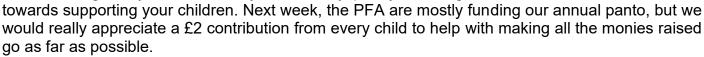




#### 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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 6<sup>th</sup>) is our PFA Christmas fayre. The ladies have been working really hard as always and every penny raised goes



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	Diamond	Superhero	Writer
		No.		
	Great progress	<b>Great effort</b>	Great attitude	Great writing
Hedgehogs	Belle	Zach	Blake	Evie-Moon
Rabbits	Emilia	Georgie-Rae	Oliver	Jaxon
Badgers	Lillie	Emily	All Year 6's	Zachary

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# Dates for week beginning 7th December

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

# Other useful information

### Reminder - Rabbit and Badger Carol Service

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

### Reminder - Hedgehog Nativity

Hedgehogs Nativity will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

<u>Pantomime</u> - 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 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime visiting school		
	Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity dress rehearsal		
	Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Carol service Rabbits and Badgers Hedgehogs Nativity to parents 2pm		

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

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