

Thorney Tribune

Thorney Island CP School

Newsletter No 7

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

This term teachers have spent a great deal of time planning and organising Hook Days as well as going on pre-visits ready for the many educational visits that have taken place. The children's enthusiasm throughout is always a pleasure to see which inspires their teachers to go above and beyond what is expected. As always, I receive lots of feedback on the outstanding behaviour of the children when they are both in and out of school which is always good to hear, if not expected.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

27 February		06 March	
Owl Class	- Charlotte Cook	Owl Class	- Jessica Earles
Osprey Class	- Aurelia Armiger	Osprey Class	- Kshani Matthews
Falcon Class	- Rupert Malone	Falcon Class	- Stormy Lewis
Kestrel Class	- Cole Harper	Kestrel Class	- Daisy-Mae Davidge
Merlin Class	- Aaron Waqanisau	Merlin Class	- Hugo Stacey-King
Hawk Class	- Elaina Hannah	Hawk Class	- Eva Smith
Eagle Class	- Atu Daumeke	Eagle Class	- Kailee Victorin
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13 March		20 March	
Owl Class	- Grayson Lake	Owl Class	- Theodore Pitcher
Osprey Class	- Tafari Kamanja	Osprey Class	- Elijah Downie
Falcon Class	- Lottie Pipe	Falcon Class	- Navitalai Vosanibole
Kestrel Class	- Teddie Barroso-Shearsby	Kestrel Class	- Frankie Tucker
Merlin Class	- Jasper Sheehan	Merlin Class	- Noah Sawyer
Hawk Class	- Finlay Mercer	Hawk Class	- Elsie Jennings
Eagle Class	- Elizabeth Ngugi	Eagle Class	- Aleina Kama

Platinum Reading Awards - 100 Reads

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

Owl Class: Lilliana, Elsie Woosey, Shania Vitalis, Aiden Richardson and Jessica Earles

Osprey Class: Vinnie Webb and Joey Windram

Falcon Class:

Kestrel Class: Juliet Smith

Merlin Class: Amelia Bent

Hawk Class: Finn Evans

Eagle Class: Isabella Sawyer

Kestrel Class visit RHS Garden Wisley



Kestrel Class had a brilliant day at RHS Wisley exploring the glass house where they saw different rainforest and desert plants. After they had explored the rainforest area, they walked up to the top of Wisley to see the rock gardens where they found their favourite alpine flowers. In the afternoon, they planted their very own rainforest plants, Tradescantia, from cuttings and found out how to spot rainforest plants from a real plant expert.

His Majesty King Charles III visits Thorney Island



On Thursday 26 February, His Majesty King Charles III visited Thorney Island. The children from Thorney Island School were invited to this special event and were excited to watch the 21 Gun Salute and be amongst the guests present for the Royal Walkabout. His Majesty had specifically requested to meet the children and when he walked over to them all you could hear were excited screams of 'He's coming over'. His Majesty spent time talking to the children and staff before moving on to speak to families of military personnel who are stationed on Thorney Island. The children and staff were extremely excited to be part of this once in a lifetime opportunity to meet The King.

World Book Day



This was another fantastic 'World Book Day'. The staff and children looked absolutely amazing. Thank you for making such an effort and supporting the school with this event. My thanks also go to Mr Vokes who I believe was the most excited person in school and Mrs Jennings for making the staffs day. Mr Vokes' knowledge of literature is outstanding, and he really does enjoy passing this onto the children.



Dance House

A big thank you to Miss Noyce, Mrs Sawyer, Mrs Jennings and all the children and parents who supported this amazing event. The feedback form everyone was extremely positive.



Play and Share - Owl Class



A big thank you goes to all the parents who managed to attend the play and share session in Owl Class. I hope parents enjoyed coming in to see how the children learn and the resources that they have available to them to support them with this.

Review of Vision & Values - Message from the Chair of Governors

During the Summer Term school governors and staff will be reviewing the school's vision and values. These define the culture and character of the school. Our current vision and values are set out below.

Vision

To provide a safe, stimulating and happy environment which creates positive attitudes to learning.

Values

Respect: We respect ourselves, each other and our environment, embracing our differences and celebrating our uniqueness.

Innovation: We use creativity and teamwork to enhance our learning and to grow an enquiring mind and self-belief.

Community: We believe that by working together with honesty and integrity that pupils, staff, parents and our community will thrive.

Perseverance: We show determination in all aspects of our learning showing positivity, perseverance, independence and resilience.

Success: We celebrate success in all its forms. We want all those that attend our school to experience and achieve success.

At this stage we do not anticipate major changes, but this will provide an opportunity to update the current position and confirm the direction of the school for the next two or three years. The review will provide an opportunity for parents to have an input to the strategic direction of the school, and your views would be very welcome. Views should be emailed to the Clerk to Governors at bursar@ticps.co.uk

Fiji Hook Day - Merlin Class

A big thank you goes to all the members of our Fijian Community that helped Merlin Class learn so much about Fiji. It was much appreciated by everyone.



Yours sincerely

Dean Clegg
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

26 March	School Disco
27 March	Hawk Class to Thorney Island Shoreline with Chichester Harbour Conservancy
27 March	Last Day of Spring Term
30 March-10 April	Easter Holidays
13 April	First Day of Summer Term
23 April	Hawk Class to Project Enthuse at Bourne Community College
24 April	Merlin Class to Emsworth
27 April	After school clubs start this week
29 April	Osprey Class to Marwell Zoo
4 May	Bank Holiday - children do not attend school
6 May	Owl Class to Staunton
6 May	Hawk Class to Fishbourne & Dell Quay
7 May	Falcon Class to Arundel Castle
8 May	Kestrel Class to Butser Ancient Farm
8 May	Merlin Class to Chichester
11-15 May	Eagle Class SATs week
21 May	Owl Class Bug Ball 4.00pm - 5.00pm
22 May	INSET Day
25-29 May	Half 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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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