

Whole school attendance  
89.9% this week  
Target 97%

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

2026! Welcome back to the new year in school and what a start it has been. A wintery, white and cold start to the year. The children have loved the chance to play in the snow with their friends. Hopefully you saw the snowmen pictures posted on our Facebook page.

As the term goes on, undoubtedly the weather will be unpredictable. Please ensure your child comes to school with **a warm coat, gloves, hat and scarf; and PLEASE make sure ALL items are NAMED**. We already have a lot of unnamed lost property items in school.

We ask that all pupils have a pair of **named wellies** in school each day while it is wet. These will be used for Forest School on a Friday, and for playing on the field every day at playtimes.

We do have a selection of wellies children can borrow, but all pupils will need to change their shoes to wellies for playtimes. We go outside whatever the weather!

Indoors, pupils will just need their normal school shoes.

Finally, we are very excited to be welcoming Mrs Warnes and Mrs Coles to the Thurlton staff team next week. I know the children and staff will make them very welcome.

We look forward to working with you in 2026. Dates for parental events will be added to our diary throughout the term.

Best wishes from the Thurlton Team

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

	Star  <b>Great progress</b>	Superhero  <b>Great attitude</b>	Reader  <b>Great reading</b>	Writer  <b>Great writing</b>
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	James	Rose	George	Arlo
<b>Rabbits</b>	Elliot	Jaxon	Hope	Jacob
<b>Badgers</b>	Isaac	Emily	Eliza	Oliver

**Dates for week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January**

Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Reeve in school for PE and dodgeball after school club
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Census lunch – details to follow
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Forest school for all classes



## Other useful information

Hedgehog Nativity – It is not too late to order a DVD or USB of the Nativity, it will be available on Wisepay under the general payments tab. The order will be placed next week. 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 wish to provide your own snack, please ensure this is a piece of fruit/vegetables. We do not allow fruit winders etc. Snacks are eaten in classrooms so please send them in separately to packed lunches.

Sports after school club - This will be dodgeball for the first half of the spring term and will run from 7<sup>th</sup> January to 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Hedgehog Class – We are learning about toys and how they have changed over the years. We would be grateful if you could talk to your child about toys you played with when you were younger and how they are similar to/ different from the toys children play with today. It would be even better if they could have the opportunity to ask grandparents or older members of the community about toys they played with too. Please feel free to send in any objects and photos that you are happy for us to look at in our lessons.

Thank you for supporting our learning as always.

The Hedgehog Team.

## Letters sent home this week:

January online safety newsletter – all classes

Topic flyers – all classes

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

Diary dates for your diary			
February	Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
	Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	½ term
March	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Class photos
	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

### **Spring term**

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



## 2026 – 2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Autumn term

**INSET: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>/ Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - school will be closed to pupils**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Half-term holiday:**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (school closed on this day) - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026

### Spring term

**INSET: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027 - school will be closed to pupils**

Tuesday 5 January - Friday 27 March 2027

**Half-term holiday:**

Monday 15 - Friday 19 February 2027

**Easter holiday:**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Tuesday 13 April 2027

### Summer term

**INSET: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April - the school will be closed to pupils**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

(Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a bank holiday)

**Half-term holiday:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027

**Summer Holidays:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> September