

Whole school attendance figure  
this week is 95%



**16<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy and positive week at Thurlton.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Trust leaders into school to look at the experiences of our pupils and the learning they receive. It was a really positive day, with lots to celebrate, particularly the progress our children are making and how happy, settled and engaged they are in school.

We were very proud of our children and pleased to be able to share all the wonderful things happening at Thurlton.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our **Breakfast Club questionnaire**. The early indications are very encouraging and suggest that a breakfast club is now a viable option for our school. We are busy working through the details and will share our plans with you as soon as everything is in place.

A few important reminders:

- **Friday 23 October:** School is closed to pupils for staff training.
- **Half term:** This follows the INSET day, with children returning to school on **Monday 2 November**.
- **Parents' Evenings:** We have sent out a link for you to request a parents' evening appointment for the week after half term. This is a new booking system, as our previous system is no longer available. We hope to confirm your allocated time by **Friday 23 October**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

**Jessica Balado and the Thurlton Team**

**In our celebration assembly today the following children were celebrated:**

|                  | <b>Star</b><br><br><b>Great progress</b> | <b>Superhero</b><br><br><b>Great attitude</b> | <b>Reader</b><br><br><b>Great reading</b> | <b>Writer</b><br><br><b>Great writing</b> |
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| <b>Hedgehogs</b> | Zeke                                                                                                                        | James                                                                                                                            | Delaney                                                                                                                       | Sienna                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Rabbits</b>   | Tallulah                                                                                                                    | Alfie                                                                                                                            | Alice                                                                                                                         | Arlo                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Badgers</b>   | Elsie                                                                                                                       | Finley                                                                                                                           | Henry                                                                                                                         | Arthur W                                                                                                                       |



### **Dates for week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October**

|           |                  |                                          |
|-----------|------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Gymnastics with Michelle for all classes |
| Tuesday   | 20 <sup>th</sup> |                                          |
| Wednesday | 21 <sup>st</sup> | PE with Mr Reeve and after school club   |
| Thursday  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Flu nasal spray                          |
| Friday    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | School closed to pupils                  |

### **Other useful information:-**

Flu nasal immunisation – The first session is on Thursday for those who have consented to the immunisation. If you have not consented via the link sent previously, please use the link below:-  
<https://www.manage-vaccinations-in-schools.nhs.uk/consents/PP2oaXsJbX/flu/start>

Poppy Appeal – We have poppies available in school. They will be on the playground before school every day from Monday 19<sup>th</sup>.

Parents evening – To sign up for parents evening, please complete the form sent through earlier today.

Parking – It has been brought to our attention that some parents/carers are parking in the bus bay and reversing into the staff car park entrance to turn around. Please can we remind you to park considerately and safely outside the school at drop off and pick up times, and not use the entrance to the staff car park to turn around in.

Children are continually walking to school along this piece of pavement.

Please can parents walking on the pavement also make sure your child is walking safely with you.

Thank you.

### **Letters sent home this week:**

New lunch menus – all classes

National Measurement Programme – Year 6 and Reception

Reminder link for the flu immunisations – all classes by email

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



# **2026 – 2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR Autumn term**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

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## **Half-term holiday:**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO PUPILS ON FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER**

## **Spring term**

**INSET: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March - Tuesday 13 April 2027

## **Summer term**

**INSET: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027 - school will be closed to pupils**

Tuesday 13 April - Friday 28 May 2027

## **Half-term holiday:**

Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2027

## **Summer holiday:**

Wednesday 21 July – Monday 6 September 2027



## Thurlton Primary School- Dates for your diary

|                                                                                      |           |                                   |                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October                                                                              | Thursday  | 22 <sup>nd</sup>                  | Flu Nasal spray Session 1 in school                                            |
|                                                                                      | Friday    | 23 <sup>rd</sup>                  | <b>School closed to pupils- INSET</b>                                          |
| <b>½ term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>                 |           |                                   |                                                                                |
| November                                                                             | Monday    | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                   | Flu Nasal spray Session 2 (catch-up)                                           |
|                                                                                      | Tuesday   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                   | 9.15-10.30am Open morning for September new intake<br>3.30-6pm Parents evening |
|                                                                                      | Wednesday | 4 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> | Book Fair in school – further details to follow                                |
|                                                                                      | Thursday  | 5 <sup>th</sup>                   | 3.00-6pm Parents evening                                                       |
|                                                                                      | Tuesday   | 10 <sup>th</sup>                  | 2.45pm- Open book session for parents                                          |
|                                                                                      | Thursday  | 12 <sup>th</sup>                  | Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme                      |
|                                                                                      | Tuesday   | 17 <sup>th</sup>                  | 9.00am Individual school photographs                                           |
|                                                                                      | Thursday  | 19 <sup>th</sup>                  | <b>2.45pm- Open book session for parents</b>                                   |
|                                                                                      | Tuesday   | 24 <sup>th</sup>                  | <b>2.45pm- Open book session for parents</b>                                   |
|                                                                                      | Thursday  | 26 <sup>th</sup>                  | Bring-it-in Chocolate- and wear your own clothes                               |
|                                                                                      | Friday    | 27 <sup>th</sup>                  | 9-10am Decorations morning- all parents welcome                                |
| December                                                                             | Monday    | 1 <sup>st</sup>                   | Christmas post box out for cards                                               |
|                                                                                      | Thursday  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                   | Pantomime in school (am)                                                       |
|                                                                                      | Thursday  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                   | <b>2.45pm- Open book session for parents</b>                                   |
|                                                                                      | Saturday  | 5 <sup>th</sup>                   | <b>PFA Christmas Fayre</b>                                                     |
|                                                                                      | Tuesday   | 8 <sup>th</sup>                   | <b>2.45pm- Open book session for parents</b>                                   |
|                                                                                      | Monday    | 14 <sup>th</sup>                  | No PE today                                                                    |
|                                                                                      | Tuesday   | 15 <sup>th</sup>                  | 10am Carols in Church                                                          |
|                                                                                      | Wednesday | 16 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1.30pm Hedgehogs nativity to parents                                           |
|                                                                                      | Thursday  | 17 <sup>th</sup>                  | 12 noon- Christmas lunch                                                       |
|                                                                                      | Friday    | 18 <sup>th</sup>                  | 9am Celebration of the term assembly- invited guests                           |
| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup>- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027 Christmas Holiday</b> |           |                                   |                                                                                |
| January                                                                              | Tuesday   | 5 <sup>th</sup>                   | <b>Back to School</b>                                                          |
|                                                                                      | Tuesday   | 5 <sup>th</sup>                   | <b>2.45pm- Open book session for parents</b>                                   |
|                                                                                      | Thursday  | 14 <sup>th</sup>                  | <b>2.45pm- Open book session for parents</b>                                   |
| March                                                                                | Thursday  | 4 <sup>th</sup>                   | <b>World Book day</b>                                                          |

\* Dates may be subject to change

Please find below a list of dates for the term ahead.

Please note, this is not yet a full list and some dates may be subject to change