



13th February 2026

The early spring weeks always seem to pass so quickly, and it's hard to believe we've already reached the ½ break. Although the weather hasn't felt particularly spring-like, the children have thoroughly enjoyed returning to Forest School and outdoor activities—mud, soggy clothes and all!

In today's celebration assembly, we were once again incredibly proud of the work the children chose to share and the remarkable progress they are making. We are especially delighted with how their writing is developing, both in quality and quantity. A heartfelt well done to every one of them.

We also celebrated Belle in Reception, who received a wonderful award from her swimming club, Water Lillies, recognising her progress, resilience, and consistently positive attitude. As the youngest member of our school, her enthusiasm truly shines, and we are so proud of her.

Choosing just a handful of children for certificates each week is never easy—especially this week, when so many pupils were deserving of recognition. The table below highlights those who received certificates today, but we want to acknowledge every child for the skills, character, and positivity they bring to our school community each day.

Through my work with the Norfolk School Leaders and the Local Authority, I visit many schools across the county. I can honestly say that the ethos, kindness, and togetherness of the Thurlton Primary community are exceptional. We really are a small school with a big heart.

We all wish you a happy, fun-filled ½ term and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 23rd February.

Kind regards

Jess Balado and the Thurlton Team.

In our celebration assembly today the following children were celebrated:

	Star Great progress	Superhero Great attitude	Reader Great reading	Writer Great writing
Hedgehogs	Amber	Lara-Blu	Carter	Maisie
Rabbits	Ellie	Georgie-Rae	Jaxon	Elliott
Badgers	Murphie	Isla Eleanor	Aaliyah	Lili Jasmin



Dates for week beginning 23rd February

Monday	23 rd	
Tuesday	24 th	
Wednesday	25 th	Mr Reeve in school for PE and dodgeball after school club
Thursday	26 th	
Friday	27 th	Forest school for all classes

Other useful information

Lunches –

For lunch on 24th February and 17th March, the menu will change from beef taco with corn tortilla and rice, to chicken goujons and herby diced potatoes. This has been changed on Wisepay. If you need to change any options already booked, please let Mrs Payne know.

After school sports club –

We will be running dodgeball again next half term. This will run from 25th February to 25th March. The cost will be £20 per pupil. Places are limited. To enrol please complete the attached booking form and pay on Wisepay, under the general payments tab.

World Book Day –

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**, and we would be delighted for you and the children to join us in celebrating. Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite **BOOK CHARACTER** or in **pyjamas**, as we will be focusing on the joy of sharing **bedtime stories**.

We would also love to welcome parents/ carers or other adults the children love into school at **2:30pm** to enjoy a story together with a class teacher and the children before home time.

Siblings will be grouped together so families can stay together throughout the session. Each class teacher will begin by sharing a story with their group, and then the children will have the chance to enjoy a story with their own grown-ups.

We are really looking forward to filling the school with families, younger siblings, and a shared love of reading.



Letters sent home this week:

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

Diary dates for your diary			
February	Monday	16 th	½ term
March	Monday	2 nd	Class photos
	Thursday	5 th	World Book Day - and story time for families at the end of the day
	Thursday	12 th	Non-uniform in return for eggs for PFA Easter Bingo
	Tuesday	17 th	Parents evenings
	Thursday	19 th	Parents evenings
	Saturday	21 st	PFA Bingo
	Tuesday	24 th	2pm Rabbits Easter celebration in church
	Friday	27 th	LAST DAY OF TERM
* Dates may be subject to change			
April	Monday	13 th	School closed
	Tuesday	14 th	Return to school

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 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



2026 – 2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Autumn term

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

Thursday 3rd September- Friday 18th December

Half-term holiday:

Friday 23rd October (school closed on this day) - Friday 30th October 2026

Spring term

INSET: Monday 4th 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 26th March - Tuesday 13 April 2027

Summer term

INSET: Monday 12th April - the school will be closed to pupils

Tuesday 15th April – Wednesday 21st July 2027

(Monday 3rd May is a bank holiday)

Half-term holiday: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027

Summer Holidays: Friday 22nd July – 3rd September