

# Thorney Tribune

## Thorney Island Community Primary School

### Newsletter No 8

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Dear Parents, Governors & 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, Dress-up Days and Educational Visits that have been planned; we would not want anyone to miss out!

#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

<b>15 March</b>		<b>22 March</b>	
Owl Class	- Rupert Malone	Owl Class	- Adalind Anderson
Osprey Class	- Emily Kavanagh	Osprey Class	- River Sheehan
Falcon Class	- Amelia Bent	Falcon Class	- Noah Sawyer
Kestrel Class	- Jaeger Hughes	Kestrel Class	- Alwyn Worgan
Raven Class	- Elijah Driscoll	Raven Class	- Annabelle Fleming
Merlin Class	- Lucas Cockerill	Merlin Class	- Brody Johnston
Hawk Class	- Savannah Males	Hawk Class	- Leon Jackson
Eagle Class	- Maisie Mills	Eagle Class	- Sean Pettit
			
<b>19 April</b>			
Owl Class	- Beau Ashton		
Osprey Class	- Otilie Woolf		
Falcon Class	- Atonio Rede		
Kestrel Class	- Zara Maher		
Raven Class	- Harry Bateman		
Merlin Class	- Max Hatton		
Hawk Class	- Bobby Barton		
Eagle Class	- Ethan Annand		

#### Platinum Reading Awards - 100 Reads

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

Owl Class	Kit Palmer Ward
Osprey Class	Elsie McVay, Juliet Smith and George Farrow
Falcon Class	Noah Sawyer and Daisie Dallimore
Kestrel Class	Finlay Mercer
Raven Class	Choegyal Tamang and Isabella Sawyer
Merlin Class	Lucy Bull and Makelesi Naulumatua
Hawk Class	Francis Mansfield and Sebastian Dallimore
Eagle Class:	Layla Longley

## Merlin and Raven Class Celebrate Fiji Day



The children had a very enjoyable day tasting different types of exotic fruits and undertaking different art and craft activities related to Fiji.

## 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, Miss Reeves and Miss Butler Waite for taking the children and looking after them; it was much appreciated by everyone.



## Thorney Island School - Leavers Information

We are now at the stage in the academic year that we are starting to plan class organisation for September. If you know your child(ren) will be leaving the school anytime between now and the end of the Summer Term (July) please let us know as soon as possible by emailing [bursar@ticps.co.uk](mailto:bursar@ticps.co.uk) Initially the information we will need is your child's/children's proposed leaving date and the area of the country you will be moving to. Once known, we will also need the name of the school your child(ren) will be attending. There is a huge amount of administration involved when a child moves schools and it really does help us the more notice you can give.

## Comic Relief - Red Nose Day 2024

Thank you everyone who made a contribution to our Red Nose Day appeal; the total amount raised was £149.

## Clarinet Assembly - Merlin and Raven Classes



Well done to Merlin and Raven Classes for putting on such brilliant performances. The progress that the children have made since the Autumn Term is clear to see. It was also good to see so many individual performances from those children that have chosen to carry on playing a variety of instruments including the flute and saxophone.

## Easter Egg Competition



Congratulations to all those that took part. The children were very excited to share their decorated eggs with each other and staff were extremely impressed with the level of creativity. I would also like to thank all parents for their support and also Mr Stamp for organising the competition.

## 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](mailto: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>

## Attendance - 95.9%

The children's attendance has been very good so far this academic year. This is much appreciated and a major initiative of the government, as since the pandemic fewer children are attending school regularly. Last term sixty-three children did not miss a day at school, with twenty-nine being present every day, so far, for the entire academic year. The government now track each school's attendance daily so your support with this is much appreciated. Good school attendance has been shown to have a significant and positive impact on children's academic attainment.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Owl	94.8%	8 <sup>th</sup>	Raven	96.79%	1 <sup>st</sup>
Osprey	94.81%	7 <sup>th</sup>	Merlin	95.65%	5 <sup>th</sup>
Falcon	96.71%	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hawk	96.2%	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kestrel	96.07%	4 <sup>th</sup>	Eagle	95.25%	6 <sup>th</sup>

Nationally to date the official attendance rate for all schools is 93.2%

## DIARY DATES 2024

15 April	First day of Summer Term
25 April	Raven & Merlin Classes to Emsworth
29 April	After school clubs start this week
1 May	Osprey Class to Marwell Zoo
3 May	Falcon Class to Arundel Castle
6 May	Bank Holiday - children <u>do not</u> attend school on this day
8 May	Owl Class to Staunton Farm
9 May	Hawk Class to Dell Quay
9 May	Raven & Merlin Classes to Chichester
13 - 17 May	KS2 SATs week
14 May	Owl Class to St Nicholas Church on Thorney Island
22 May	Owl Class Play & Share
23 May	Owl Class Bug Ball 4.00-5.15pm
24 May	INSET Day - children <u>do not</u> attend school on this day
7 June	School Disco
20 June	Hawk Class to Paultons Park
20 June	Kestrel Class to Butser Ancient Farm
24 June	INSET Day - children <u>do not</u> attend school on this day
26 June	Sports Day - KS1: 1.00 - 1.45pm; KS2: 1.45 - 3.00pm
2 July	Clarinet Assemblies - Merlin Class 9.30am & Raven Class 10.30am
3 July	Transition Day
4 July	Falcon Class to Longdown Farm
4 July	Parents Open Evening 3.15 - 4
8 - 12 July	School Sports Week
22 July	Thorney's Got Talent
23 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

### Term Dates 2023/2024

15 April	Start of Summer Term
6 May	Bank Holiday
24 May	INSET DAY
27-31 May	Half Term
24 June	INSET DAY
23 July	End of Summer Term - Break up for Summer Holiday

### INSET Days 2023/2024 - children do not attend school on these days

~~Friday 20 October 2023~~  
~~Monday 30 October 2023~~  
~~Monday 19 February 2024~~  
Friday 24 May 2024  
Monday 24 June 2024

### Term Dates 2024/2025

02 September 2024	Start of Autumn Term
28 Oct-01 Nov 2024	Half Term
20 December 2024	End of Autumn Term - Break up for Christmas Holiday
06 January 2025	Start of Spring Term
17-21 February 2025	Half Term
04 April 2025	End of Spring Term - Break up for Easter Holiday
22 April 2025	Start of Summer Term
26-31 May 2025	Half Term
22 July 2025	End of Summer Term - Break up for Summer Holiday