Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to Christmas. This is often the busiest half term of the year in school so please make a note of all the important dates, as it is not always possible to send out reminders.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

16 October				**6 November**		
Owl Class	-	Coby Thrift		Owl Class	-	Kunsang Sherpa
Osprey Class	-	Leni Vuibeqa		Osprey Class	-	Elsie Woosey
Falcon Class	-	Willow Wilkinson		Falcon Class	-	Alistair Lee
Kestrel Class	-	Navi Vosanibole		Kestrel Class	-	Josaia Daumeke
Merlin Class	-	Archie Mercer		Merlin Class	-	Daisy-Mae Davidge
Hawk Class	-	Bea Malone		Hawk Class	-	Hugo Stacey-King
Eagle Class		Frank-Mekhi Asare		Eagle Class	-	Heidi Baldwin
13 November						
Owl Class		Levi Boateng				
Osprey Class		Charlotte Cook				
Falcon Class		Aubree Wallington				
Kestrel Class		Joey Cameron				
Merlin Class		Elsie-Belle Edmonds				
Hawk Class		Ameilia Bent				
Eagle Class		Mimi Randall				



Thorney - Netball Tournament Champions



The team played extremely well winning all of their 4 games making them overall tournament champions. The teams taking part were Southbourne, Westbourne and Thorney. Great sportsmanship was shown throughout. I would just like to thank Miss Goss and Miss Hubery for helping to run the tournament and all the parents for their help with transport and their great support. This was much appreciated. Each team played each other twice with Thorney winning their games 5-0, 4-0, 4-0 and 4-1.

Fairytale Dressing Up – Osprey Class





I would just like to say a big thank you for your support with this day. The children looked amazing.

Roman Banquet – Eagle Class







The children had a fantastic day although I'm not sure that many liked tasting the olives or sardines!

Eagle Class Visit Fort Nelson





The children had a fantastic time learning a great deal abouty the Roman Army, their weapons and how they lived.

Harvest Festival



I would just like to say a big thank you on behalf of Chichester Food Bank for your amazing contributions to our Harvest Festival. This will make such a difference to those that receive your donations and this generosity really helps to show the children how to make a positive contribution to the lives of others which is a key part of our Mission Statement.

It was lovely to see so many parents there to see the children's excellent performance. The children were all confident and spoke clearly. I passed on all the positive comments made to me at the gate to staff, which was much appreciated.

We received the following message - Thank you for collecting food donations for Chichester District Foodbank this Harvest. Your support will make a huge difference to people struggling to afford the essentials. The total weight of the collection was 235.5kg which will provide 588 meals.

Superhero Day – Kestrel Class









The children had a fantastic day being superheroes.

It was also great that the police could come in and show the children the vehicles and equipment that they use. A big thank you goes to all the parents for your efforts with the costumes and to Miss Hubery for organising for the police to visit the school. We were fortunate enough that Owl Class also got to see and sit in the vehicles. The sirens and lights along with the riot shields proved to be a great success.

Wear It Wild Day – Merlin Class







Thank you for your support and in helping make the learning that goes on in school as memorable as possible.

Owl Class Cakes

The cakes the children baked/decorated were fantastic. The designs were outstanding, and the School Councillors had a very hard time deciding which was their favourite. In the end they felt that they could not decide, even when it came to the taste test, they thought all of them tasted very good. The School Councillors have never been so quiet whilst eating their cakes which is always a good sign. Well done to all of Owl Class.





Play and Share – Owl Class

A big thank you goes to all the parents who managed to make it to Owl Classes Play and Share session. It was much appreciated by everyone.





Thorney Troopers and Red Ten

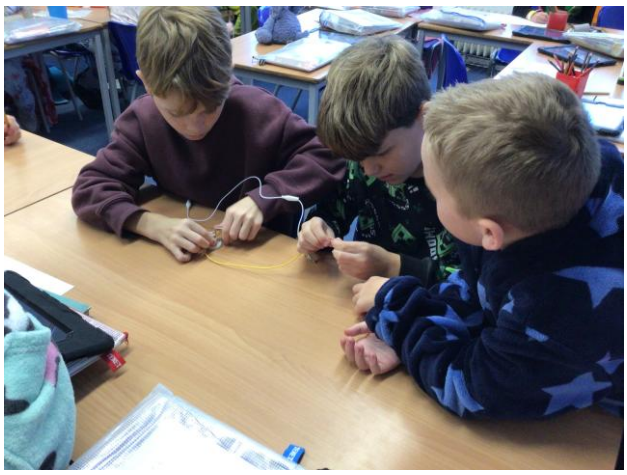






Mr Hallam would just like to thank all the children for their contributions to the Poppy Appeal. In total the children raised £134.50. Again this just helps us to put our Mission Statement into action, by making a positive contribution to the lives of others.

Merlin Class – The Lost Happy Endings – Hook Day


Children In Need

All the children looked amazing and to date we have raised £224. Thank you for your support and positive comments made on our Just Giving Page.

Armed Forces Covenant

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support provided to the school by the Armed Forces Covenant. We would not be able to do all that we do without their financial assistance.

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

Diary Dates, INSET Days and Term Dates 2026/2027

DIARY DATES

27 November	Rainbow Theatre performing Dick Whittington – whole school
1 December	Merlin Class Clarinet Assembly – 9.30am in school hall
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
4 January	First Day of Term
7 January	Hawk Class to STEM session at Bourne Community College – 12.30pm
14 January	Merlin Class – first week of swimming lessons
18 January	First week of after-school clubs
22 January	Hawk Class to SeaCity Museum
29 January	Merlin Class to Harry Potter Studio Tour London
1 – 4 February	Owl Class Balance Bike Training – more information to follow
8 February	No after-school clubs this week
10 February	Parents Evening
11 February	Parents Evening
15 – 19 February	Half Term
22 February	INSET Day

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