

THORNGUMBALD NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

It has been another busy and positive period in school, with many opportunities for our children to learn, grow and share their achievements with you.

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our recent Stay and Read sessions. It was wonderful to see classrooms full of parents and carers enjoying books alongside the children—these moments really do make a difference to developing a lifelong love of reading.

We were also delighted to welcome so many of you into school for our recent craft sessions. The creativity on display was fantastic, and the children clearly enjoyed having the opportunity to share their learning with you in such a hands-on way.

Our recent parents' evenings were a valuable opportunity to discuss progress and next steps. We appreciate your continued support in working together to ensure every child thrives.

A particular highlight has been Football Week, where pupils showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship. Events like this play an important role in promoting both physical wellbeing and positive attitudes.

Children have also benefited from a number of school visits, enriching their learning beyond the classroom and bringing topics to life in meaningful ways.

As always, we remain committed to providing the very best for all our pupils and to working in partnership with our school community. Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you all a restful Easter break.

REQUESTS & REMINDERS

- Please ensure you are bringing reading books back on the required date.
- Please ensure your child brings a bottle of water with them everyday as the months start to get warmer. Please could we also ask that all packed lunches are labelled, as we have a few similar packed lunches.
- Year 3 are kindly asking for any donations of felt tips for the classroom.
- Mrs Wilkinson is still looking for any donation of pavers to place a shed on for forest school storage.



FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Friends of School have been hard at working planning some really fun Summer events for you all including a family picnic, summer discos and of course the summer fair and Year 6 prom!

All money will be going towards buying a brand new screen for the hall and then looking at improving our EYFS area and classroom.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Valentine's Disco and helped raise money towards each class' library and calm corner.

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY/MARCH



This half term, we have been learning all about space, exploring the different planets and discovering the important role of an astronaut. The children have really enjoyed using their imaginations as they talked about travelling through space and what they might see on their journeys.

We have also been learning about the signs of spring and how the season changes from winter. The children explored the outdoor environment to spot new life and seasonal changes, and they even made their own spring collages using natural resources.

It has been a wonderfully busy and exciting time for our Year 1 children! One of the highlights was our very first school trip to Acorn Hollow, where we had a fantastic day exploring, making popcorn, and meeting a variety of animals. It was a memorable experience that the children thoroughly enjoyed. In the classroom, we have been busy learning across a range of subjects. In Geography, the children have loved exploring the four countries of the United Kingdom, while in History, they have been fascinated by learning all about kings and queens. We have also been developing our outdoor learning by setting up a bird feeding station. The children have really enjoyed watching from the classroom window and identifying the different birds that visit us each day.

February and March have been a busy and exciting time for Year 2. The children have taken part in a range of activities and whole-school events, including mental health assemblies, a trip to Acorn Hollow, World Book Day, Science Week, a stay and read session, the Rocksteady concert, and the Easter bonnet parade. In class, the children have been working very hard across all subjects. In maths, we have been focusing on money and multiplication, and the children are continuing to build their confidence in these areas. In English, the children have produced some fantastic writing, including character descriptions of the wolf from Little Red Riding Hood and a newspaper report based on events from the Great Fire of London. In science, we have been exploring the different seasons and the changes that occur throughout the year, in preparation for starting our plants unit. The children have also been working hard in Design and Technology, where they have been planning to prepare their own potato wedges. We have also enjoyed taking part in a range of Easter crafts and preparations for this exciting time of year.

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY/MARCH



What a busy and exciting Spring term we have had in Year 3! The children have continued to impress me with their enthusiasm and positive attitudes towards learning. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of fractions, as well as exploring mass and capacity. In English, the children have worked hard to write recount letters and create detailed setting descriptions. In Science, we have been learning all about animals, while in Computing we have been building our programming skills using Scratch. In PE, the children have enjoyed continuing to develop their skills in golf. We have also celebrated World Book Day, where the children explored different genres, wrote book reviews, and welcomed parents into our classroom for a lovely “stay and read” session. During Science Week, the class took part in a variety of fun and engaging experiments, developing their curiosity and investigative skills. We also focused on wellbeing during Mental Health Week, learning about emotions, recognising our feelings, and practising calming strategies, which was further supported by a fantastic workshop from the mental health team. Football Week was a real highlight, with children taking part in outdoor activities, football-themed maths, and learning about careers in sport, alongside a brilliant coaching session delivered by the Tigers Trust. In DT, the children showed great creativity and problem-solving skills while designing and making their own magnetic treasure boxes. We have also continued our journey through Ancient Egypt in history and thoroughly enjoyed finishing our class book, The 13-Storey Treehouse. I am incredibly proud of the children’s hard work, creativity, and the way they continue to support one another in all aspects of school life.



This month in the den and in the meadow, the children have enjoyed lots of Spring and Easter activities. We love being creative and one of our favourite things is making biscuits.



CLASS HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY/MARCH



It has been a busy and enjoyable Spring term in Year 4, with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the curriculum. The children have continued to show enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards their learning, and I am very proud of all their hard work. Year 4 had an unforgettable experience competing in a football tournament against eight other local schools and won! In Maths, we have been learning about length, perimeter, and fractions. In English, the children wrote kennings poems and persuasive leaflets about Hull. In Science, we explored sound and carried out investigations to understand how sound travels. In History, we learned about leisure and entertainment in the past, and in DT the children designed and began making their Roman chariots. This term, pupils also enjoyed an exciting range of enrichment activities. We celebrated World Book Day, took part in Science Week experiments, and focused on wellbeing during Mental Health Week. Football Week was a real highlight, with outdoor activities, football-themed maths, and a coaching session with the Tigers Trust. Representatives from TBS also visited school to deliver an engaging workshop on truck safety, where the children had the unique opportunity to design artwork for a new truck. We have also continued reading *The Nowhere Emporium* in guided reading, which the children have really enjoyed. It has been a wonderful term, and I am very proud of the children's hard work, creativity, and the way they support one another.

