

# THORNGUMBALD NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

## HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

As we move into the final seven weeks of the academic year, the school calendar becomes one of our busiest and most exciting periods. There are many events, celebrations and opportunities ahead for our children, including sports days, educational visits, transition activities, performances and end-of-year celebrations.

This time of year always provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on how much our children have grown, both academically and personally. It is a privilege to see the confidence, resilience and achievements that have developed throughout the year, and we look forward to sharing many of these moments with families over the coming weeks.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. Working together helps us to create the best possible experiences for our children, and we appreciate your involvement in school life.

Please keep an eye on the dates included in this newsletter, as there are a number of important events approaching. We look forward to welcoming many of you into school as we celebrate another successful year together.

## 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.
- 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 are in the midst of planning the big event of the year – the summer fair! If anyone has any raffle prizes they want to donate then please let us know. If you would like a stall at the fair then please let us know also.

A big thank you to anyone who ordered a treat box at the family picnic – we hope you enjoyed.

Next week is our summer disco and we're excited to see lots of you there.

## CLASS HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL/MAY



Over the last couple of months, our EYFS children have been busy exploring, creating and preparing for exciting events. We have grown our own cress heads and enjoyed watching them sprout and grow. The children have also been using papier-mâché to create their very own planets and they are looking forward to painting them soon. The children cannot wait to show off their fantastic creations at our upcoming showcase! Alongside this, we have been practising hard for Sports Day, developing our skills and teamwork, and we have started thinking about which special song we would like to perform at our graduation celebration. It has been a wonderful few months filled with creativity and lots of learning!

Over the coming weeks, we will be learning about different life cycles and exploring how living things grow and change. To help bring our learning to life, we will be welcoming some caterpillars into our classroom! The children will have the exciting opportunity to observe them closely as they grow, form chrysalises and eventually transform into beautiful butterflies!

This month, we have been working hard to improve our school environment by planting vegetables in our garden and adding colourful flowers around the school site. We have enjoyed learning about how plants grow and taking responsibility for caring for them.

In Art, we have loved creating our models and are excited to begin the papier-mâché stage of the project soon. Everyone has shown great creativity and enthusiasm, and we cannot wait to see the finished results.

We also said a fond farewell to Miss Maynard, who has been with us throughout the spring term. She has been a valued member of our class and will be missed by us all. During her time here, she has learned a great deal and has made a positive contribution to our school community. We wish her all the very best for the future.

This month has been a busy and fun one in Year 2. We have done some excellent work around plants and have even grown some different bulbs and plants! We have worked really hard in our fractions unit and have shown resilience in lessons that are a little trickier. We have also worked hard in our English lessons when writing a persuasive advert. The children have also made a brilliant start to their art sculptures, which we are looking forward to sharing with you all.

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What a wonderful Summer 1 half term we have had in Year 3! The children have continued to demonstrate fantastic enthusiasm, resilience and a positive attitude towards their learning. In Maths, we have developed our understanding of fractions before moving on to money and time, applying our skills to a range of practical problems. In English, the children have worked hard to write informative non-chronological reports and engaging newspaper reports, producing some excellent pieces of writing. In Guided Reading, we have begun our new class novel, *The Nothing to See Here Hotel*, which has already captured the children's imaginations. One of the highlights of the half term was a visit from a local beekeeper, linked to our Geography topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the importance of bees, examining a real hive, tasting honey and even trying on beekeeping suits. As part of this learning, we also created seed bombs and scattered them around our school field to encourage the growth of wildflowers and help create a more bee-friendly environment. In PE, the children have been developing their skills in rounders, showing excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. I am incredibly proud of all the hard work, effort and progress the children have shown this half term, and I look forward to seeing what they achieve in the weeks ahead.



Last term the ERP have been learning about growing food and reading the story of Jack and the beanstalk. We've made some vegetable soup and grown some of our own beanstalks. The children have also enjoyed being able to be outside a bit more now that the weather has improved.



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Year 4 have had an incredibly busy month! In April, they enjoyed a fantastic residential trip where they showed excellent teamwork and resilience, maintained outstanding behaviour, and approached every challenge with positivity. In DT, the children have been designing and building their own chariots, demonstrating creativity and collaboration. Whilst in Science they have been exploring sound through experiments, including measuring noise levels in decibels. In Maths, we have been focusing on fractions, and in English we have been developing our characterisation through speech linked to Pompeii. In Geography, we have been discovering natural disasters, and in RE we have been exploring our world through big questions. It has been a wonderful month, and we are very proud of all their hard work and enthusiasm! We're excited to see what the next couple of months brings!



In April, our Year 4 children enjoyed a fantastic residential trip. They showed excellent teamwork and resilience, supported one another brilliantly, and approached every challenge with positivity. Their behaviour was outstanding throughout, and they were a real credit to the school. Well done, Year 4!

