

Hello everyone

It has been a great first full week back this week with everyone getting back in to routine and enjoying the new learning taking place — please read on in our newsletter to find out a little more from each year group about the imaginative artwork they created last week as part of a whole school celebration of the work of David Hockney, who was the infamous British painter, stage designer and photographer.

A reminder to all parents that Thornton now runs a **FREE Breakfast Club** which is open for **ALL children from 8.15am every morning**. To enter the FREE Breakfast Club, children need to be dropped off to a member of staff at the main gate on Thornton Road from 8.15am. Thank you.

Thank you to the Year 6 and 4 parents who were able to attend the **'Welcome Parents' Meetings'** for this week. Next week we are holding similar sessions for Year 5 and 3 parents:



Thursday 17th September 9-10am - Year 5

Friday 18th September 9-10am - Year 3



Some other very important dates for your diary are:

Monday 14th September—School Photo Day (come to school looking extra smart!)

Tuesday 15th September — 4TW & 4GJ swimming

Thursday 17th September 9-10am — Year 5 Parents Information Session

Friday 18th September 9-10am — Year 3 Parents Information Session

Wednesday 30th September—3.45-6.15pm Parents' Evening 2/2 (letter with more information to follow soon)

Wednesday 7th October—3.45-6.15pm Parents' Evening 2/2 (letter with more information to follow soon)

I am delighted to share with you some fantastic news about a member of our **#thorntonfamily, Ayaan in Year 6**, who spent his summer holiday fundraising **£1134.45** for charity! I know you will join me in congratulating Ayaan on his brilliant achievement and saying how proud we all are of him. Thank you and well done, Ayaan!



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He's 10. He gave up his school holidays. He raised over £1,000. 🇬🇧
Meet Ayaan from Birmingham.
Ayaan set up a stall; sweets, books, a donation tin and spent a few days doing whatever he could for the orphans of Gaza. By the end, he'd raised more than £1,000. No platform. No big following. Just a table, a flag, and the will to do something. ❤️
Ayaan didn't wait until he grew up to make a difference. Neither should we. 🙌
Start your own fundraiser 🙌
fundraise.aghoshuk.org



And finally, a new **'Musical Word of the Month'** for everyone to learn is **pitch**: how high or low a musical note is



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Year 3

For our creative art project, year 3 looked at the work of British artist **David Hockney**. We investigated the **lines, shapes and patterns used in his landscape drawings**. To develop our art skills, we created mini sketchbooks and practiced applying different amounts of pressure with our art pencil to change the tone. We then used '**forwards, backwards sketching**' to record observational drawings of plants. In the next session, we used our mini sketchbooks to have a go at using different types of lines, such as thick, thin, zig zag, cross hatched and swirls.

At the end of the week, we applied all the skills we had developed to create a whole class observational drawing.

Each pupil had a small section of one of Hockney's art pieces to recreate before we joined all the pieces up to create a large landscape drawing. The final pieces look very impressive!



Year 4

The children in Year 4, created mini sketchbook and they recorded the **lines and colours found in David Hockney's artworks**.

They recreated one page of their sketchbook on larger paper using oil pastels and crayon.

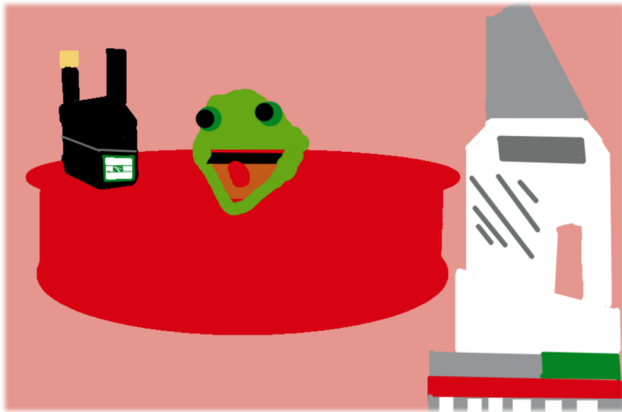


Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed learning about the art of British artist, **David Hockney**. We discovered that he experimented with painting traditionally as well as **using his iPad to create digital paintings**.

The children were given the task of drawing still life using David Hockney's work as inspiration.

