



THORPEDENE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ACHIEVING, CARING AND RESPECTING WITH CONFIDENCE

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Welcome back to all of the children following our winter break! We started the term back with a bang!

The children had arrived back ready to learn, and show us the best versions of themselves and they did us proud when Ofsted visited us on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who completed our survey - this provides the Inspectors with valuable feedback.

With the continued cold weather, please ensure that your children have coats and appropriate outdoor clothing.

If you require information regarding your child's learning this term, please use the following link to find out more:

[Thorpedene Primary School & Nursery - Our Curriculum](#)

We are looking forward to welcoming Parents to school events this term. Please keep an eye out for future dates with the first one being for the 'Two Johns Online Safety' on Tuesday 14th January, with the session starting at 8pm. All parents and carers will receive a link to join this.



Mrs. Frost

The children in our nursery have been exploring the importance of looking after books. They've been practicing how to hold them correctly, turn one page at a time, and use the pictures to create their own imaginative stories. It's been a joy to see them developing such a love for reading and storytelling!



In 2D, the children have been enjoying looking at measurement this week and have been seeing how long things are in and around their classroom. They even measured Mrs Marsh!!

In Maths this week, Year 5 have been learning about and recapping the properties of shapes. They have also used nets to create their own dice.



LET'S CELEBRATE!



THORPEDENE STARS THIS WEEK

DYLAN IN 2D FOR DEMONSTRATING SUCH **CONFIDENCE** WHEN TALKING TO INSPECTORS

NELL IN 5N FOR **CONFIDENCE** IN THEIR READING SESSION, AND ENGAGING IN THEIR LEARNING

RAFFERTY IN 6M FOR SPEAKING WITH MATURITY AND **CONFIDENCE** TO OUR SCHOOL VISITORS.

CARING RESPECTING ACHIEVING CONFIDENCE

GET SOCIAL!

CLICK ON ICONS TO ACCESS
OUR INSTAGRAM/TWITTER!





WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?



In Explorers, the children have been looking at Jack And The Beanstalk this week which led to the activity of children milking some 'cows' and used the milk to make milkshakes!



ATTENDANCE

MATTERS AT THORPEDENE!



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It is good to see everyone back fit and healthy after the Christmas holiday

Just to remind parents and carers:

SCHOOL TIMES

The school gates are open at 8.35am until 8.45am and we expect all children to be in their classes ready to learning by 8.45am

At the end of the day the children finish at 3.15pm. Parents and carers are expected to be there at this time to collect unless your child is attending an after-school club.

ABSENCES

Please remember that if your child is unable to attend school, to safeguard your child we need to be informed each day by either telephone or email before 8.30am the reason why your child is not in.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please note that medical appointments such as dentist and opticians should be made out of school hours or in the school holidays.

Having appointments during school time will affect your child's attendance.

All children should attend school every day, be a H.E.R.O



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REMINDERS

- ◆ We continue to encourage independence with our children, so can you be mindful of the lunchboxes and water bottles being provided, as in some cases, children are unable to open them.
- ◆ As the weather continues to be around and below freezing, can we please remind you to send children into school with appropriate clothing.
- ◆ In terms of PE, children will be taking part in outdoor activities, therefore we must remind you that children are to wear the agreed Thorpedene kit which consists of blue/dark coloured jogging bottoms, the blue PE t-shirt with a blue Thorpedene jumper/fleece over the top. Your child may wear 'skins', leggings or similar underneath their kit if they wish, as long as they have their blue Thorpedene kit over the top. Hooded tops are NOT allowed for safety reasons and similarly as always, jewellery is not to be worn. This is in line with the school policy.
- ◆ You may also want to consider how new and white the trainers are that you send them in, as they are likely to get muddy!
- ◆ Can we also take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of the children having a healthy snack in school for break time. Eating a healthy snack helps with improved concentration, increased energy levels, it encourages healthy eating habits for now and later in life and your child's overall wellbeing.

NEW INTAKE INFO

Parents/Carers of children who are due to start primary school (reception) in September 2025, will need to make their application by the 15th of January 2025. Click [here](#) for more information.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



THE YEAR IS WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT. START NOW!





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COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

CHINESE NEW YEAR MENU

FRIDAY 31st JANUARY 2025

MAIN

STIR FRY HALAL CHICKEN WITH VEGETABLES

SERVED WITH EGG FRIED RICE OR CHIPS

CURRY SAUCE OR SWEET & SOUR SAUCE

VEGETABLE SPRING ROLL

STIR FRY QUORN PIECES WITH VEGETABLES

SERVED WITH EGG FRIED RICE OR CHIPS

CURRY SAUCE OR SWEET & SOUR SAUCE

VEGETABLE SPRING ROLL

DESSERT

MANGO SORBET

OR

EXOTIC FRUIT COCKTAIL

Do you know how to keep your child safe and show them the wonders of our digital world?



