



THORPEDENE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ACHIEVING, CARING AND RESPECTING WITH CONFIDENCE

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At the end of another sunny week we continue to be proud of all our children who consistently demonstrate the school's Core Values - Achieving, Caring, Respecting and Confidence. This week we have had so many positive comments from our external visitors complimenting our children on their manners, respect and how well they are engaging in their learning as well as in the after school clubs - well done everyone! Alongside this, Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Barleylands where they saw the animals, did some cooking and even had a tractor ride! Year 1 have been showing off their writing skills by creating and planning their own adventure stories - their handwriting has been beautiful!



Reminder - as the sun continues to shine, please ensure that your children have a hat and water bottle in school with them - remembering to put their names on them! Also please ensure that they are wearing appropriate footwear - no open toed sandals or flip flops for health and safety reasons.

I would like to wish you a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 5th May as the school is closed on Monday 4th May.

Mrs. Frost

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to 4B and 5M for getting an amazing 100% attendance. Also well done to 4W and 2B for reaching the school attendance target of 96%.

Class	%
4B	100%
5M	100%
4W	96.9%
2B	96.5%
1S	95.7%
4SR	95.5%
3F	95%
6L	94.6%
6S	94.3%
1N	94.1%
2W	93.8%
Swans	93.8%
3C	93.2%
5LG	93.2%
5W	91.3%
Total	95.2%

Parent/Carer Responsibilities

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to a suitable full-time education. Parents/Carers have a duty, under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996, to ensure that their child of compulsory school age (5 to 16) receives an efficient full-time education at school and so share in the responsibility of ensuring good and regular attendance. It is the legal responsibility of all Parents/Carers to ensure their child receives that education.

To receive a good education, your child should be attending school regularly. This means your child must attend every day the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.

If your child is unable to attend, you must notify the school of their absence by 8.30am every day your child is not in school. Good attendance is linked with improved achievement at school, the more a child is in school, the more progress they will make.





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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Thorpedene Stars!

Each week our Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Frost, Mr Hamilton, Mrs Jackson-Mayo and Miss Carter) select one child each from across the school who has stood out for their demonstration of one of our Core Values of ACHIEVING, CARING, RESPECTING and CONFIDENCE.

Congratulations to the children below for being this week's stars!

- ★ Najela in 4SR for being such a kind and CARING friend to her peers. ★
- ★ Ava in 6L For ACHIEVING and showing CONFIDENCE in her sporting event this week. ★
- ★ Lucia in 1N for her ACHIEVEMENT in writing an adventure story. ★
- ★ Marni in 5M for being an all round legend! Great attitude and shows all the core values. ★

Congratulations to the following students achieving in Accelerated Reader, Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots!



Accelerated Reader		TTRS		NUMBOTS		Most nuggets earned	Most time working
Hunter (Swans)	Riley (5LG)	Yr3	George	1N	Oliver	Zane (3F)	
Oliver (1N)	Lanas (5M)	Yr4	Piper	1S	Nora	Oscar (6L)	Oscar (6L)
Casey (1S)	Jack (5W)	Yr5	Lacey	2B	Alfie		Freddie (3C)
Hiba (2B)	Isabelle (6L)	Yr6	Jimmy	2W	Aaliyah	Theo (5M)	Theo (5M)
Albie (2W)	Nell (6S)					Archie (4W)	Archie (4W)
Vinnie (3C)						Emma (2W)	Emma (2W)
Alfie (3F)							
Max (4B)							





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Year 4 had a brilliant time at Barleylands this week! From meeting and feeding a variety of friendly farm animals to searching for horses on a bumpy tractor ride, there was laughter, learning and excitement across the day. The highlight for many was becoming mini chefs - designing and making their own delicious, healthy pizzas from scratch. They were all fantastic!





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Class 6S has been working hard with their GPS revision.



In Year 3, we have had a DT week! The children have been creating their very own Egyptian collars. They designed them first, and then used a template to cut out their felt. Finally, they sewed on different shapes to make their design. The children have shown determination and resilience with their DT skills this week, we are very proud of them.





