



10th July 2026

Dear parents and carers

So, we come to the end of another year, and what a year it has been.

As a staff, we were reflecting on all that has happened this year: welcoming new pupils, staff and families, saying goodbye to people.

We have enjoyed class trips, year group visits and a variety of visitors to school. We have been so fortunate to have the support of a number of dedicated volunteers who freely give their time to support our classes, pupils and activities. We have introduced our Friday afternoon open sessions for pre-school children, and we have enjoyed pantomimes, forest school, gymnastics, sports, music and Indian dancers.

Alongside all of this, our children have continued to learn, grow and develop as individuals.

As we reach the end of the year, we are incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved. Our Year 6 pupils will receive their SATs results today as they prepare to leave us. These results show such remarkable progress and are a testament to the dedication and hard work they have shown, particularly over the past year.

We are equally proud of our Year 1 children for their phonics achievements. Our Reception children also deserve special recognition for the fantastic way they have settled into school life and the progress they have made throughout the year. And well done to our Year 4 pupils in their multiplication test check.

We could not be more proud of our whole school community: pupils, staff, families and volunteers. Thank you to each and every person who plays a part in the life of Thurlton Primary School.

And now, we have to say goodbye... goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they embark on their next adventure and prepare to start high school in September. We know they all have bright futures ahead of them and many exciting opportunities waiting around the corner. If I'm honest, I am finding it very hard to let them go.

This group of children were my introduction to Thurlton. They were the Year 3 class I taught alongside Mrs Willis when I first arrived here. It has been an absolute privilege to watch them grow into the remarkable young people they are today. Each one has developed their own unique personality, talents and strengths, and seeing this unfold has brought me huge joy.

I will miss every single one of them and wish them every success and happiness for the future.



And so to the future:

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children in September, as well as welcoming back all of our pupils after the summer break.

Until then, we hope you enjoy a wonderful summer filled with fun, adventure and precious time with family and friends.

Thank you for all your support, kindness and hard work throughout the year.

Happy Summer, everyone.

With best wishes,
Jess Balado and the Thurlton Team

Congratulations to everyone who received an award in our End of Term assembly:

	 Star Great progress	 Superhero Great attitude	 Reader Great reading	 PE Award	 Writer Great writing
Hedgehogs	Amber	Zach	Edith	Jenson & Poppy	Alfie
Rabbits	Henry	Ellie	Finley F	Alice	Jaxon
Badgers	William	Frankie F	Alfie P	Blake	Zachary

Dates for week beginning 31st August

Monday	31 st	School closed – Bank holiday
Tuesday	1 st	School closed - INSET
Wednesday	2 nd	School closed - INSET
Thursday	3 rd	First day of term New Reception pupils 9-11.30am
Friday	4 th	New Reception pupils 8.45am-12



Other useful information:-

Gymnastics –

From 7th September we will be having gymnastics on a Monday for Rabbits and Badgers. Hedgehogs will start from 21st September.

P.E.-

Mr Reeve will continue with P.E. lessons every Wednesday

Forest school – There will be no forest school this term

Letters sent home this week:

Letter with information regarding residential – Year 3, 4 & 5

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

Diary dates for your diary			
September	Monday	7 th	Badger Class Residential meeting – 3.30pm
	Monday	21 st	Rabbit Class Time and Tide Museum trip
	Thursday	24 th	Steps Workshop for parents
October			
	Thursday	22 nd	Flu Nasal spray Session 1 in school – more information to follow
	Friday	23 rd	School closed to pupils- INSET
	Monday	26 th	Half Term starts
* Dates may be subject to change			



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 - Friday 30th October 2026

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO PUPILS ON FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

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 202

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