



25th September 2026

Whole school attendance figure
this week is 96%

A warm welcome to this week's newsletter!

Rabbits had a wonderful time exploring the Time and Tide Museum on Monday! They returned buzzing with excitement and full of fascinating facts to share and use in their learning.

Next week, our big focus is the Harvest Festival, and we are really looking forward to celebrating together.

We would love to see as many of you as possible at Thurlton Church on Tuesday. It is always a special occasion for our school community, and your presence will make it even more memorable. As part of the celebration, we are once again collecting donations for our local food bank.

Every contribution, however small, can make a real difference to local families who are facing difficult times. If it is more convenient, you are very welcome to bring your donations in on Monday. Simply leave them on the table in the foyer and we will make sure they reach the church.

Not sure what to donate? Follow the link below for a helpful guide to items food banks need most:
[What Foods Do Food Banks Need Most? | Morrisons](#)

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generous support—it means so much to our school and the wider community.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful 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	James	Fergal	Sienna	Edith
Rabbits	Blake	Tallulah	Alfie	Oliver
Badgers	Aaliyah	Archie	Jenson	Alfie



Dates for week beginning 28th September

Monday	28 th	Gymnastics with Michelle for all classes
Tuesday	29 th	9.30am Harvest Festival – Thurlton Church – all welcome 2.45pm Open book session for parents – all classes
Wednesday	30 th	PE with Mr Reeve and after school club
Thursday	1 st	School census lunch – see below for information 3-4pm Positive Parenting Workshop (2) for parents
Friday	2 nd	

Letters sent home this week:

Attendance letter, parent guide, and Attendance Policy – all classes

Other useful information:-

Thursday 1st School Census Lunch - As you may know, the number of children having a school lunch on census day has a significant impact on our funding. We would be very grateful if as many children as possible could have a school lunch this Thursday. There are plenty of options available, including:

a school packed lunch with a choice of baguettes, sandwiches and fillings;

a jacket potato with a choice of fillings; pasta;

or the main course which is a hotdog.

If you have already ordered lunch for that day but would like to change, please let Mrs Payne know.

Scholastic Book Fair – Watch this space for further information on our book fair – (4th to 11th Nov)

Harvest Festival reminder – . If you are able to donate, please bring items such as tinned vegetables and soup, dried pasta, spaghetti, teabags, coffee, etc, to school on Tuesday morning. These will be taken by pupils to the Church, and collected after the service, for our local food bank. Thank you.

Reminder - 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 if you think you may be eligible for the school to receive extra funding, 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.



2026 – 2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Autumn term

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

Thursday 3rd September- Friday 18th December
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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



Thurlton Primary School- Dates for your diary

September			
	Tuesday	29th	9.30am Harvest Festival at Thurlton Church
		29th	2.45pm – Open book session for parents
October	Thursday	1 st	3-4pm Positive Parenting Workshop (2) for parents
	Thursday	1 st	School census lunch
	Thursday	8th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Tuesday	13th	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	23rd	School closed to pupils- INSET
½ term Friday 23rd- Friday 30th October			
November	Tuesday	3 rd	3.30-6pm Parents evening
	Wednesday	4 th to 11 th	Book Fair in school – further details to follow
	Thursday	5th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Thursday	5 th	3.30-6pm Parents evening
	Tuesday	10th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Tuesday	17 th	9.00am Individual school photographs
	Thursday	19th	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Tuesday	24th	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	3rd	2.45pm- Open book session for parents
	Saturday	5th	PFA Christmas Fayre
	Tuesday	8th	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	5th	Back to School
* Dates may be subject to change			