

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

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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 ones have been added! Please ensure you make a note of all those important dates such as Transition Day,

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

24 March		31 March	
Owl Class	- David Delana	Owl Class	- Rory Walker-McClimens
Osprey Class	- James Morgan	Osprey Class	- Violet Shawashi
Falcon Class	- Lukas Henry	Falcon Class	- Harrison McKernan
Kestrel Class	- David Vunicagi	Kestrel Class	- Choegyal Tamang
Harrier Class	- George Harling	Harrier Class	- Faye Phillips
Merlin Class	- Hangsham Limbu	Merlin Class	- Emily McFarlane
Hawk Class	- Eliza Aitchison	Hawk Class	- Mollie Robson
Eagle Class	- Whole Class	Eagle Class	- Sanna Sanyang
Sea Eagle Class	- Stanley Steel	Sea Eagle Class	- Vance Stewart
21 April		28 April	
Owl Class	- Lainie Carroll	Owl Class	- Freddie Johnston
Osprey Class	- Amelia-Rose Savage	Osprey Class	- Aaron Waqanisau
Falcon Class	- Lily Poole	Falcon Class	- Frank-Mekhi Asare
Kestrel Class	- Isabella Sawyer	Kestrel Class	- Elizabeth Ngugi
Harrier Class	- Oliver Bent	Harrier Class	- Amarah Daniel
Merlin Class	- Charlie Thornton	Merlin Class	- Phoebe Rose
Hawk Class	- Mollie Robson	Hawk Class	- Freyja Wright
Eagle Class	- Levi Longley	Eagle Class	- Kelsang Tamang
Sea Eagle Class	- Darcie Allison	Sea Eagle Class	- Junshu Limbu

Dress-up Days and Educational Visits that have been planned. We would not want anyone to miss out!

Platinum Reading Awards – 100 Reads

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

Sea Eagle & Eagle Class	Sienna Males, Lilly-Mai Cotton and Hudson Day
Merlin Class	CJ Jackson, Felicity Farrow, Emily McFarlane and Cotie Day
Kestrel & Harrier Class	Harry Kavanaugh, Ellie-Mae Atkinson, Tia Richards, Choegyal Tamang, Azaria Mtekateka, Maisie Burton, Elizabeth Ngugi, Atu Daumeke and Reuben Starkey
Falcon Class	Maikeli Kepa, Harrison McKernan and Noah Keveren
Osprey Class	Rosie Nutsugah, Tommy Keveren, Elijah Cromar and Amelia Bent

Owl Class

Daisy-Mae Davidge, Isobel Pitcher, George Farrow and Nelliah Jackson

Kestrel and Harrier Explorers Day

Kestrel and Harrier Class had great fun exploring the rainforest. They looked at different landmarks in Brazil, tried to find wildlife around the school and drew the animals they saw on their adventure. The children said it was really exciting and "the best day ever!"



Bollywood Dancing – Osprey and Hawk Class



Class Curriculum Letters - <http://www.thorneyislandcps.org.uk/Curriculum%20Letters.html>

Class Curriculum Letters can be found at the link above. These contain information and links that will hopefully help you support your child with their learning.

Red Nose Day – Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to our Just Giving page In total you help us raise £149 for Comic Relief.

First Aid Training – Hawk Class



Easter Egg Decoration Competition

A big thank you to Mr Stamp and all the children who took part in the egg decorating competition. The eggs looked amazing; there were many creative and innovative ideas!



Attendance – Spring Term

Fifty seven children had an attendance rate of 100% in the Spring Term and a further thirteen had an attendance rate of 99% which means 30% of children had attendance rates over 99% which is amazing. Many more children have rates well above 95% but a few children are significantly impacting on the overall school attendance. If children are ill, we fully understand that they will be absent but some children appear to be taking a lot of time off just before we break up and patterns are emerging. If necessary, action will have to be taken against these families as a last resort. This would only be the second time in 18 years that the school has had to do this, as our attendance rates are often well above 97% which puts us in the top 10% of schools nationally.

Class	Attendance Rate	Class	Attendance Rate
Owl Class	90%	Harrier Class	95%
Osprey Class	95%	Merlin Class	95%
Falcon Class	95%	Hawk Class	94%
Kestrel Class	95%	Eagle Class	96%
		Sea Eagle Class	94%

Clarinet Assembly



The children in Merlin Class are going from strength to strength. Their performance in the last week of term was a pleasure to listen to, as was the solo and duet performances of the other children playing.

Having parents come in to share this assembly with us, as always makes such events extra special. I hope you all enjoyed seeing the great progress the children have made since their last performance.