Here is a montage of some of their best work, as well as examples of Y5's **digital still life paintings**.



Year 6

Inspired by the **portraits of renowned British artist David Hockney**, Year 6 pupils created **expressive self-portraits** over three afternoons. Using careful observational drawing techniques, they focused on proportion, detail and composition before applying vibrant watercolour washes to create striking backgrounds.

The completed artwork was then **photographed and will be showcased digitally and displayed throughout the school**, celebrating the creativity and artistic skills of our pupils.



FOOTBALL FUTURE STARS

BIRMINGHAM FOOTBALL COURSE 2026

FA QUALIFIED DBS CHECKED 16+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

TILE CROSS ACADEMY (SPORTS HALL)
GRESSEL LANE, BIRMINGHAM, B33 9UF

STARTING SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2026

GROUP 1	GROUP 2
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
SCHOOL YEAR GROUPS	SCHOOL YEAR GROUPS
RECEPTION	YEAR 4
YEAR 1	YEAR 5
YEAR 2	YEAR 6
YEAR 3	YEAR 7+

FOR GIRLS AND BOYS - AGES 4 - 14

COST
£7 PER WEEK
£28 DUE ON WEEK 1
PAID EVERY 4 WEEKS

FINAL WEEK
TROPHIES
MEDALS
CERTIFICATES
PRESENTATION DAY

TO RESERVE A PLACE - TEXT
BIRMINGHAM + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP (1 OR 2)
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FOOTBALL FUTURE STARS

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM FOOTBALL COURSE 2026

FA QUALIFIED DBS CHECKED 16+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

QUEENSBIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL (GRASS PITCHES)
QUEENSBIDGE ROAD, MOSELEY, BIRMINGHAM B13 8QB

STARTING FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

GROUP 1	GROUP 2
4:30PM - 5:30PM	5:30PM - 6:30PM
SCHOOL YEARS	SCHOOL YEARS
RECEPTION	YEAR 4
YEAR 1	YEAR 5
YEAR 2	YEAR 6
YEAR 3	YEARS 7+

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FOOTBALL FUTURE STARS

ABOUT OUR COURSE

OUR SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP THEIR FOOTBALL ABILITY WHILE KEEPING THE SESSIONS FUN AND ENGAGING.

FOOTBALL FUTURE STARS HAS BEEN RUNNING SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL COURSES FOR OVER 17 YEARS.

ALL ABILITIES ARE WELCOME, WHETHER CHILDREN ARE NEW TO FOOTBALL OR ALREADY PLAY REGULARLY.

ALL SESSIONS ARE DELIVERED BY:

- FA QUALIFIED COACHES
- DBS CHECKED STAFF
- COACHES WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH CHILDREN

PLAYERS WILL LEARN:

- BALL CONTROL
- DRIBBLING SKILLS
- PASSING AND MOVEMENT
- SHOOTING AND FINISHING
- SMALL SIDED GAMES
- CONFIDENCE AND TEAMWORK

OUR AIM IS TO CREATE A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHILDREN CAN LEARN, IMPROVE AND ENJOY FOOTBALL.

FA QUALIFIED COACHES DBS CHECKED STAFF 16+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

School Attendance



Class Attendance

Well done to **3ST**, **3MJ** and **6HB** who achieved our school attendance target of 96% and above for last week

Our school attendance last week was 90.8%

Get ready for Photography Day on

Monday 14/09/2026
at Thornton Primary School

Look out for the order form coming home with your child



www.schoolphotographs.co.uk



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 14th September
Year 4

Tuesday 15th September
Swimming for 4TW and 4GJ

Wednesday 16th
Year 6

Thursday 17th September
Year 5

Friday 18th September
Year 3

COME AND VISIT US AT OUR OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 7 October
16:00-18:30

Hodge Hill College, Bromford Road, Birmingham, B36 8HB
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YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING 2026

Join us on Year 6 Open Evening to meet our staff and pupils, view our facilities and find out about the fantastic opportunities we have to offer.

With consistently excellent exam results, Hodge Hill Girls' School is 'Educating Tomorrow's Women Today'.

Come and join our success!

Please scan the QR code to register your interest!

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2026
3:45PM - 6:15PM

Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2026

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2026 are now live on the following website: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions>

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.



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