

Whole school
attendance
today 94.2 %

Target 97%



7th November 2025

Dear Parents

So.....today we see the end of an era at Thurlton Primary School.



After 25 years of being with us, ***Mrs Barber*** has finally hung up her mop and put her Hoover in the cupboard. She did not want too much of a fuss, so we have kept it simple, but we did give her a surprise assembly this morning and presented her with the gifts that many families have donated towards.



Thank you to those who have contributed to the Garden Centre Vouchers, the chocolates, the flowers and the keepsake mini Henry Hoover. Each class made her a card with messages inside which I know she will treasure.

She has kept our school pristine and clean. In the 25+ years that I have been working in schools, I have not seen one that is cleaner!

So thank you Mrs Barber. We will miss you greatly and want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you have done for Thurlton Primary School and the community that we serve.

Over ½ term, we have had some new technical updates. Some of you will have already experienced the new phone system which allows you to leave a message about attendance. This has worked really well. Thank you to those who have used it, leaving a clear reason for your child's absence.

Some of the changes have not been quite so smooth and Mrs Payne is struggling with aspects of her computer, and the new photocopier system has taken a bit of getting used to. Hopefully the glitches on both will be resolved by the end of next week, when we hope Mrs Payne will have a new whizzy and up to date desktop that has all necessary functions!
Again, thank you for your support with this.

It was lovely to see those of you who came to parents evenings. As always, we really enjoy sharing with you how well your children are doing and celebrating each of them as an individual with you. Our trial with the on-line booking system was mainly successful. We have noted the issues and hope these will be sorted for next time.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Balado and the Thurlton team

In our celebration assembly today the following children were celebrated:

	Star  Great progress	Diamond  Great effort	Superhero  Great attitude	Writer  Great writing
Hedgehogs	Rose	Belle	Bradley	Evie-Moon
Rabbits	Finn	Dakota	Gracie	Logan
Badgers	Aaliyah	Mia	Ellie	Murphie

Dates for week beginning 10th November

Monday	10 th	Michelle in for gymnastics Year 6 SATS after school club
Tuesday	11 th	
Wednesday	12 th	Mr Reeve in for PE and dodgeball after school club
Thursday	13 th	Reception/ Y6 height and weight checks
Friday	14 th	

Other useful information

PFA update –

Christmas Fete Saturday 6th December 11am-3pm

We are really excited about our upcoming fete. If you would like a stall or know someone who might, please contact us. We would also love any raffle prizes that you or your business are able to donate. We will also need help on the day and cakes for the refreshment stall. If you can help in anyway, please email pfa@thurlton.org

Thank you for your support

Liz Ford and the PFA team

After school sports club –

Dodgeball will run each Wednesday after school until 17th December. There are couple of places left. If you would like to enrol, please complete the booking form and payment via Wisepay.

Letters sent home this week:

Hedgehogs topic flyer
Rabbits topic flyer
Badgers topic flyer

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



Diary dates for your diary			
November	Thursday	13 th	Reception and Y6 vision and hearing screening
	Tuesday	18 th	Individual and sibling photographs
	Thursday	27 th	PFA non-uniform
	Friday	28 th	Parents welcome 8.45-10am- decorations morning
December	Saturday	6 th	PFA Christmas Fayre
	Monday	15 th	Nativity dress rehearsal
	Tuesday	16 th	Carol service Rabbits and Badgers Nativity to parents
	Thursday	18 th	Christmas lunch
	Friday	19 th	LAST DAY OF TERM
Further dates to be confirmed			

* Dates may be subject to change

2025 – 2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Autumn term

Wednesday 3 September - Friday 19 December 2025

Christmas holiday:

Monday 22 December - Monday 5 January 2026

Spring term

INSET: Monday 5th 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 13th 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 20th July – 3rd September