

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 6

February 2026

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to the half term. The children have worked extremely hard this half term and are ready for some downtime as are staff. Fingers crossed everyone will be back fit and health on Tuesday 23rd February. Staff will be working with staff from other local schools on Monday 22nd February.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

6 February					13 February
Owl Class	-	Poppy Boyce	Owl Class	-	Autumn Ebbrell
Osprey Class	-	Jace Waterman	Osprey Class	-	Bindi Ashton
Falcon Class	-	Arthur Mason	Falcon Class	-	Cema Matakiwai
Kestrel Class	-	Liam Oliver	Kestrel Class	-	Juliet Smith
Merlin Class	-	Atonio Rede	Merlin Class	-	Charlie Smith
Hawk Class	-	Jacob King	Hawk Class	-	Lottie Bigby-Sutton
Eagle Class		Elizabeth Ngugi	Eagle Class	-	Isaac Dallimore

Platinum Reading Awards - 100 Reads

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

Owl Class:

Osprey Class: Stanley Ward, Emily Le Poidevin and Aurelia Armiger

Falcon Class: Kit Palmer Ward, Lilly Deakin, Jack Watts and Annora Thapa Kamal

Kestrel Class:

Merlin Class: Henry Le Poidevin

Hawk Class: Eva Smith and Lily Poole

Eagle Class Oliver Bent and Daniella Ale

Positive Media Attention Is Always Welcome!

I thought parents may be interested in using the link below. As always you support and the hard work of staff leads to great results.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/education-and-careers/uk-primary-school-rankings-reading-writing/>

Please Keep Reading Over Half Term As Well As Practicing Those Multiplication Facts

Keeping skills sharp is vital if children are not to regress during the holidays. Just 5 to 10 minutes a day makes such a difference to academic outcomes. As always, your support is much appreciated. It is only through positive home school relationships that we can maintain our position as one of the top performing schools in the area.

Sea City Museum - Hawk Class



Taking the children to Sea City Museum is always a great way of bringing their work on the Titanic to life. As always, the children were extremely well behaved and asked some excellent questions whilst they were there.

Netball Tournament



Westbourne v Thorney	0 - 1
Southbourne v Westbourne	0 - 3
Thorney v Southbourne	5 - 0
Thorney v Westbourne	3 - 0
Westbourne v Southbourne	2 - 2
Southbourne v Thorney	1 - 3

The team played extremely well winning three of their games and drawing one. A big thank you goes to Miss Goss and Miss Hubery for taking them. Feedback from staff was that the children played effectively as a team, which is always great to hear.

Football Match - Thorney v Westbourne - Score 5 - 3



The girls played extremely well against strong opposition. After the first 10 minutes we were 3 nil down, but the girls remained resolute. After scoring their first goal you could see their determination grow. After 20 minutes it was 3-1 and after the 30 minutes 3-3. In the final 10 minutes the girls really started to get the measure of the opposition and began to pass the ball effectively and dominated play in the opposition half. After scoring 2 more goals to make it 5 - 3 to Thorney, they asked who had won! The girls demonstrated great sportsmanship, and the support of parents and grandparents was much appreciated.

Titanic Day



The children looked fantastic. The amount of effort made was great to see. Having 'Hook Days' really does bring learning to life. My thanks goes out to all the parents and staff for making this such a memorable day. It was certainly a great talking point in school.

Wraparound Childcare Parent Survey

[Wraparound Childcare Parent Survey | Your Voice West Sussex](https://www.yourvoicewestsussex.co.uk/surveys/wraparound-childcare-parent-survey)

Soup and Soap

The Chichester Harbour Veterans are doing a collection of **Soup and Soap** for Ukraine. Any donations brought into school will be passed on.

Circus Day - Osprey Class - The Children Looked Amazing! - Thank You



Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

13 February	Last Day of Half Term - non-school uniform
16 - 20 February	Half Term
23 February	INSET Day
25 February	Parent Workshop - Supporting my child with their worries and managing our worries as parents
26 February	Hawk Class to Project Enthuse at Boure Community College
02 March	Kestrel Class to RHS Wisley
05 March	World Book Day
09 March	Last week of after-school clubs
09 March	Dance Club to Pavillion Theatre Worthing for Dance House 2026
11 March	Owl Class Play & Share 2pm
18 March	Osprey Class to Pizza Express
20 March	Red Nose Day - non-school uniform
24 March	Merlin Class Clarinet Assembly at 9.30am
26 March	School Disco - more information to follow
27 March	Hawk Class to Thorney Island Shoreline with Chichester Harbour Conservancy
27 March	Last Day of Spring Term
13 April	First Day of Summer Term

Term Date 2025/2026

03 September 2025	Start of Autumn Term
27-31 October 2025	Half Term
19 December 2025	End of Autumn Term - Break up for Christmas Holiday
05 January 2026	Start of Spring Term
16-20 February 2026	Half Term
27 March 2026	End of Spring Term - Break up for Easter Holiday
13 April 2026	Start of Summer Term
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 24 October 2025~~

~~Monday 3 November 2025~~

Monday 23 February 2026

Friday 22 May 2026

Monday 22 June 2026

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

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