

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 9

June 2026

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

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 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

08 May		15 May	
Owl Class	- Autumn Ebbrell	Owl Class	- Freddie-Lee Brook
Osprey Class	- Tafari Kamanja	Osprey Class	- Bindi Ashton
Falcon Class	- Cema Matakiwai	Falcon Class	- Lillie-Rose Downie
Kestrel Class	- Frankie Tucker	Kestrel Class	- Elsie McVay
Merlin Class	- Amelia Bent	Merlin Class	- Bea Malone
Hawk Class	- Zade Rasheed	Hawk Class	- Mimi Randall
Eagle Class	- Daniella Ale	Eagle Class	- Brodie Johnston
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05 June		12 June	
Owl Class	- Rosie Burnand	Owl Class	- Charlotte Cook
Osprey Class	- Elijah Downie	Osprey Class	- Tristan Morgan
Falcon Class	- Josaiia Daumeke	Falcon Class	- Skylar Thrift
Kestrel Class	- Brielle Asare	Kestrel Class	- Cody Harrison
Merlin Class	- Ruby Carroll	Merlin Class	- James Morgan
Hawk Class	- Darcie Edwards	Hawk Class	- Finn Evans
Eagle Class	- JJ Nash	Eagle Class	- JJ Nash

Mrs Jones Leaving

After being SENCO and Assistant Headteacher for 11 years Mrs Jones has decided to move on to pastures new. She has been a valued member of the senior leadership team at Thorney and has championed the needs of all children, but in particular those with special educational needs. She has sought specialist advice from numerous agencies and supported both staff and parents through challenging times, whilst always putting the needs of the children first. She has been fully committed to the life of the school and has worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the school. We have all been grateful for her care and promotion of staff wellbeing, including workshops and social events! She will be missed by everyone.

Class Curriculum Letter

Hopefully you will find these useful when supporting your child with their learning.

<https://www.thorneyislandcps.org.uk/Curriculum%20Letters.html>

Osprey Class visit Marwell Zoo



The children had a fantastic day learning all about animals and the habitats that they live in. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers as without your support we would not be able to go on so many educational visits.

Owl Class visit St Nicholas Church



A big thank you to Tom Robson the vicar of Southbourne Church for showing Owl Class around St Nicholas Church on Thorney and explaining its importance to the community.

Kestrel Class visit Butser Ancient Farm

Kestrel Class had an amazing time at Butser Ancient Farm. They got to show off everything they already knew and then learned how to light fires using wood and a flint and steel; it was a bit tricky, but they kept persevering. Then they made cordage from plant fibres and turned them into jewellery using wooden beads. They toured the Stone Age village and explored the different houses, looking at the building materials and tools. Finally, they used their archaeology skills to dig up artefacts and draw conclusions about the past.



River Study - Hawk Class



As the geography lead at the school, it is always fantastic to see the children out of school undertaking fieldwork. Hawk Class learnt so much about rivers due to the firsthand experience provided by Chichester Harbour Conservancy volunteers. A big thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who supported the children with their learning and understanding of rivers.

Merlin Class visit Chichester



We are so fortunate to have so many excellent resources close to hand and staff who are willing to exploit them to ensure the children have a wide range of experiences. The children learnt so much about the historic town of Chichester along with enjoying the amazing cakes that they sell!

Owl Class visit Staunton Country Park



The children had a fantastic time at Staunton Country Park where they found lots of exciting creatures whilst pond dipping and during their mini-beast hunt. They also met lots of farm animals which they were allowed to feed.

SATs Breakfast



A big thank you to all the staff who helped with the SAT's breakfasts for the Year 6. From Mrs Jones who bought everything, to Mrs Clegg who set things up each morning, to Mrs McCrossn who cleared away at the end, along with all the other staff who helped to serve and settle the children before the tests such as Mrs Phelps and Mrs Burnand.

Kestrel Class - Stone Age Day



Kestrel Class had a fantastic Day making and baking bread on their campfire. A big thank you to all the staff and Mrs Bulmer for helping out. Even the rain did not dampen spirits especially when Miss Hubery got out the marshmallows which she admitted were not very Stone Age!

Falcon Class - Medieval Day



The children had a fantastic day jousting, making shields and enjoying a medieval feast. A big thank you goes to all the parents and staff who helped to make this such a special day.

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

You can find further information about the role of governors in school by clicking the following link <https://schools.westsussex.gov.uk/Page/1354>

RNLI Visit



A big thank you to Brian Masters from the RNLI who came into school from the RNLI to teach the children all about water safety. His practical use of resources really does help bring the messages he is trying to get across to life and hopefully memorable for the children. This is so important given the recent hot weather and tragedies that have occurred nationally.

Owl Class - Bug Ball



Saltwater Creations - Thorney Troopers



A group of children from Thorney Troopers got to work with Jules from Saltwater Creations. This was funded through a grant awarded by The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust which has allowed our school to work with other local schools to support children from service families.

The beach theme art workshop aimed to raise awareness of caring for our environment whilst nurturing wellbeing. The children all found the session fun and 'calming'. We were pleased to welcome children from Southbourne Juniors to work with us for the session.



Platinum Reading Awards - 100 Reads

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

Owl Class: Rosabella Coombes

Osprey Class:

Falcon Class:

Kestrel Class: Brielle Asare

Merlin Class:

Hawk Class:

Eagle Class: Maisie Burton

Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

15 - 19 June	STEM Week
15 June	Kestrel Class to Tuppenny Barn
18 June	Hawk Class to Project Enthuse at Bourne Community College
22 June	INSET Day - children do not attend school on this day
22 June	Afterschool clubs end this week
24 June	Sports Day, whole school; KS1: 1.00pm-1.45pm & KS2: 1.45pm-3.00pm
25 June	Hawk Class to Paultons Park
1 July	Transition Day
2 July	Parents Open Afternoon, 3.15pm - 4.00pm
6 July	Falcon Class to Longdown Activity Farm
6 - 8 July	Eagle Class to Residential at Runways End
13 - 17 July	Sports Week
21 July	Thorney's Got Talent, whole school
22 July	Last Day of Term - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 2.00pm

Term Date 2025/2026

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 22 May 2026~~
Monday 22 June 2026

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

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