondary school admissions cycle.

Fairytale Reading - Osprey Class



A big thank you to all the parents who managed to make it to Osprey Class to read with their child. This was very much appreciated by everyone.

Marwell Zoo - Merlin Class



The children had a fantastic day learning about endangered animals. Mrs Blamire was really pleased that so many of the animals were outdoors and active, meaning the children got to see them all, including the new baby rhino and twin snow leopard cubs. As always the children's behaviour was outstanding and commented upon by everyone.

Football Tournament



Bosham v Chidham	0 - 2
Chidham v Thorney	2 - 1
Thorney v Bosham	3 - 1
Chidham v Bosham	1 - 0
Thorney v Chidham	0 - 0
Bosham v Thorney	1 - 5

The team played extremely well, winning two and drawing one of their four games. They showed great sportsmanship and learnt a great deal about how playing indoors is very different to playing outdoors on grass!

I would like to thank all the parents for their support, it was much appreciated. With a little more training and a few tactical changes I am sure we will be able to be tournament champions next term!

The Great Fire of London - Falcon Class

The children have been learning about the Great Fire of London and as part of this work they have learnt how dangerous fire can be. This was explained to them very carefully as we burnt their model houses.



Books At Bedtime

A big thank you to Miss Goss, Mr Stamp, Mrs Young, Mrs Burnand and Mrs Wright for helping stage this event which was so well supported and enjoyed by everyone.

Flu Vaccinations - Best Response Ever

Thank you to all the parents who signed up to have their child vaccinated. This not only helps to protect your child but also the school staff which in turn helps with teaching and learning and school attendance. This has taken quite a hit recently due to the sickness bug experienced by a lot of families. Your support in keeping everyone healthy and at school is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

Diary Dates, Inset Days and Term Dates 2026/2027

DIARY DATES

15 October	Harvest Festival - 9.15am - Owl, Osprey and Falcon Classes
16 October	Eagle Class Roman Banquet
19 October	Osprey Class Fairytale Dressing-Up Day
19 October	No after school clubs this week (19-22 October)
20 October	Eagle Class to Fort Nelson
20 October	Merlin Class - Wear it Wild Day
21 October	Kestrel Class Superhero Dressing-Up Day
21 October	Parents Evening
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22 October	Eagle Class to Project Enthuse at Bourne Community College
23 October	INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day
26 - 30 October	Half Term
02 November	INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day
06 November	Eagle Class SAT's Meeting
11 November	Owl Class Play and Share 2.00pm
13 November	Children in Need - non-school uniform
27 November	Rainbow Theatre performing Dick Whittington - whole school
1 December	Eagle Class to Winchester Science Centre
4 December	Christmas Disco - more information to follow
8 December	Hawk Class to South Downs Planetarium
8 December	Nativity - Owl & Merlin Classes at 9.10am
9 December	Variety Performance - Hawk & Eagle Classes at 9.10am
9 December	Christmas Production - Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel Classes at 2.30pm
10 December	Christmas Production - Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel Classes at 9.10am
10 December	Nativity - Owl & Merlin Classes at 2.15pm
11 December	Variety Performance - Hawk & Eagle Classes at 2.30pm
15 December	Osprey Class to Panto at the Kings Theatre, Southsea
18 December	Last Day of Term

INSET Days for 2026/2027; children DO NOT attend school on these days

Friday 23 October 2026
 Monday 02 November 2026
 Monday 22 February 2027
 Friday 28 May 2027
 Monday 21 June 2027

Term Dates 2026/2027

01 September 2026	Start of Autumn Term
26-30 October 2026	Half Term
18 December 2026	End of Autumn Term - Break up for Christmas Holiday
04 January 2027	Start of Spring Term
15 - 19 February 2027	Half Term
25 March 2027	End of Spring Term - Break up for Easter Holiday
12 April 2027	Start of Summer Term
31 May - 04 June 2027	Half Term
21 July 2027	End of Summer Term - Break up for Summer Holiday