Safeguarding

Parents/carers should assure themselves that their children will be safe when they go off to a sports club, therapist, childminder etc. Not all sports clubs, youth groups, therapists are regulated, meaning that they may not be safe to work or volunteer with children. Not everyone who works or volunteers with children has a DBS check!

There are questions that parents/carers can ask the provider to assure themselves that children will be safe when they are with workers and volunteers. For more information, please visit the ['Safe clubs for children' campaign webpage](#).

Mallard Nesting Tubes



It was a pleasure to host the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) along with Chichester Wildfowlers Association (CWA), who are undertaking conservation work on Thorney Island. Hawk Class helped to make Mallard Nesting Tubes which will be placed in the Great Deeps along with forested areas in the local area.

A big thank you to Brendan Hogan, Ben Marks, Felicity Winters, Danny Legg and Alistair Poole for coming along to help the children with this project. The children certainly had a very productive and interesting afternoon.

Osprey Class

If you cannot go to Ghana the next best this is getting Ghana to come to you!

Last term Mr Nutsugah (Rosie's dad) came in to school talk to Osprey Class about Ghana. He showed the class where it is on the map, the capital city, currency and language spoken. He also taught the children a dance from Ghana - The Azonto.

Mr Nutsugah showed the class the Ghanan flag and traditional clothing. He talked about the food that comes from Ghana, such as cacao which makes chocolate. Thank you to Mrs Malone for organising this visit and to Mr Nutsugah for making the time to come in to school.



Broomfield Schools Photography Competition 2023 Results

Congratulations to Lessie Hughes for being the overall Year 4 winner with her photograph entitled 'The Heart of Havant' and to Lacey Rose in Year 6 and Emily McFarlane in Year 4 who both received Certificates of Merit. I am looking forward to seeing their photographs once they are returned to school after being on display in Emsworth.

Falcon Class visit Arundel Castle



Is your child moving schools?

We are now at the stage in the academic year that we are starting to think about class organisation for September. If you know your child(ren) will be leaving the school between now and the end of term (July) please let Mrs Jennings in the school office know. There is a lot of administration involved when a child moves schools and it really does help us the more notice you can give.

Dates for your Diary

Please make sure you read carefully as new events are added frequently.

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 3 May	Hawk Class River Walk
Thursday 4 May	Ospey Class visit to Marwell Zoo
Friday 5 May	Coronation Day Picnic with parents
Thursday 11 May	Merlin Class to Visit Chichester
Friday 12 May	Owl Class visit to Staunton Country Park
Tuesday 16 May	Owl Class visit to St Nicholas Church, Thorney Island
Tuesday 23 May	Eagle & Sea Eagle Classes visit to D-Day Museum, Southsea
Thursday 25 May	Owl Class Bug Ball
Monday 12 June	Kestrel and Harrier Class visit to Butser Ancient Farm
Thursday 22 June	Hawk Class visit to Paultons Park
Tuesday 27 June	Locality Dance Festival
Wednesday 28 June	Sports Day, 1:15pm
Monday 3 July	Falcon Class visit to Longdown Activity Farm
Wednesday 5 July	Transition Day
Thursday 6 July	Open Evening, 3:15pm – 4.00pm
Friday 7 July	Area Sports
Monday 10 July	Start of Thorney Island Sports Week
Monday 10 July	BMX Day
Tuesday 11 July	BMX Day
Wednesday 12 July	Yoga morning
Wednesday 12 July	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 13 July	Beach Day
Friday 14 July	Jolf Day
Friday 21 July	End of Term

Term Dates 2022/2023

17 April 2023:	Start of Summer Term
01 May 2023:	Bank Holiday
08 May 2023:	Public Holiday – Coronation of HM King Charles III
26 May 2023:	INSET Day
29 May – 2 June 2023:	Half Term
5 June 2023:	INSET Day
21 July 2023	End of Summer Term – Break-up for Summer Holiday

INSET Days 2022/2023 – children do not attend school on these days

Friday 26 May 2023
Monday 5 June 2023

Term Date 2023/2024

01 September 2023	Start of Autumn Term
23-27 October 2023	Half Term
15 December 2023	End of Autumn Term - Break up for Christmas Holiday
02 January 2024	Start of Spring Term
12-16 February 2024	Half Term
28 March 2024	End of Spring Term – Break up for Easter Holiday
15 April 2024	Start of Summer Term
27-31 May 2024	Half Term
23 July 2024	End of Summer Term – Break up for Summer Holiday