

THORPEDENE NEWSLETTER

18TH SEPTEMBER 2026



We have been very impressed with how settled the children are across the school in their new classes so far this year – well done to all our amazing children at Thorpedene!

You may have seen our new **'Mobile Free Environment'** posters around the school – please ensure that when on the school site you are not using your phone when children are present. Thank you for your co-operation

Mrs. Frost



THORPEDENE STARS

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

- Grace in 6F for being a confident member of the school and for helping keep the school environment clean and tidy!
- Vickie in 2B for her achievement in reading - keep up the good work!
- Charlotte in 6LG for her achievement in Maths!
- Usman in 1N for outstanding achievement this week in Year 1!

ATTENDANCE STARS

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

CONTINUALLY GOOD ATTENDANCE

- Riley 2W
- Logan 5M

RECOGNISED IMPROVEMENT IN ATTENDANCE

- Layla 5B
- Usman 1N



ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to the following children for their achievements this week!



1N Arteja
2B Vinnie
2W Louie
3S Jaxon
4W Henry
5M Millie
6F Destiny
6L Muntaha
6LG Reggie



Yr3 Freya M
Yr4 Noah T
Yr5 Michael L
Yr6 Gabriel B

ATTENDANCE

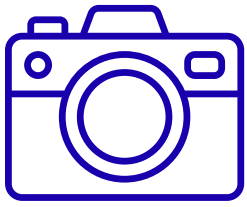
Class	%
4C	99.2%
5S	98.6%
6L	98.5%
4W	98.1%
3G	98.1%
2B	97.4%
3S	96.1%
1N	95%
6LG	94.6%
Swans	92.6%
6F	91.9%
5M	90.4%
5B	90.2%
2W	89%
Total	95.2%

Congratulations to 4C for getting an amazing 99.2% attendance!

Also, to 6L, 5S, 4W, 3G, 2B and 3S for all reaching the Attendance target of 96%.

CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

Each week we will be celebrating continually good attendance and will recognise improved attendance – look out to see if your child has received a well done postcard on Friday.



THORPEDENE IN PICTURES

NURSERY

BUILDING WITH A PURPOSE

The children have enjoyed designing and building, thinking carefully about what they want to make and how they can make it work. Amazing building everyone.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

The children have been exploring cause and effect as they race cars down the garage, discovering how pushing, releasing and changing the position of the cars affects how fast and how far they travel.

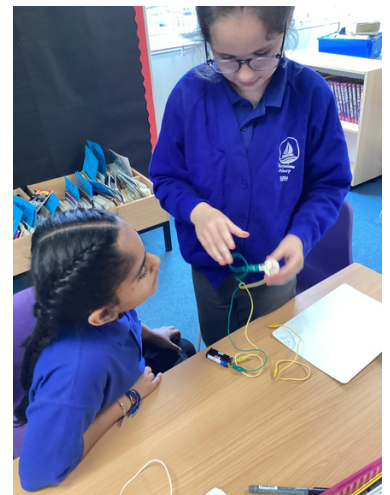
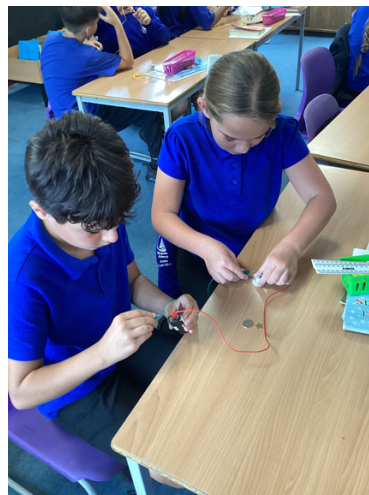
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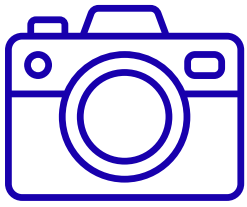
The children have been developing their confidence and physical skills as they carefully walk across different beams in the garden, practising balance, coordination and taking safe, manageable risks.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been investigating circuits!



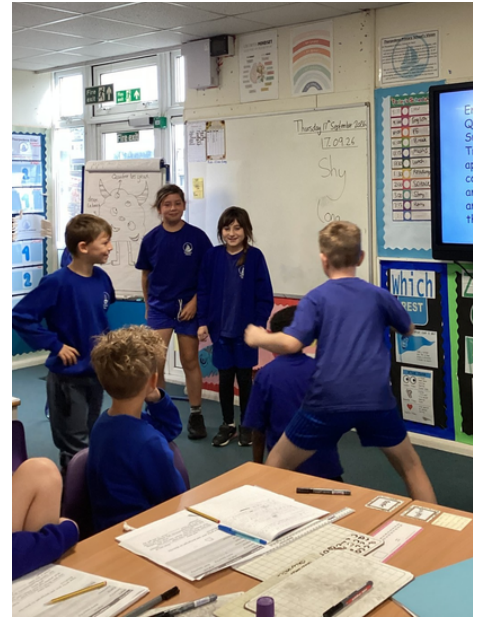
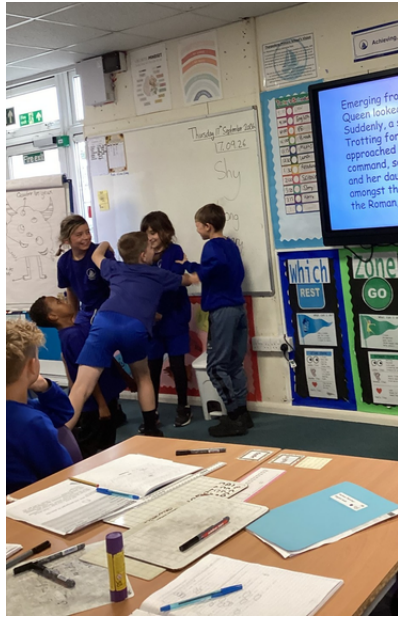


