



27th February 2026

It's hard to believe that we have only been back from ½ term for a week. School life moves at such a fast pace and we have seen so much great learning going on.

Reading is a huge focus for us at the moment. Each day, classes spend time sharing stories during snack time. We have seen such engagement and joy from the children who are immersing themselves in the stories and tales they are hearing.

Next week is **World Book Day**.....

On **Thursday 5th March** we would like the children to come dressed as their favourite **BOOK CHARACTER** or in **pyjamas**, as we will be focusing on the joy of sharing **stories**

At **2:30pm** we hope that parents/ carers or other adults the children love, will come into school 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.

One final reminder- remember it is **CLASS PHOTOS** on **Monday** morning..... 😊

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Jessica 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	Harrison	James	Alfie	Lara-Blu
Rabbits	Dakota	Maria	Elsie	Oliver
Badgers	Isaac	Emily	Eliza	Alfie B



Dates for week beginning 2nd March

Monday	2 nd	Class school photographs
Tuesday	3 rd	
Wednesday	4 th	Mr Reeve in school for PE and dodgeball after school club
Thursday	5 th	World Book Day
Friday	6 th	Forest school for all classes

Other information

Parents Evening -

Parents evenings are happening on 17th and 19th March for most classes.

To book an appointment, please use the Pupil Asset/Horizons portal, which will be available from Monday 2nd. If you require assistance, please see Mrs Payne.

Rabbits class: Rabbit's parents evening scheduled for Thursday 19th March has had to be rearranged and will be on Friday 20th. If you are unable to attend either Tuesday 17th or Friday 20th, Mrs Wright would be happy to arrange to meet with you another time.

Lunches -

Don't forget lunch on 17th March, has changed from beef taco with corn tortilla and rice, to chicken goujons and herby diced potatoes. If you need to change any options already booked, please let Mrs Payne know.

After school sports club -

We still have a few places on Dodgeball club, running from 25th February to 25th March. The cost will be £20 per pupil. Places are limited. To enrol please complete and return the booking form and pay on Wisepay, under the general payments tab.

Letters sent home this week:

Topic flyers – all families

Knowsley online newsletter – all families

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

Diary dates for your diary			
March	Monday	2 nd	Class photos
	Thursday	5 th	World Book Day – 2.30pm story time for families
	Thursday	12 th	Non-uniform in return for eggs for PFA Easter Bingo
	Tuesday	17 th	Parents evenings – All Classes
	Thursday	19 th	Parents evenings Hedgehogs and Badgers
	Friday	20 th	Parents evening - Rabbits



	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