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Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their maths lesson by taking their learning outside to apply their 2, 5 and 10 times table knowledge to play the bean bag game.



Year 1 have been conducting interviews for jobs around the school. The roles they interviewed for were: Deputy Head Teacher, Teacher, Chef, Office Staff and a Cleaner. The interviews were a rigorous process with lots of fantastic questions being asked. We definitely have some school staff in the making!





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WHAT'S GOING ON?

SEND SURGERY
with the Southend SEND Team

**Wednesday,
20 May 2026.**
From 9:00 to 11:00am

Thorpedene Primary School
Delaware Rd, Southend-on-Sea SS3 9NP.

If you have a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and have any questions or need advice, drop-in and see us.

At this surgery: Specialist Teaching Service, CAMHS, SEND Early Years, EHCP coordinator (school age), SENDIASS, NHS Occupational Therapy, NHS Speech and Language, Inclusion Team, Educational Psychologists, School Nursing Team, Southend SEND Independent Forum (SSIF) and the Local Offer team.

For future dates and locations, visit:
www.livewellsouthend.com/SENDSurgeries

Southend-on-Sea City Council

CELEBRATE VICTORY DAY
SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

SATURDAY 2nd MAY 2026

11.00 - 12.00	ILLUSTRATED TALK: "OUR GREATEST GENERATION"
11.00 - 15.30	WWII MILITARIA DISPLAY CITY DAY CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION EXHIBITION
11.30 - 15.30	FIELD GUN DISPLAY - SHOEBURY & SOUTH ESSEX RAA
13.00 - 15.30	CHILDREN'S CRAFT ACTIVITIES
13.30 - 14.15*	LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES: "SONGS OF WORLD WAR II" BY
14.30 - 15.15*	HEATHER SIMMONS & TED BEAMENT
15.45 - 16.00	SUNSET CEREMONY

*FREE TICKET REQUIRED - BOOK ONLINE VIA
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CARTANDWAGONSHEVE/EVENTS

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ANNIVERSARY
VE DAY

*FREE ADMISSION TO ALL EVENTS
EVERYONE WELCOME - ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

MAY SOCCER SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

GARON PARK (Southend):
Tuesday 26th May
Friday 29th May 9am-3pm

CLEMENTS HALL (Hawkwell):
Tuesday 26th May
Friday 29th May 10am-3pm

BOOK HERE

Early Bird Discounts Available Until 24th April!

SECAT

SSP
MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

Time : 9:30am until 12pm

Where : @ Shoeburyness High School
Caulfield Road Entrance through Pedestrian Gate

When : Tuesday May 26th

Price : £10

Suitable for all ages 10-16.
Bring shinpads and appropriate footwear for 3G





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DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
MAY	
6 th	5W Class Assembly: 9.05am
7 th	Sponsored Penalty Shoot-Out
8 th	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore With Me Session: 2.30pm
11 th - 15 th	Year 6 SATs
18 th	Year 3 Egyptian Day <i>(children are invited to dress up as an Egyptian)</i>
25 th - 29 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
JUNE	
9 th	KS2 Borough Sports
17 th	Class Photos
19 th	Father's Day Sale
22 nd - 24 th	Year 6 Residential Trip
23 rd - 24 th	Super Sports
26 th	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore with me Session: 2.30pm
JULY	
1 st	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
1 st	Year 5 & 6 Sports day
3 rd	Transition Day
6 th	Summer Fayre: 3.30pm
7 th	KS1 Borough Sports
8 th	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
9 th & 10 th	Year 5 Residential
10 th	Nursery Sports Day
13 th	Enrichment Session for Whole School: 2.00pm - 3.00pm
13 th	Open Afternoon: 3.15pm - 4.30pm
15 th	Year 6 Production: 1.45pm
16 th	Year 6 Production: 6.00pm
23 rd	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: 9.15am
23 rd	School Closes at 1.00pm to all pupils for the Summer Holidays

