



THORPEDENE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ACHIEVING, CARING AND RESPECTING WITH CONFIDENCE

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This week one of our Core Values ambassadors, Sir David Attenborough, celebrated his 100th birthday! What an achievement! Year 1 enjoyed their David Attenborough celebration event this afternoon alongside their parents and carers - thank you to everyone who came along to join us for this event. Across the rest of the school activities and learning has taken place to find out what a true star he really is and demonstrating his caring nature to the animal kingdom. Happy Birthday Sir David Attenborough!

We have also seen 5W take us on a journey through Pompeii and Space in their class assembly, singing us some songs and sharing the facts they have been learning over the last term. Well done to all the children who worked hard to learn their lines and perform with confidence. It was lovely to see so many grown ups supporting the class in the audience, thank you for coming.

Congratulations to the children who took part in the Southend United Football Club Penalty Shoot-Out yesterday - lots of goals were scored! Thank you to those who have already brought in their sponsorship money. For those who are still collecting, please bring it in by 13th May.

As we move into the Summer term, your children will be learning about some important topics as part of our Science and Relationships Education curriculum. This curriculum area covers age-appropriate content designed to help children understand their bodies, develop healthy relationships, and staying safe. If you'd like to find out more about what we'll be teaching, please take a look at our RSE policy on the school website. [Thorpedene Primary School & Nursery - School Policies](#) This sets out all the details about the content we cover and how we approach these important topics.

Good Luck Year 6! We would like to wish a huge, good luck to our Year 6 children as they begin their end of Key Stage 2 SATs next week. They've been working incredibly hard and are now ready to show what they can do. SATs breakfast will be available from 8:00a.m. each morning, Monday to Thursday, to give them the best possible start to each day. We know they'll do themselves and everyone proud. Year 6 - you've got this!

Reminder - School Grounds Conduct

As a school community, we work hard to model positive behaviour and respectful communication for our children. This means that when you're on the school premises - whether at drop-off, pick-up, or attending school events, we ask that all adults use appropriate language and conduct themselves in a way that sets a good example for our pupils. Our children are always watching and learning from the adults around them, and it's important that we all work together to create a respectful and welcoming environment. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards across our school community.

Mrs. Frost





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ATTENDANCE

Class	%
2B	97.8%
1S	95.6%
6S	93.9%
Swans	93.6%
6L	93.2%
3C	93.2%
4B	92.2%
2W	91.9%
4SR	91.8%
3F	91.5%
4W	90.2%
1N	90%
5LG	89.2%
5M	89.1%
5W	84.5%
Total	91.9%

Congratulations to 2B for getting 97.8% attendance

Notifying School of your Child's Absence

Please remember that if your child is unable to attend school, you must inform us each day either by telephone or email before 8.30am of the reason why your child is not in.

Notifying the school applies to all children from Nursery to Year 6

Remember: It is a legal requirement that all children attend school. Your child's academic and social learning can be affected if they do not attend regularly.

Please note that if your child does not attend school due to any of the reasons below, their absence will not be authorised.

* Family Holiday *

* Sickness of a parent, or other family member *

* Inadequate clothing for school *

* School refusal or truancy *

* Days off for birthdays/shopping trips *





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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!

- ★ Joshua in 4W for putting across his wonderful ideas with CONFIDENCE and RESPECT. ★
- ★ Botan in 6L for his RESPECTFUL attitude around the school. ★
- ★ Jack in 5W for his CONFIDENCE in performing a clear, concise speaking role in his class assembly. ★
- ★ Molly in 2B for showing CONFIDENCE using speech in small groups. ★

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



						Most nuggets earned	Most time working
Vinnie (Swans)	Kaeya (4W)						
Sreedha (1N)	Sophie-Rose (5LG)	Yr3	Hari	Swans	Vinnie	Evelyn H (6L)	Oscar (6L)
Vinnie (1S)		Yr4	Kian	1N	Luke	Oscar (6L)	Annie (5LG)
Stanley (2B)	Maverick (5M)	Yr5	Patrick	1S	Mia	Evelynn (4W)	Emma (2W)
Fizza (2W)	Adelaide (5W)	Yr6	Esme	2B	Kaidon	Annie (5LG)	Maicey-Ava (3C)
Marcie-Grayce (3C)	Botan (6L)			2W	Emma	Emma (2W)	
Henry (3F)	Elijah (6S)					Maicey-Ava (3C)	
Max (4B)						Lewis (4SR)	





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The children in EXPLORERS were celebrating David Attenborough's 100th Birthday by learning about our planet. They have made planet earth to be displayed in the hall for everyone to see.



The children enjoyed baking a 'cake in a mug' at Cooking Club this week. Next week they are making and icing fairy cakes!





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Children in the ARB have been learning about the importance of cleaning their teeth and how to do it correctly!



The children in the NURSERY enjoyed making their own fruit salads, exploring different textures, colours, smells, and tastes. They had lots of fun chopping, preparing, and tasting a variety of fruits, while learning about their own likes and dislikes and trying foods they may not have experienced before.



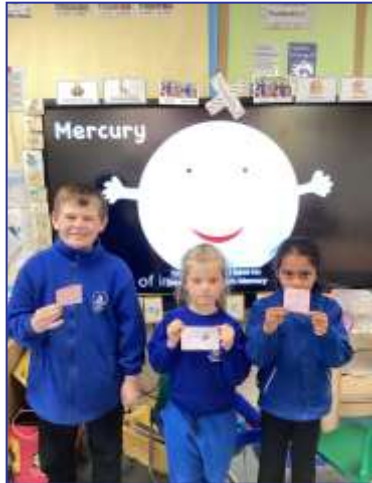


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2W have been learning about planets and the solar system. They learnt about Brian Cox and why he is a significant individual in history!



A message to Year 6 ...



Mrs Sadler and Miss Lieberman are very proud of how you have grown over the year, both personally and academically. You have worked very hard to prepare for the SATs next week. They know you will smash them!





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WHAT'S GOING ON?



**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




MAY SOCCER SCHOOLS

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!




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	
11 th - 15 th	Year 6 SATs
12 th	Open Evening for Prospective Parents: 3.35pm - 4.05pm
14 th	Nursery Stay & Play: 2.00pm - 3.00pm
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
25 th	Open Evening for Prospective Parents: 3.35pm - 4.05pm
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 & Nursery closes at 1.00pm to all pupils for the Summer Holidays

