

Whole school attendance figure
this week is 95.5%



18th September 2026

Another joyful week of smiles, fun and learning has flown by.

In our celebration assembly this morning, it was wonderful to hear about the fantastic achievements of the children both in and out of school.

Alfie in Y5 has won a bowls competition and was proudly presented with a horseshoe; Dakota and Finley C have been superstars in swimming and the twins have shown creative support through making things to support the food bank. We are incredibly proud of all our young people and the talent, determination and consideration for others they show.

The school is so calm, settled and purposeful; the quality of work being produced across all year groups is fantastic. There is a real buzz of learning in every classroom and it is wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic.

A quick reminder to help our routines to continue to run smoothly, that any break time snack item should be kept separate from lunchboxes. Snacks should be placed in class drawers on arrival each morning. Staff will continue to support and remind children of this routine as they come in.

Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes Day. The money raised will be sent to support this amazing charity [Jeans for Genes Week](#)

Rabbits are off to the Tide and Time Museum on Monday and we know they will represent us with pride, reflecting our school values:

***Care, aware, respect and share,
Be honest and polite***

Perhaps your child can even remember our values poem!

We wish you all a fun weekend.

Mrs 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	Bradley	Hannah	Callie	Zac
Rabbits	Finley	Jaxon	Maria	Amber
Badgers	Isla	William	Elliot	Eliza



Dates for week beginning 21st September

Monday	21 st	Rabbit class Time and Tide trip Gymnastics for Badgers and Hedgehogs
Tuesday	22 nd	
Wednesday	23 rd	PE with Mr Reeve for all classes Multisport after school club
Thursday	24 th	Positive parenting workshop 3.00 - 4.30pm
Friday	25 th	

Other useful information:-

Please make sure break time snacks are brought in separately from lunch boxes each day.

Letters sent home this week:

None

Jeans for Genes – Thank you to all who contributed, we raised £55.00

Rabbit Class Time and Tide trip – **Anybody who has not ordered a school packed lunch already, with Mrs Willis or Mrs Payne, for the trip will have to bring a packed lunch from home.**

Positive Parenting Workshop – ALL are invited to our FREE Parent Workshop on Thursday. See the attached flyer for more information.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium - From September 2026, the eligibility for free school meals has expanded, there are now 2 types of entitlement:-

- **Targeted:** you receive Universal Credit and earn under £7,400 a year or another qualifying benefit: your children are entitled to FSM and extra support for their school
- **Expanded:** you receive Universal Credit and earn above £7,400: your children are entitled to FSM only

If you are already eligible, you do not need to reapply. (for further information, please see link below)

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, but you may still be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding which enables the school to receive additional money to support enhancements to the curriculum. Please visit:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> for further information or to apply.

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

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

Norfolk Steps

We are delighted to invite you to a school and community team parent workshop in Autumn Term 2026.

This workshop will provide informal and supportive advice, strategies and resources towards a therapeutic approach to behaviour management focused on de-escalation and positive support.

Key Principles:

- Use of positive language
- Understanding that children's behaviour communicates needs
- Building consistency and good habits
- Developing positive relationships
- An opportunity to connect with other parents
- Access to further support

Parent Sessions:

Thursday 24th September, 3:00–4:30pm

Thursday 1st October, 3:00–4:30pm

■ Childcare and Refreshments:

Children can be cared for in school during the session and will be provided with a snack and drink. Parents will also be offered refreshments during the session.

Sign up:

School Office
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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 5th January - Friday 27th March 2027

Half-term holiday:

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2027

Easter holiday:

Friday 26th March - Tuesday 13th April 202

Summer term

Thurlton Primary School- Dates for your diary

September			
	Monday	21 st	Rabbit Class Time and Tide Museum trip
		21 st	Hedgehogs first gymnastics session
	Thursday	24 th	3-4pm Positive parenting Workshop (1) for parents
	Tuesday	29 th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
October	Thursday	1 st	3-4pm Positive Parenting Workshop (2) for parents
	Thursday	1 st	Special lunch for all
	Thursday	8 th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Tuesday	13 th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Friday	16 th	6pm PFA film night
	Thursday	22 nd	Flu Nasal spray Session 1 in school – more info to follow
	Friday	23 rd	School closed to pupils- INSET
½ term Friday 23rd- Friday 30th October			
November	Tuesday	3 rd	3.30-6pm Parents evening
	Thursday	5 th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Thursday	5 th	3.30-6pm Parents evening
	Tuesday	10 th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Tuesday	17 th	9.00am Individual school photographs
	Thursday	19 th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Tuesday	24 th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Friday	27 th	9-10am Decorations morning- all parents welcome
December	Monday	1 st	Christmas post box out for cards
	Thursday	3 rd	Pantomime in school (am)
	Thursday	3 rd	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Saturday	5 th	PFA Christmas Fayre
	Tuesday	8 th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Tuesday	15 th	10am Carols in Church
	Wednesday	16 th	1.30pm Hedgehogs nativity to parents
	Thursday	17 th	12 noon- Christmas lunch
	Friday	18 th	9am Celebration of the term assembly- invited guests
Monday 21st- Tuesday 5th January 2027 Christmas Holiday			
January	Tuesday	5 th	Back to School
* Dates may be subject to change			