## CLASS HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL/MAY



Since returning after the Easter break, Year 5 have been incredibly busy! As always, the class have been working extremely hard and have continued to showcase their STAR values in everything they do. In class, we have been enjoying our new class novel, *Who Let the Gods Out*, and have loved making links between the story and our History topic on Ancient Greece. We have also been fortunate to welcome visitors into school, including the Mental Health Team, who delivered workshops on resilience and self-esteem, and Humberside Fire and Rescue, who spoke to us about fire and water safety. During May, we took part in several themed days, learning about Sir David Attenborough and celebrating his 100th birthday, as well as discovering more about Jean Bishop and the important fundraising work she carried out for Age UK during our Bee Lady Day. We have also enjoyed two exciting trips this half term. The first was a Food and Farming Day with Year 6, where we learned about the farming industry, met a variety of animals, explored tractors, and sampled some delicious local produce. We also visited Holderness Academy for a Year 5 Transition Day, giving us the opportunity to experience secondary school life and take part in some exciting lessons. Overall, it has been a busy and enjoyable couple of months, and we still have plenty more to look forward to before the end of the school year!



As we approach the final few weeks of the school year, it is hard to believe how much our Year 6 children have achieved. They worked incredibly hard in the lead-up to their SATs, showing determination, resilience and a fantastic attitude towards their learning. We were immensely proud of the way they approached the tests and the maturity they demonstrated throughout the week.

After all their hard work, it was wonderful to celebrate together with a well-deserved trip to the park and our much-anticipated Eurovision party! The children have also enjoyed a range of enriching experiences, including our Food and Farming Day, where they learned about where our food comes from and the importance of agriculture. We have marked special occasions such as the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough and celebrated the remarkable legacy of Hull's own Bee Lady, reflecting on the impact individuals can have on their communities and the wider world.

As we now look ahead to the end of term, we are busy preparing for transition, enjoying our final events together and making lasting memories before our Year 6 children leave us to begin their next exciting chapter. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and look forward to making the most of our remaining time together.



### **APRIL & MAY 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 – Peyton, Alice, Evelyn, Remi and the whole of EYFS!

Year 1 – Poppy, Noah, Jacob, Santi, George, Lucca & All Year 1

Year 2 – Reuben, Daisy L, James, Chester and Poppy

Year 3 – Charli, Reuben, Chloe, Freddie, Louis and Noah

Year 4 – Georgia, George, Oscar F, Daniel, Oscar L, Ewan

Year 5 – Isla, Ellie-May, Emily, Harry, Jude and Avery

Year 6– Yomi, Amber, Sienna, Esmae, Kai & Sophie R

The ERP wanted to say a big thank you to you all for purchasing an ice lolly last term, it's been super helpful as it means they can now buy more resources for their classrooms!

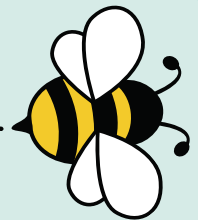
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Thank you to everyone who came to the family picnic. We loved seeing you all and hope you had a lovely time.



Well done!

We raised a staggering £242 for Age UK by celebrating Bee Lady Day!



Well done to the Year 5/6 Tri-Golf team who did a fantastic job, using the skills Ivan had been teaching them, and working well as a team to collect as many points in each mini game as possible.

Well done to the Year 3/4 and the Year 5/6 quad kids teams who put in a fantastic performance across every event including running, jumping and throwing. Year 5/6 even made it through to the next round by securing first place!



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE

- 5** Sports day (weather depending) back up date TBC if cancelled.
- 7** Year 6 Residential to PGL Newby Whiske
- 11** Friends of School Summer Disco. KS1: 4:15 – 5:00 and KS2: 5:15–6:15
- 15** Year 4 Swimming begins for 2 weeks
- 17** Year 5 STEM Trip to MKM
- 23** Year 3 Theatre Trip, Year 6 Bike Ability starts & Year 5 Festival of Sport
- 26** Summer Fair 3:00–5:00
- 29** Holderness Transition starts for Year 6

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY

- 1** Transition afternoon for children to meet their new teacher.
- 6** Year 4 trip to Hull KR
- 7** Violin & Woodwind Concert – 11:00  
Year 6 SATs results day
- 8** Whole School Art Gallery – more info TBC
- 9** End Of Year Reports & Parents Open Evening
- 13** Year 6 Beach Trip  
Rocksteady concert – 2:45
- 15** Year 6 End of Year Production  
2:00 & 6:00
- 14** EYFS Graduation  
Year 6 Big Fun Night
- 16** Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 2:00  
Year 6 Prom – 7:00
- 17** Final day of term!

We sadly said goodbye and good luck to Reuben who left us just before the holidays. He was such an important and kind member of Year 2 and he will be missed by us all!

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