Whole school attendance figure this week is %

13th November 2026

Dear parents/ carers

Here we are in mid November and the weather has started to get quite chilly.
Please do remember to send warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves into school each day as we will be going outside for breaks and lunchtimes unless it is unsafe due to ice or pouring with rain!

Start of the School Day
We do appreciate that on some days parents would like to speak to class staff at the start of the school day, however, meetings at this time, can be disruptive to classes. Teachers need to prioritise welcoming the children to make sure they can settle quickly and safely into their learning.

In order to allow this to happen, we kindly ask parents to follow the procedures below:

- We are always happy to arrange meetings with parents **after school**.
- If you need to pass on information to your child's teacher, please speak to **Mrs Payne in the school office**, who will ensure messages are shared with the appropriate staff member. Staff will phone if there is a need that cannot wait until the end of the school day and they are able to sort cover for their class.
- If your child arrives after the start of the school day, please enter through the **school office**.
- The school gate will be **locked at 9:50am** each morning.
- For safeguarding reasons, no parent/carer should enter the school building at the start of the school. This helps ensure staff can supervise all children effectively and minimises disruption to learning.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, calm and productive environment for all pupils.

Parent Survey
A sincere thank you to everyone who has already completed our parent survey. We greatly value your feedback, as it helps us celebrate what is working well and identify areas where we can continue to improve.

If you have not yet completed the survey, we encourage you to do so. Your views are important to us, and we appreciate the time you take to share them.

We hope you have a good weekend.
Best wishes

Jessica Balado and the Thurlton team

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In our celebration assembly today the following children were celebrated:

	Star Great progress	Superhero Great attitude	Reader Great reading	Writer Great writing
Hedgehogs	James	Zeke	Banksy	Bradley
Rabbits	Harrison	Gracie	Maria	Jaxon
Badgers	Eliza	Finley	Elsie	Stanley

Dates for week beginning 16th November

Monday	16th	Gymnastics with Michelle for all classes
Tuesday	17th	Individual school photos 2.45pm- Open book session for parents
Wednesday	18th	PE with Mr Reeve and after school club
Thursday	19th	**2.45pm- Open book session for parents**
Friday	20th	Open Play in Hedgehogs 1.45 – 3.00pm

Other useful information:-

School photographer
Don't forget the photographer is in school on Tuesday 17th to take individual and sibling photos.

Book Fair
Thank you to everybody who supported our book fair. Your contributions mean that the school benefits from £100 of free books!

End of Christmas term
Please note that on the last day of term, Friday 18th December, parents/ carers will be able to collect their children from 2pm.

(No) Letters sent home this week
If you require a paper copy of any information please let Mrs Payne know.

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Please find below a list of dates for the term ahead.			
Thurlton Primary School- Dates for your diary			
November	Tuesday	17th	9.00am Individual school photographs
	Thursday	**19th**	**2.45pm- Open book session for parents**
	Friday	**20th**	**Open Play in Hedgehogs 1.45 – 3.00pm**
	Tuesday	**24th**	**2.45pm- Open book session for parents**
	Thursday	**26th**	**Non uniform day in exchange for chocolate for Christmas Fete**
	Friday	**27th**	**9-10am Decorations morning – all parents welcome** **1.45 – 3.00pm Open Play in Hedgehogs**
December	Monday	1st	Christmas post box out for cards
	Thursday	3rd	Pantomime in school (am)
	Thursday	**3rd**	**2.45pm- Open book session for parents**
	Friday	**4th**	**1.45 – 3.00pm Open Play in Hedgehogs**
	Saturday	**5th**	**PFA Christmas Fayre**
	Tuesday	**8th**	**2.45pm- Open book session for parents**
	Friday	**10th**	**1.45 – 3.00pm Open Play in Hedgehogs**
	Monday	14th	No gymnastics today
	Tuesday	15th	10am Carols in Church
	Wednesday	16th	1.30pm Hedgehogs nativity to parents
	Thursday	17th	12 noon- Christmas lunch
	Friday	18th	9am Celebration of the term assembly- invited guests
Monday 21st- Tuesday 5th January 2027 Christmas Holiday			
January	**Tuesday**	**5th**	**Back to School** **2.45pm – Open book session for parents**
	Friday	**8th**	**1.45pm – 3.00pm Open Play in Hedgehogs**
	Thursday	**14th**	**2.45pm – Open book session for parents**
	Friday	**15th**	**1.45 – 3.00pm Open Play in Hedgehogs**
	Tuesday	**19th**	**2.45pm – Open book session for parents**
	Thursday	21st	Census day – more information to follow
	Friday	**22nd**	**1.45 - 3.00pm Open play in Hedgehogs**
	Thursday	**28th**	**2.45pm – Open book session for parents**
	Friday	**29th**	**1.45 – 3.00pm Open Play in Hedgehogs**
February	**Tuesday**	**2nd**	**2.45pm - Open book session for parents**
	Friday	**5th**	**1.45 – 3.00pm Open Play in Hedgehogs**

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	Wednesday	10th	Safer Internet Day
	Thursday	**11th**	**2.45pm Open book session for parents**
	Friday	**12th**	**1.45 – 3.00pm Open Play in Hedgehogs**
	Monday	15th	Half term holiday Monday 15th to Friday 16th
March	Monday	1st	Class photographs
	Tuesday	**2nd**	**2.45pm – Open book session for parents**
	Tuesday	**2nd**	**Parents Evening**
	Thursday	**4th**	**Parents Evening**
	Thursday	**4th**	**World Book Day**
	Friday	**5th**	**1.45 – 3.00pm Open Play in Hedgehogs**
	Thursday	**11th**	**2.45pm – Open book session for parents**
	Friday	**12th**	**1.45 – 3.00pm Open Play in Hedgehogs**
	Tuesday	**16th**	**2.45pm – Open book session for parents**
	Friday	**19th**	**1.45 – 3.00pm Open Play in Hedgehogs**
	Saturday	**20th**	**PFA family quiz night with food 4.00 – 6.30pm**
	Thursday	**25th**	**2.45pm – Open book session for parents**
	Friday	**26th**	**School closed for Easter Holidays**
* Please note, this is not yet a full list and some dates may be subject to change			

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR
Autumn term

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 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

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