

Whole school
attendance
96.3% this week

Target 97%



5th December 2025

Christmas is gradually taking over all around the school. The tree is up in the hall, the stage has been put in place for our nativity, classes are decorated and Christmas jumpers are becoming part of the staff uniform!



Tomorrow (Saturday 6th) is our PFA Christmas fayre. The ladies have been working really hard as always and every penny raised goes towards supporting your children. Next week, the PFA are mostly funding our annual panto, but we would really appreciate a £2 contribution from every child to help with making all the monies raised go as far as possible.

Thurlton is a wonderful school, where the community supports us and we get involved as much as possible with community events. We have a Christmas tree going into the church decorated by the children. We are very fortunate to have some extremely thoughtful volunteers from the village and further afield. Some support in class on a regular basis and others pop in to help with specific activities. We are always very appreciative of any mums, dads, aunties, uncles, friends or others who would like to spend some time helping in school.

In that vein, we thank Liz Grieve and Lizzie Lawrence who have again replenished our wheelbarrow planter. It looks beautiful.

We hope to see you at the fayre tomorrow.
Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Jess 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	Belle	Zach	Blake	Evie-Moon
Rabbits	Emilia	Georgie-Rae	Oliver	Jaxon
Badgers	Lillie	Emily	All Year 6's	Zachary



Dates for week beginning 7th December

Saturday	6 th	PFA Christmas Fair 11-3pm
Monday	8 th	Michelle in for gymnastics Year 6 SATS after school club
Tuesday	9 th	Open afternoon (1.30 to 2.30) for New Intake September 2026
Wednesday	10 th	Pantomime in School
Thursday	11 th	Mr Reeve in for PE and dodgeball after school club
Friday	12 th	

Other useful information

Reminder - Rabbit and Badger Carol Service

This will be at Thurlton Church at 9.30am on Tuesday 16th December. Everybody is welcome to join us.

Reminder - Hedgehog Nativity

Hedgehogs Nativity will be on Tuesday 16th December at 2.00pm, in the school hall.

Seats are available at a maximum of three per family, if you would like to come and watch please speak to Mrs Payne in the office to reserve yours. There is no charge for seats, but please make sure you reserve them so we can organise the seating and also for Health and Safety purposes. Should you require more than 3, please do mention this, as we will distribute any spares if we are able to.

Pantomime - Just a reminder that the Pantomime will be visiting us again next week, on Wednesday (so PE and the after school club have been changed to the Thursday). Please don't forget to contribute on Wisepay, under the general payments tab. Thank you

Author visit in school

Just a reminder that Abbie Lawrence from Story Magic has books available to order. She will be back before Christmas for a festive reading of her latest book Squeak before Christmas. If you would like to order her books please order them through Mrs Foster or via the email abbielawrence1985@gmail.com. The Loddon Dragon is available for £15, Ghost in a Post-box £4 and Squeak before Christmas, which will be festively wrapped, £4.

Letters sent home this week:

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

Diary dates for your diary			
December	Wednesday	10 th	Pantomime visiting school
	Monday	15 th	Nativity dress rehearsal
	Tuesday	16 th	Carol service Rabbits and Badgers Hedgehogs Nativity to parents 2pm



	Thursday	18 th	Christmas lunch
	Friday	19 th	LAST DAY OF TERM
January	Tuesday	6 th	Return to school
	Friday	9 th	Forest Schools for all classes starts
February	Thursday	5 th	Y6 Forensic Science Day at Hobart
	Monday	16 th	½ term
March	Tuesday	17 th	Parents evenings
	Thursday	19 th	Parents evenings
	Saturday	21 st	PFA Bingo
	Friday	27 th	LAST DAY OF TERM
* 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