This term, pupils enjoyed an exciting range of enrichment activities. Year 4 had an unforgettable experience competing in a football tournament against eight other local schools. Their teamwork, skill and determination shone through, and we are incredibly proud to share that they won the tournament. It was wonderful to see their hard work and sporting spirit rewarded. Representatives from TBS visited school to deliver an engaging workshop on truck safety, giving children the unique opportunity to design artwork for a new truck. Pupils also took part in a valuable mental health workshop, helping them develop strategies to support their wellbeing. We were delighted to welcome the Tigers Trust, who spoke to the children about their careers and led an energetic PE session that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. A particular highlight this term was in Design and Technology, where pupils demonstrated excellent focus and enthusiasm as they used saws to cut their own wood pieces for their projects—an experience many described as their favourite lesson. The children had the opportunity to make and craft their easter bonnets alongside some of the parents.

CLASS HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY/MARCH



We have had a very busy and exciting February and March in Year 5! The children have been working extremely hard across all lessons and have shown fantastic enthusiasm, particularly in our Science Space topic and while reading our class text Cosmic. We thoroughly enjoyed our Space Planetarium workshop, where we discovered many fascinating new facts that helped deepen our understanding of the universe. We also had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day, taking part in live lessons and using our creativity to redesign the front cover of our class book. In Music this term, the children have been working with Mrs McKee to learn the ukulele. They have made fantastic progress and are now confidently playing different chords while singing along to a tune – we are very proud of their perseverance and teamwork! Finally, we also went on a class trip to Humberside Airport. It was incredibly interesting to learn how an airport operates, and the children had great fun planning holidays for different groups of people. We are so proud of the effort, curiosity and positivity the class has shown throughout these months – well done Year 5!

Year 6 have had an incredibly busy and rewarding couple of months, filled with a wide range of exciting learning opportunities and memorable experiences. The children have shown fantastic focus and resilience as they continue preparing for their SATs, approaching their revision with maturity and determination. Alongside this, we have celebrated a number of special events including World Book Day, where the class showcased their love of reading, Science Week, which sparked curiosity and enthusiasm, and Football Week, where teamwork and sportsmanship were on full display.

In English, we thoroughly enjoyed reading Holes, immersing ourselves in the characters, themes and vocabulary, before finishing the unit by watching the film. Our history learning has taken us on a journey through crime and punishment from the Romans to the present day, where pupils have been fascinated by how laws and consequences have evolved over time. In addition, we have explored important environmental issues, particularly plastic pollution, and the children have shown a real passion for understanding how they can make a difference. To round off the term, we had a fantastic trip to the cinema to watch David Attenborough, which was both inspiring and thought-provoking, linking perfectly to our environmental studies. As we look ahead to our final term in primary school, there is so much to be excited about—from SATs and our residential trip to transition activities and, of course, our leavers' play. It promises to be a memorable end to the year, filled with hard work, celebration and plenty more fun!



FEBRUARY & MARCH STARS OF THE WEEK

Each week, children who demonstrate one of our STAR values—
Safety, Teamwork, Aspiration, or Resilience—receive a special
certificate from their teacher to celebrate their achievement.



EYFS – Ezra, Lake, Eli, Xander, Elara

Year 1 – Hudson, Miles, Leo B, Archie

Year 2 – Hollie, Josh, Polly, Grace

Year 3 – Eddie W, Reggie, Matty, Ewan

Year 4 – Matthew, Frank, Oliver

Year 5 – Colin, Jenson, Dare, Bella & Whole Class

Year 6 – Imogen, Jessica M, Henry & Sophie B

Stars of the Spring term



Acorn Hollow- The children had an amazing time at Acorn Hollow in the outdoors. We were able to see some animals and spend a lot of time connecting with nature round the campfire. Mental Health Workshops- We have been lucky enough to have a couple of visits from the mental health team this term. We have been focusing on kindness and the different ways we can show kindness.



A huge thank you to TBS for coming in with one of their trucks to teach the children about road and vehicle safety. We look forward to hearing which child won the competition and who will get their drawing on the back of one of their new lorries.

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Well done!

A big well done to the Year 4 football team for winning the competition at Holderness Academy

Thank you to the parents of year 3 for bringing in all of our resources for our DT project.

Thank you to parents for also coming in and helping with the Easter bonnet crafts.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

- 14** School reopens to children!
- 14** Cricket taster sessions – Year 2
- 15** SEND Coffee Afternoon
- 16** Fire safety talk – Year 5
- 30** Mental health workshops – Year 5 & 6
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We would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Miss Moffat, who recently got married and is now Mrs Cousins. We wish her and her partner a lifetime of happiness together and thank her for sharing such wonderful news with our school community.

CONGRATULATIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

- 4** Bank Holiday
- 11** SATs week – Year 6
- 18** Residential Talk – Year 6 parents
- 20** Food & Farming School Trip
 - Year 5&6
- 22** Friends of School Family Picnic
 - More information to come
- 22** Final day of term

We sadly say goodbye and good luck to Shaddix and Memphis who will be leaving us after Easter. They are both valuable and lovely members of their class and they will be truly missed. All of us wish them the best of luck at their new school!

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