

THORPEDENE NEWSLETTER

11TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Today we held our first whole school Celebration Assembly of the year – an opportunity to hear how fantastic our classes have been this week. We have been particularly impressed with the fantastic manners we've seen around school. From polite greetings in the corridors to the dinner hall and playground where our children have shown respect and care for one another and for staff.

Some of our PTA members are hosting a parent coffee morning on Friday's at 8.45am for new EYFS parents in our school library. Please come along and join them to find out all about school life at Thorpedene!

Mrs. Frost



THORPEDENE STARS

Congratulations to the children below for being Thorpedene stars, chosen by our Senior Leadership Team!

- Mikey in Swans for showing such confidence in his first week, particularly with Maths and counting.
- Markayla in 6L for exemplary attitude towards learning since she has come back to school - ready to achieve! Amazing role model!
- Noah in 4C for showing respect in lunch club.
- Bowen in 1N for his confidence in settling into year 1.

ATTENDANCE STARS

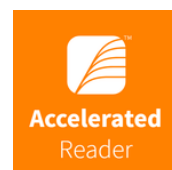
Each week, we will put the spotlight on children who have shown a real positive improvement on their school attendance.

- Mason in 4W
- Mia in 1N



LEARNING AT HOME

We would like to remind you how important it is for children to continue their learning outside of the classroom in order to further their progression. Children have or will soon be given login details, so they can access the various learning platforms and we ask that you support them in this. It can have a huge impact and we love sharing their successes in the newsletter!

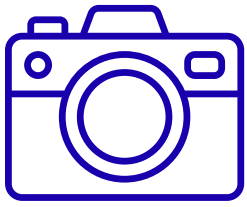


ATTENDANCE

Class	%
4W	100%
5S	100%
Swans	98.1%
6L	98.1%
3G	97.6%
2B	97.4%
6F	96.3%
4C	96.2%
3S	95.7%
6LG	94.2%
2W	94.1%
1N	93.8%
5M	93.2%
5B	91.1%
Total	96.1%

Congratulations to both 4W and 5S for getting an amazing 100% attendance! Also, to Swans, 6L, 3G, 2B, 6F and 4C for all reaching the Attendance target of 96%.

Overall, this week the school has achieved 96.1% which is the National attendance target. What an amazing start to the new year, let's continue to be H.E.R.O's



THORPEDENE IN PICTURES

NURSERY

EXPLORING OUR SENSORY ROOM

The children have loved exploring the sensory room, discovering the calming lights, sounds and resources on offer. It provides a wonderful, calming environment where children can explore at their own pace, relax, and enjoy a range of sensory experiences.

BUILDING PUZZLES

The children have been enjoying exploring puzzles, using their problem solving skills to work out where each piece belongs. They showed great concentration and perseverance as they turned, matched and fitted the pieces together. Well done!

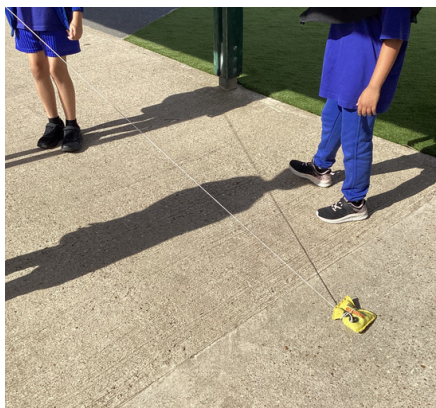
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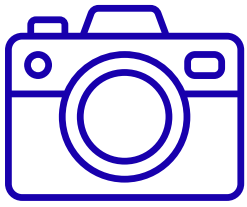
The children have been loving discovering all the different areas of our Nursery, choosing activities that interest them and getting involved in their own special ways. It has been lovely to see their curiosity, confidence and enthusiasm as they join in, try new things and play alongside their friends.



YEAR 5

In our Science lessons we have been friction detectives by testing friction on different surfaces.





THORPEDENE IN PICTURES

EYFS/YEAR 1

On Wednesday morning, Mr Jackson-Mayo and Mrs Price took EYFS and Year 1 into Port Hall to do a fun parachute activity to work on their teamwork and co-ordination skills! The children were amazing and their smiles said it all!





PARENT INFO

SECAT CEO Q&A SESSION



We would like to invite you to attend an online Q&A session with our CEO, Mr Ben Stickley on Wednesday 30th September at 12:00pm.

This is an opportunity for you to hear directly from our CEO and ask any questions you may have about our Trust and your child's school.

Simply click on this link at 12:00 on Wednesday 30th September:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/38239377673048?p=s3o5e4H43BYZuk6N1>

Have a question in advance? If you would like to submit a question before the session, please email it to: admin@secat.co.uk

COFFEE MORNING FOR EYFS PARENTS



This morning saw the start of our coffee mornings held in our school library for our EYFS parents.

They are being held **EVERY FRIDAY morning in September** and we would love to see more parents taking the opportunity to come in, ask questions and become part of our school community.

FRIENDS OF THORPEDENE PRESENT...

PENNY WARS

SMALL CORE, BIG IMPACT

POSITIVE COINS

1p = +1	2p = +2	5p = +5	10p = +10

NEGATIVE COINS

20p = -20	50p = -50	£1 = -100	£2 = -200

THE RULES

- 1 Collect coins for your class
- 2 Add the positive coins to your score.
- 3 Put negative coins (from 20p upwards) into other class' pots

LET THE BATTLE BEGIN

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

This year, our school fundraising will look a little different.

We are switching from a traditional 'Parent Association' which has been brilliantly led by Hollie Redding and her amazing team of helpers and moving to a staff-led 'Friends of Thorpedene'. This will be overseen by Mrs Blake and Mr Jackson-Mayo alongside some of our fantastic parent helpers.

Our first fundraiser, starting next week is Penny Wars!

Each class will be given a bottle to fill with 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins. These are positive coins and the aim is to get as many positive points as possible.

Negative coins from 20p upwards can be put into other class bottles to reduce their total!

So, please send in your loose change and may the best class win!



PARENT INFO

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS THIS SEPTEMBER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

OF PRIMARY-AGED CHILDREN
Delivered by the Mental Health Support Team
@EssexMHST_and_SETcamhs

SCAN TO REGISTER



bit.ly/3MaR1wJ



Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries
8th September 09:30 am

Practical Tools to Help Your Child's Sleep
10th September 7 pm

Understanding Autism
14th September 09:30 am

Understanding Anxiety & Emotionally Based School Avoidance
22nd September 09:30 am



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FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS THIS SEPTEMBER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

OF NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Delivered by the Mental Health Support Team
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SCAN TO REGISTER



bit.ly/4jtb46c



Burnout and Masking
21st September 7 pm

Sensory Differences
29th September 7 pm



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SOUTHEND PARKS TENNIS

CHALKWELL PARK LAUNCH EVENT

Come and celebrate the opening of the brand new tennis courts at Chalkwell Park with free tennis for all the family!

SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER
1.45PM - 4.45PM

Chalkwell park, Chalkwell Avenue,
Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 8NB

FREE TASTER SESSIONS FOR ALL AGES &
ABILITIES - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED



**FIND OUT MORE
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