

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 10

July 2026

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

I hope that you are all enjoying the sunshine and looking forward to the summer break. This newsletter will hopefully bring you up to speed with the events that have happened in school over the last month. Once again, I would just like to thank you for your support with all that we do. It makes such a difference to the education that we can provide for your children.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

26 June			03 July		
Owl Class	-	Annabelle Shoebridge	Owl Class	-	Elsie Woosey
Osprey Class	-	Stanley Ward	Osprey Class	-	Poppy Harding
Falcon Class	-	Jack Watts	Falcon Class	-	Ellie Richards
Kestrel Class	-	Daisy- Mae Davidge	Kestrel Class	-	Isobel Pitcher
Merlin Class	-	Alfred Bulmer	Merlin Class	-	Tristan Gurung
Hawk Class	-	Frank Asare Dziedzorm Akplu	Hawk Class	-	Dakota Paddon-Budd
Eagle Class	-	Elijah Driscoll	Eagle Class	-	Bailey Harrison
10 July					
Owl Class	-	Sainimere Vuibega			
Osprey Class	-	Myla Rae Shearsby			
Falcon Class	-	Noah Day			
Kestrel Class	-	Archie Mercer			
Merlin Class	-	Alfie Lawes			
Hawk Class	-	Hope Earney			
Eagle Class	-	Scarlett Wright			

Tuppenny Barn – Kestrel Class



Kestrel Class kicked off STEM week with a trip to Tuppenny Barn, where they explored different edible plants, picked berries to make muffins and planted spring onions. They tried borage, which is meant to give you courage and some super sour leaves where they tried not to pull faces. They finished their trip with a long walk back to school and a well-deserved ice lolly!

STEM Week

A big thank you goes to Miss Noyce and Mr Stamp for organising STEM Week. All of the staff have gone that extra mile to provide the children with multiple hands-on experiences to develop the children's understanding of Science and Technology and how it links to so many areas of the curriculum. The children also got to work with lots of new teachers and teaching assistants as they rotated around the various classrooms. This is always an excellent way of everyone getting to know all of the children and staff who work in the school.



Dance Festival



It was great to host the locality dance festival again this year with children from Southbourne Junior, Southbourne Infant, Chidham, Westbourne and Bosham all attending. A big thank you goes to Miss Noyce and all the performers for making the morning and event so special.

Greek Day - Merlin Class



The children had a fantastic day doing all things Greek including working with Paull Ullson our resident historical expert.

Mini-Troopers Picnic



The Mini-Troopers picnic went extremely well. Mrs Clegg was very well supported by some of the Year 6 children who appeared to have just as much fun as the Mini-Troopers.

Pick up the tempo and *Read to the Beat* at a library near you

West Sussex Library Service's popular Summer Reading Challenge is back! This year's theme is ***Read to the Beat***, a celebration of reading and music.

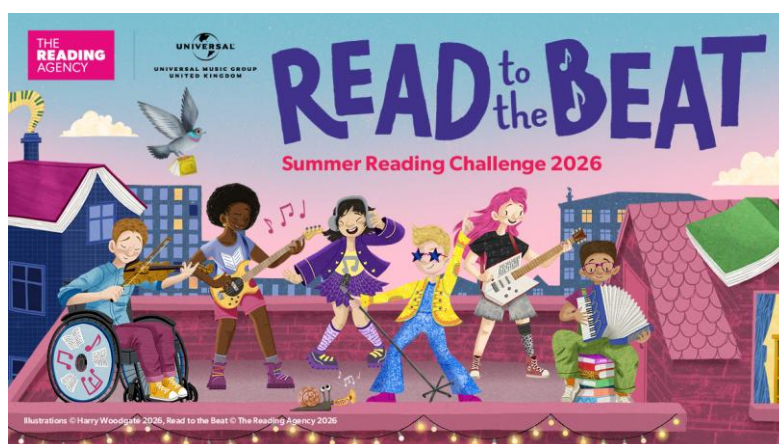
Pre-registration is open from **Monday 15 June** and the Summer Reading Challenge starts in your local West Sussex library on **Saturday 4 July**, running until **Saturday 12 September**. It's free for families to take part and a great way to encourage reading for pleasure during the long summer holiday.

Once registered online for the Challenge at libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/src, children reveal a special code word to staff at their local library to get a *Read to the Beat* sticker booklet. The main Challenge is aimed at children aged 4-11 years, whilst under-4s can take part in the Mini Challenge.

Children will have access to a wide range of books - both physical and downloadable! They will have all summer to enjoy books and achieve personalised reading goals, returning to the library several times to discuss the books they have been reading with Summer Reading Challenge Volunteers, collecting stickers and other exciting rewards along the way.

For anyone interested in volunteering in this role, full details and the application form are available at libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/src, with a closing date of **Friday 3 July**.

Sing from the rooftops - it's nearly Summer Reading Challenge time!



Guitar Assembly

I would just like to say a big thank you to Mrs Blamire, Mr Marshall and all the guitarists who performed for the first time in front of the whole school. We were all very impressed



Owl Class Beach Party

We certainly had excellent weather for our 'Beach Party' if anything it was a little bit too hot!



Area Sports



With 5 local primary school competing at Southbourne, our athletes from Year 5 and Year 6 did us proud by coming second in Area Sports. It was an extremely hot day, but all of the squad pulled together and we were extremely proud of them. Our reputation in sporting excellence continues to grow across the locality! 1st - Southbourne 2nd - Thorney 3rd - Bosham 4th - Westbourne 5th - Chidham.

Platinum Reading Awards - 100 Reads

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

Falcon Class: Molly Henderson, Josaia Daumeke and Skylar Thrift

Hawk Class: Thomas Hart, Keresi Sauliga and Dakota Paddon-Budd

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

13 - 17 July	Sports Week
20 July	Sports Day, whole school; KS1: 1.00pm-1.45pm & KS2: 1.45pm-3.00pm
21 July	Thorney's Got Talent, whole school
22 July	Last Day of Term - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 2.00pm

1 September	First Day of Autumn Term
7 September	Osprey Class Meeting (Y1) at 2.30pm
8 September	Falcon Class Meeting (Y2) at 2.30pm
9 September	Kestrel Class Meeting (Y3) at 2.30pm
10 September	Merlin Class Meeting (Y4) at 2.30pm
10 September	Eagle Class to the Bourne for Project Enthuse
11 September	Hawk Class Meeting (Y5) at 2.30pm
14 September	Eagle Class Meeting (Y6) at 2.30pm
15 September	Owl Class Phonics Meeting (YR), school hall at 2.30pm
16 September	Kestrel Class to Tuppenny Barn
21 September	Eagle Class Bikeability Week
24 September	Merlin Class to Marwell Zoo
25 September	Hawk Class Level 1 Bikeability Day
1 October	School Photographer
2 October	NHS Nasal Flu Vaccinations
20 October	Eagle Class to Fort Nelson
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

Term Date 2025/2026

22 July 2026	End of Summer Term - Break up for Summer Holiday
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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

INSET Days for 2026/2027 are:

Friday 23 October 2026
Monday 2 November 2026
Monday 22 February 2027
Friday 28 May 2027
Monday 21 June 2027

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