



19th December 2025

What a really wonderful final week of the autumn term we have had. It has been full of Christmas cheer and celebration.

The carol service and the nativity were both hugely successful. The children sang beautifully and spoke so clearly. We are so proud of them all.

Yesterday was Christmas lunch. The kitchen at Hobart always does a fantastic job and the biscuit sleigh and chocolate roll were a real delight. Huge thanks to Faye and her team for all they do for us.



Please do look on our Facebook page to see some of our Christmassy posts and celebrations. We really do welcome your comments as well!

[Thurlton primary School Facebook](#)

Thank you to everyone who completed the feedback form for decorations morning. There were some lovely comments and the results were fabulous as you will be able to see from the pictures.

This is the word cloud that was generated by your feedback 😊



After Christmas we are delighted to have 3 new members joining our staffing team.

Mrs Warnes will be joining Badgers for 4 days each week, alongside Mrs Harris who will be working with the class for a day each week.

Hedgehogs will be welcoming Mr Coles for 3 days each week, all of which means that Mrs Sturman will be joining Rabbits for her time in school. I know the pupils and teachers will greatly benefit from this additional support.

We really must thank Miss Best for all the hard work she has put in with us to secure additional funding to enable us to do this for our school.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a joyful new year and look forward to seeing you in January.



Best wishes from Mrs Balado and all the staff at Thurlton Primary School

Today was our final assembly of the term and we celebrated a number of children for the achievements over the term:

	Star Great progress	Diamond Great effort	Superhero Great attitude	Writer Great writing	Betty's avid reader award
Hedgehogs	Delaney	Zeke	Evie-Moon	Blake	Edith
Rabbits	Arthur	Ava	Finley C	Elliot	Elsie
Badgers	Beth	Poppy	Arthur	Murphie	Aaliyah

Michelle's gymnastic awards

	Most improved 	Continuous effort 	Gymnast of the term
Hedgehogs	Harrison	Gaby	Tallulah
Rabbits	Evie	Arthur	Elsie
Badgers	Maggie	Isaac and Jamin	Poppy

Dates for week beginning 5th January

Tuesday	6 th	Back to school
Wednesday	7 th	Mr Reeve in school for PE and dodgeball after school club
Thursday	8 th	
Friday	9 th	Forest school for all classes

Other useful information

Medicines in school – **Reminder** – if you have any medicines in school, please collect them during the first week back in school, anything left after then will be disposed of. We have a lot of medicines that are getting close to their expiry dates.

Hedgehog Nativity – If you wish to buy a DVD or USB of the Nativity, it will be available on Wisepay under the general payments tab. The order will be placed just after Christmas and will be delivered shortly after. DVDs are £8 each; USBs £15.

Snacks – Could we remind parents that we have fruit provided for Hedgehogs and Rabbits for morning snack, if you do wish to provide your own fruit, please be advised that we ask it is a piece of fruit, and not fruit winders etc.

After Christmas all snacks will be eaten in the classroom, so please can you send snacks in separate to a packed lunch.

Thank you.



Sports after school club

This will be dodgeball for the first half of the spring term and will run from 7th January to 11th February. The cost is £24 per pupil. Places are limited.

To enrol please complete the attached booking form and pay on Wisepay, under the general payments tab.

Letters sent home this week: None

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

Diary dates for your diary			
January	Tuesday	6 th	Return to school
	Friday	9 th	Forest Schools for all classes starts
February	Tuesday	10 th	Safer Internet Day
	Monday	16 th	½ term
March	Monday	2 nd	Class photos
	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

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