



**1<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

Happy Friday one and all.

On Monday our Local Governing Board met to reflect upon the progress Thurlton Primary has made over the past year, review policies and discuss our next steps and focus areas.

The results achieved by our pupils over the past couple of years show really clear improvement. Year 6 pupils from last year achieved so much better than expected and we are extremely proud of this. The work the children across the school are producing in their books this year shows this continued progress.

This year, our focus is mainly on developing reading which also impacts on the quality of writing the children produce. To support this we are excited to invite all children in Year 1 to Year 6 to take part in this year's **BBC 500 Words Story Writing Competition**.

Find out more here: [BBC 500 Words](#)

In addition to the national competition, we will also be holding our own in-house competition at Thurlton Primary School, with two winning stories chosen from our school, one from each age category.

**To enter:**

1. Submit your story online to the national BBC 500 Words competition.
2. Hand a copy of your story to Mrs Cott (there will be folder in Hedgehog Class) so it can also be entered into the school competition.

**Guidelines:**

- Stories must be 500 words or fewer.
- Stories can be typed or handwritten.
- All entries must be the child's own work and ideas.

**Deadline: Friday 7th November 2025.**

We can't wait to read the imaginative stories from our young writers.

Last Friday saw our Macmillan cake sale. Thank you to everybody who attended and to the PFA for running the event. A total of **£158.14** was raised.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

This year our Harvest Festival will be taking place at Norton Chapel on Tuesday morning.

We are hoping to send a selection of goods to the food bank- please follow this link for guidance on the items accepted.

We will be leaving school after morning registration and walking to the Chapel.

If you would like to join us in the walk, you are very welcome. Space in the Chapel and in the car park is limited, so be prepared for standing room only!

Have a lovely weekend.

Jess Balado and the Thurlton Team

**In our celebration assembly today the following children were celebrated:**

	 <b>Star</b> <b>Great progress</b>	 <b>Diamond</b> <b>Great effort</b>	 <b>Superhero</b> <b>Great attitude</b>	 <b>Writer</b> <b>Great writing</b>
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Zeke	Maisie	Tallulah	Belle
<b>Rabbits</b>	Jaxon	Dakota	Finley C	Ellie
<b>Badgers</b>	Isaac	William	Frankie F	Zachary

**Dates for week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Michelle in for gymnastics  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 SATS after school club  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - **Harvest Festival, Norton Chapel, 9.15am**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Mr Reeve in for PE and Archery after school club

**Other useful information**

After school sports club –

Dodgeball will run from 5<sup>th</sup> November to 17<sup>th</sup> December, an enrolment form and details will shortly be available on Wisepay.

Year 6 Maths code breaking day –

Please ensure you return the consent form by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Indian Dance Workshop –

Thank you to everybody who has contributed so far, if you have not already contributed, please could you do so as soon as possible in order for us to finalise the details or cancel if necessary.

Emergency information - please ensure you have returned the pupil update information sheet by next Friday, even if there are no changes.

**Letters sent home this week:**

Parental Code of Conduct- all families  
Letter and consent form for Y6 maths code breaking  
Letter re open morning- for new families (Sept 2026)

If you require a paper copy of any information please let Mrs Payne know.

### Diary dates for your diary

October	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Census Day (details to follow regarding lunch)
	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival, Norton Chapel, 9.15am
	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	PFA disco
	Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school Indian Dance Workshop and RE day
November	Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils back to school
	Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening
	Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening
	Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and Y6 vision and hearing screening (more details to follow)
	Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	PFA non-uniform
	Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Parents welcome 8.45-10am- decorations morning
December	Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	PFA Christmas Fayre
	Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity dress rehearsal
	Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Carol service Rabbits and Badgers Nativity to parents
	Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch
	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	LAST DAY OF TERM
Further dates to be confirmed			

\* Dates may be subject to change

## 2025 – 2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Autumn term

**INSET: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - school will be closed to pupils on these days**

Wednesday 3 September - Friday 19 December 2025

#### Half-term holiday:

Monday 27 - Friday 31 October 2025

#### Christmas holiday:

Monday 22 December - Monday 5 January 2026

### Spring term

**INSET: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - the school will be closed to pupils on this day**



Tuesday 6 January - Friday 27 March 2026

**Half-term holiday:**

Monday 16 - Friday 20 February 2026

**Easter holiday:**

Monday 30 March - Monday 13 April 2026

**Summer term**

**INSET: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - the school will be closed to pupils on this day**

Tuesday 14 April - Friday 17 July 2026

(Monday 4 May is a bank holiday)

**Half-term holiday:** Monday 25 - Friday 29 May 2026

**Summer Holidays:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> September