The 2 Johns' will open your eyes to a world we, as adults, did not grow up in. Your child is growing up within, and into this digital age.

Please save the date to attend this crucial parent support event.

8pm on Tuesday 14th January 2025

You will receive more details about the event nearer the time.

This is a parent only event and not suitable for children

YOU'RE INVITED

to join us at

SEND THE RIGHT MESSAGE CHARITY

and listen to experts share their neurodivergent knowledge.

SEND GUEST TALK

This informal session allows you to confidently learn from our guests in a welcoming atmosphere, broaden your insights, and feel empowered to understand and support your child.



FREE event

Booking essential

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2025

MENTAL HEALTH Q+A
WITH TANIKA FARMER

ST MARY'S CENTRE, EAST HALL,
SOUTHEND, SS2 6JT

10 AM - 12 PM



Available for Southend, Castle Park, Redford Districts-registered members. Fundraisingly held for SEND for neurodivergent children and young people.

Info@strmsupport.co.uk | 07319 068 827 | www.strmsupport.co.uk

Bouldering Club Sessions

Give it a go! Master amazing

Wednesday New Year
Time: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Age: 6-11yrs
Bookable on the membership page

Have you started bouldering already?

Improve your skills and enjoy the challenge of bouldering with our experienced coaches. We offer a variety of routes to suit all abilities.

Join the bouldering club

Following the success of our previous sessions, we are pleased to announce the launch of our bouldering club. This club offers a regular, structured bouldering session for members.

To register, scan the QR

code or contact:
info@strmsupport.co.uk



Why Bouldering helps?

In partnership with In2Rock, we provide complimentary bouldering sessions for children and young individuals who are neurodivergent and/or have disabilities. These sessions use bouldering to help young people with neurodevelopmental conditions, such as Autism and ADHD, who may struggle with social and emotional communication, self-regulation, and executive functions. Bouldering can help build motor skills, confidence, teamwork, core strength, and self-confidence, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed.

What are the signs of dysregulation?

- difficulty managing frustration
- impulsively reactive behaviour
- excessive physical control
- engaging with profane talking

Children and young people who are highly verbal are ADHD compared to their neurodevelopmental counterparts have difficulty with social and emotional communication. They may therefore require support with self-regulation and developing their executive functions.



- Children and young people who are neurodivergent may have difficulty with their gross and fine motor skills. Their ability to learn at a pace that is not too fast or too slow.
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Free STRM charity membership registration is required before booking.

Watch our YouTube video about bouldering clubs at redrock.

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WE ACCEPT DISABILITY VOUCHERS & OFFER THE FREE GOLFING

CHILD CARE FROM 8am - 6pm

AGES 4 - 14

ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

KIDZ DAY ACTIVITIES CAMPS

SUPER EARLY BIRD OFFERS

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WALL CLIMBING

ARCHERY & AXE THROWING

ANIMAL WORKSHOP

REPLAYABLE FUN & MORE

DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTS AVAILABLE EACH DAY

2025 DATES LAUNCHED

CHECK WEBSITE FOR LOCATIONS & OFFERS

BOOK ONLINE NOW!

Ofsted Registered WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET OR CALL 0333 012 4378

ALL OUR STAFF ARE DBS





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
14/1/25	Parent Online Safety Workshop - 8.00pm
23/1/25	Swans Enrichment session
29/1/25	5N Class assembly - Starboard Hall – 9.05am
31/1/25	EYFS / Year 1 Explore With Me session - 2.15-3.15pm
5/3/25	Puffins Enrichment session
12/3/25	3S Class Assembly - Starboard Hall – 9.05am
14/3/25	EYFS / Year 1 Explore With Me session - 2.15-3.15pm
19/3/25	1N DT Enrichment session
26/3/25	4C Class Assembly - Starboard Hall – 9.05am
2/4/25	5W Class assembly - Starboard Hall – 9.05am
30/4/25	3W Class assembly - Starboard Hall – 9.05am
7/5/25	3BLG Class Assembly - Starboard Hall – 9.05am
9/5/25	EYFS / Year 1 Explore With Me session - 2.15-3.15pm
27/6/25	EYFS / Year 1 Explore With Me session - 2.15-3.15pm

