

THORNGUMBALD NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Welcome back after the half-term break!

I hope everyone managed to enjoy a well-deserved rest and some quality time together. It's been lovely hearing the children's stories about their week from Halloween adventures to family days out and cosy moments at home. They've come back full of energy and enthusiasm, ready for what is always one of the busiest (and most magical!) terms of the year. As we head towards Christmas, we have lots of exciting things planned from festive celebrations and performances to our upcoming Parents' Evenings. It's such a special time in school, and I'm really looking forward to sharing the weeks ahead with our wonderful children, families and staff.

REQUESTS & REMINDERS

- Could we kindly remind everyone that P.E kits should be a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts or trousers and a plain black or navy jumper.
- If children are bringing in a snack for their break, can we please ask that this is either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. A reminder that we are also a nut free school as we have children with allergies.
- Our year 5 classroom could really do with an bigger Christmas tree if anyone has a spare Christmas Tree they no longer need we would be grateful.



FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Friends of School would like to thank you for all your support with the Halloween disco.

Thank you to the volunteers who ran the event, the teachers who helped out and children and parents for excellent and spooky costumes. We managed to raise a total of £515! This money will help go towards lots of new classroom resources which we will share with you when they have been purchased!

Our next event is the Christmas fair on Friday 12th December! If you would like a stall at the fair then please contact Miss Nagy - stalls cost £10 each.

OCTOBER STARS OF THE WEEK



EYFS - Olivia & Inbha
Year 1 - Hero, Albie, & Harry
Year 2 - Ava, James, Daisy L
Year 3 - George, Reuben & Ewan
Year 4 - Iyla, Alexys & Rose
Year 5 - Bronwyn, Faye & Georgia
Year 6 - Brady, Macaulay & Freddie

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER



The children in EYFS have enjoyed learning about seasonal change and the different celebrations that take place in autumn. We have learned about Diwali and the children are looking forward to learning all about Bonfire Night. We are excited to start learning the songs for our Nativity performance and discovering even more about different celebrations from around the world!

We've had a wonderful half term in Year One! The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring materials in Science — investigating their different properties and discovering how they are used in everyday life. They have also been working incredibly hard on their writing, showing great creativity and perseverance as they develop their skills.

What a fantastic and busy half-term it's been in Year 2! In Maths, we became experts at adding and subtracting using resources like Base 10 to strengthen our understanding, while in English, the children worked incredibly hard and successfully completed their extended piece of writing. Our exploration of artist Gustav Klimt in art inspired some truly beautiful pieces. The children have been continuing to work hard in phonics, and I have been impressed with their commitment to reading for pleasure! The children ended this half term with some fun Halloween activities.

The children in the ERP have been very busy as always over the last month with themes around Little Red Riding Hood, forest and woodland animal, teeth and Halloween. Alongside this we've been doing lots of craft and baking activities.



Well done to children in KS2 who signed up to take part in a Cross Country event at Holderness Academy. A huge well done to the children who then qualified for the finals at Hornsea!

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER



We've had an amazing half term settling back into school in Year 3! Everyone has worked incredibly hard, and we absolutely smashed column addition and subtraction — well done! Next half term, we're excited to learn more about prehistoric animals, and we can't wait for our upcoming trip to explore this topic even more.

This month, Year 4 have been busy learning, creating, and exploring! Here are just some of the exciting things we got up to this month: We worked hard in music, learning to play the violins with a bow — everyone showed great focus and such enthusiasm. In art, we created some fantastic Paul Cézanne-inspired pieces, using vegetables as our stimulus to explore colour, shape, and texture. In science, we investigated how an animal's teeth can be affected by its diet, discovering the fascinating ways teeth are adapted to what different animals eat. We surely have had a great half term full of curiosity, fun and creativity.

Year 5 have continued to work extremely hard throughout October, showing great focus and enthusiasm across all subjects. In maths, we have successfully completed our addition and subtraction unit, with everyone showing fantastic progress and confidence in their skills. In literacy, the children produced some truly brilliant setting descriptions inspired by Neil Gaiman's twisted version of Hansel and Gretel—their creativity has been a joy to read! We are also at a pivotal point in our class book, Cogheart, and the children are thoroughly enjoying the story's twists and turns. In music, they've been practising the cup pattern to accompany our sea shanty song, demonstrating both rhythm and teamwork. The class have certainly earned their half-term break, and we look forward to a jam-packed and exciting November ahead!

Our Year 6 class have had a fantastic October, working incredibly hard and continuing to set brilliant examples around school. Everyone has made excellent progress across all subjects, showing real effort and enthusiasm every day. We've especially enjoyed diving into our World War II topic, which has sparked lots of curiosity and great discussions in class. Our visit to Eden Camp was a real highlight — it brought history to life and helped us imagine what life was like during the war. We've also been lucky to have Miss Martindale join us this term, delivering some brilliant maths lessons that have challenged and inspired us. As we move into November, we're excited to keep learning and begin looking forward to the festive season ahead!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

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Individual School Photo Day

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Anti-Bullying Week

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Children in Need (Pudsey clothing & accessories for charity donation)

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EYFS Open Evening for new starters in 2026

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Northern Gas STEM Workshops in school

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Year 3 School Trip

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Parents Evenings - online booking to go live soon

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EYFS & Year 6 height and weight measured by school nurse

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Non-Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate for our Christmas fair tombola

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

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Christmas Jumper Day

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Rocksteady concert - time TBC

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Violin Concert - time TBC

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Christmas Fair - 3:00-5:00

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KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

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Christmas Dinner

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KS1 Nativity - time TBC

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Snowman Shuffle - details TBC

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Final day/Christmas parties - party wear

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you to Friends of School for putting on our Halloween disco!

Tuesday - Gymnastics
Tuesday - Forest School (invitation only)
Friday - KS2 Basketball

No Science club for this half-term as we are on the run up to Christmas. Keep your eye's peeled for Science club dates for Spring term.

THANK
YOU



A big thank you from Year 6 & EYFS to everyone who purchased something at our bake sale. We managed to raise an incredible £120 which will be split between year groups!

