

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 8

May 2026

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

This is just a short newsletter to keep you up to speed with things that are happening in school and to remind you of dates for your diary. Please be aware that a few new dates have been added!

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

27 March		17 April	
Owl Class	- Rory Stacey-King	Owl Class	- Rosabella Coombes
Osprey Class	- Mabel Haylock	Osprey Class	- Jimmie Barroso-Shearsby
Falcon Class	- Molly Henderson	Falcon Class	- Javin Thapa
Kestrel Class	- Storm Drysdale	Kestrel Class	- Archie Mercer
Merlin Class	- Francis Haylock	Merlin Class	- Hermione Thomson
Hawk Class	- Dziejzorm Akplu	Hawk Class	- Hope Earney
Eagle Class	- Kailee Victorin	Eagle Class	- Amarah Daniel
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24 April		01 May	
Owl Class	- Ava Robinson-Reid	Owl Class	- Oscar Calvert
Osprey Class	- Alice Harpham	Osprey Class	- Aurelia Armiger
Falcon Class	- Rupert Malone	Falcon Class	- Charlie Boast
Kestrel Class	- Miri Naulumatua	Kestrel Class	- Freddie Johnston
Merlin Class	- Violet Shawashi	Merlin Class	- Hermione Thomson
Hawk Class	- Zara Maher	Hawk Class	- Keresi Sauliga
Eagle Class	- Stanley Thornton	Eagle Class	- Elizabeth Ngugi

Platinum Reading Awards - 100 Reads

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

Owl Class: Noah K C, Piper Beard and Rory Stacey-King

Osprey Class: Willow Wilkinson and Tristan Morgan

Falcon Class:

Kestrel Class: William Bulmer, Nelliah Jackson and Daisy-Mae Davidge

Merlin Class: James Morgan, Isla Brennan, Milo Day, Alfred Bulmer, Aaron Waqanisau, Tristan Gurung and Charlie Smith

Hawk Class: Esme Brennan

Eagle Class

Class Curriculum Letter

Hopefully you will find these useful when supporting your child with their learning.

<https://www.thorneyislandcps.org.uk/Curriculum%20Letters.html>

Clarinet, Flute and Saxophone Assembly



All the children performed so well, and we all really enjoyed seeing how much the children had progressed from the beginning of the year.

Easter Chicks



A big thank you goes to Mrs McCrossan for organising for us to have the chicks in school. They arrive as eggs that we incubate and within 3 days we have lots of little fluffy chicks in school, which the children love to handle and watch. The library corridor never gets so many visitors! It is always exciting for the children coming in each morning to see how many have hatched.

Easter Egg Competition



A huge well done to the children who entered this year's Easter Egg Competition; your entries showed how wonderfully creative and artistic the children in our school are! Mr Stamp and the year 6 School Councillors had a very difficult job choosing winners this year as they were all so EGGcellent! Congratulations go to:

Owl Class - Rosabella Coombes, Osprey Class - Bindi Ashton, Falcon Class - Josia Daumeke, Kestrel Class - Rosa Matakiwai, Merlin Class - Ruby Carroll, Hawk Class - Nikola Waterman and Eagle Class - Atu Daumeke.

Harbour Conservancy



On 20 March staff from Chichester Harbour Conservancy worked with Hawk Class as part of their Bird Aware Project 2026. The children completed an informative trail around the field to learn about wetland birds that visit our area, played a fun game in the hall to learn about coastal disturbance and finally produced a collage and printed murals in groups. Children were taught about the 'Coastal Code' and why Chichester Harbour is special for birds - valuable work considering the location of our school.

School Disco



A big thank you to Mrs McCrossan who worked tirelessly in the background to make sure the school disco was a success, and to all the staff who joined in to ensure all the children enjoyed the disco.

Merlin Class - Geography Field Trip to Emsworth



As part of their locality study Merlin Class visited Emsworth where they learnt all about its history and the importance of the buildings located there. They will then visit Chichester so that they are able to make comparisons between the two settlements.

Chichester Records Office Visit Merlin Class

As part of their locality study Mrs Clegg the school's history lead organised staff from the Records Office in Chichester to talk to the children and to bring in resources to support them with their learning. The historical maps and satellite images really helped them to understand how Thorney Island had changed over the years.



Stone Age Man Visits Kestrel Class



Paul Ullson visited Kestrel Class this week to talk about the Stone Age. They acted out the Stone Age story, looked at how people changed over time and how nomads turned to farmers. Then they got to feel animal fur and find out where it came from. They also learnt how Stone Age people used different furs for warmth, bedding and clothing. Paul brought lots of artefacts for the children to see, including hand axes and eating knives. The children then sketched them and thought about how people would have made them. Finally, they made some Stone Age cave art, using pastels to sketch animals and handprints.

New Timings for the School Day (wef September 2026)

Following a positive consultation with staff, parents and other stakeholders, governors have ratified the proposed change to the timings of the school day with effect from 1 September 2026. From the start of the academic year 2026/27, the new timings will be:

Gate opens 8.40am (children in KS2 go straight to their classroom; children in EYFS & KS1 remain on the playground until the whistle blows, when they should line up before moving to their classroom)

School begins 8.45am

School ends 3.15pm

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

4 May	Bank Holiday - children do not attend school on this day
6 May	Owl Class to Staunton
6 May	Hawk Class to Fishbourne & Dell Quay
7 May	Falcon Class to Arundel Castle
8 May	Kestrel Class to Butser Ancient Farm
8 May	Merlin Class to Chichester
11-15 May	Eagle Class SATs week
12 May	Owl Class to St Nicholas Church, Thorney Island
18 May	Eagle Class Residential Meeting, 3.05pm
21 May	Merlin Class last swimming session
21 May	Owl Class Bug Ball 4.00pm - 5.00pm
22 May	INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day
25-29 May	Half Term
1 June	New Reception Class Meeting for Parents, 3.15pm
15 June	Kestrel Class to Tuppenny Barn
18 June	Hawk Class to Project Enthuse at Bourne Community College
22 June	INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day
22 June	Afterschool clubs end this week
24 June	Sports Day, whole school; KS1: 1.00pm-1.45pm & KS2: 1.45pm-3.00pm
25 June	Hawk Class to Paultons Park
1 July	Transition Day
2 July	Parents Open Afternoon, 3.15pm - 4.00pm
6 - 8 July	Eagle Class to Residential at Runways End
13 - 17 July	Sports Week
21 July	Thorney's Got Talent, whole school
22 July	Last Day of Term - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 2.00pm

Term Date 2025/2026

25-29 May 2026	Half Term
22 July 2026	End of Summer Term - Break up for Summer Holiday

INSET Days for 2025/2026 are:

Friday 22 May 2026
Monday 22 June 2026

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

Term Date 2026/2027

01 September 2026	Start of Autumn Term
26 - 30 Oct 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
01 - 04 June 2027	Half Term
21 July 2027	End of Summer Term - Break up for Summer Holiday