THORPEDENE IN PICTURES

YEAR 5

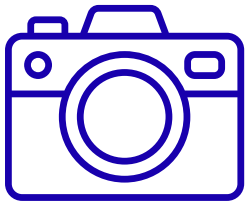
In Year 5 the children have been acting out the story of Boudicca and the Roman invasion.

They used show-not-tell to convey the key parts of her history.



Also in Year 5 this week, there was some great teamwork on display as the children worked together in a practical Science lesson!





THORPEDENE IN PICTURES

YEAR 2

Year 2 travelled through tunnels, just like our class text 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. We visited the beach and used our sense to help us describe what it would be like to be there.



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!

FRIENDS OF THORPEDENE PRESENT...

PENNY WARS

SMALL COINS, BIG IMPACT!

POSITIVE COINS

1p = +1	2p = +2	5p = +5	10p = +10
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NEGATIVE COINS

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



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



A reminder that our coffee mornings 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.

MOBILE PHONE USE

We would like to inform parents/carers that now, when you are visiting Thorpedene and in the school building for any reason, you are not to use your mobile phone. When attending assemblies and performances, you will often be invited to take photos when appropriate, but we ask that you follow instructions due to safeguarding reasons.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation.



HARVEST

As part of our Harvest celebration on 12th October, we are collecting donations of tinned and packet foods which will be given to HARP, a charity supporting homeless and vulnerable people within our community.

Please hand any donations into the school office and we thank you in advance for your kind generosity.





PARENT INFO

 **Thursday 1st October**

Census Day Menu

 **SECAT Burger BAR**

Halal battered chicken burger / beef / breaded vegetable burger
with potatoes wedges



 Sweetcorn or baked beans  Salad and coleslaw

 Selection of toppings and sauces
available to choose from

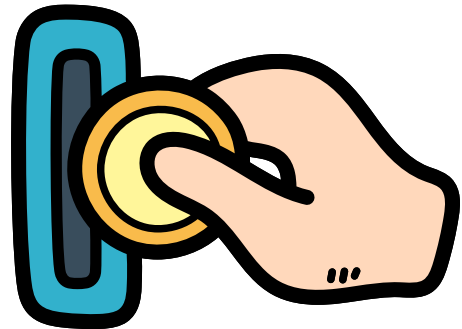
 **Fruity ice lolly dessert**

 **Order via MCAS**

TESCO COMMUNITY GRANT PROJECT

The EYFS Garden Equipment Project has been selected as one of the Tesco Stronger Starts token projects. If you shop in one of the participating local stores, please place your blue token into our fundraiser.

By voting for our project, you could help us secure up to £1,500 to purchase new garden equipment for our EYFS children, which will create exciting outdoor learning opportunities.



LOST PROPERTY

We are only 2 weeks into the new school year and our lost property room is quickly filling up!

Please come and check if your child is missing an item of clothing - especially coats. This whole rack is not named so we cannot return them to their owners.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
SEPTEMBER	
24 th	Flu Vaccinations
OCTOBER	
1 st	School Census Day (children are encouraged to have a hot dinner)
6 th	Individual School Photos
7 th	6F Class Assembly: 9.05am
9 th	EYFS/Year 1 Explore With Me Session: 2.15pm
12 th	Year 3 Harvest Festival Assembly: 9.15am
14 th	5M Class Assembly: 9.05am
15 th	Spooky Disco: After School
15 th	Prospective EYFS Parents Visit (by appointment)
16 th	Show Racism the Red Card (wear something red)
19 th - 30 th	HALF TERM
NOVEMBER	
4 th	Parent Consultations: 3.45pm - 7.00pm
4 th	Prospective EYFS Parents Visit: (by appointment)
5 th	Prospective EYFS Parents Visit (by appointment)
6 th	Prospective EYFS Parent Visit
10 th	Parent Consultations: 3.45pm - 5.30pm
11 th	Year 5 School Trip
11 th	6LG Class Assembly: 9.05am
18 th	5S Class Assembly: 9.05am
20 th	Children In Need (wear something spotty)
25 th	6L Class Assembly: 9.05am
DECEMBER	
1 st	Christmas Fayre: 3.30pm - 5.30pm
4 th	Nursery Nativity: 9.30am
9 th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity: 2.15pm
10 th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity: 9.15am
10 th	EYFS/KS1 & Year 3 Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
11 th	Year 4 - 6 Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
15 th	Year 5 Christingle Service @ St Augustine's Church: 9.45am
15 th	Year 6 Christingle Service @ St Augustine's Church: 1.45pm
16 th	Year 3 Carol Concert in Starboard Hall: 9.15am
16 th	Year 4 Carol Concert in Starboard Hall: 2.15pm
18 th	School Closes @ 1.00pm
18 th - 1 st Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS