



Hello everyone

Welcome back, we hope you had a great holiday! We also hope everyone who celebrated had a blessed Easter.

On Tuesday, we were lucky to welcome **Karen Argent** into school to work with 4RE and 4TW children and parents. As the director of the **Letter Press Project**, Karen visits schools to promote her real love of reading, books and illustrations. <https://www.letterpressproject.co.uk> Here are just a few of the fantastic comments made by children and parents (there are also lots of photos of the school Twitter account): *'Really enjoyed the session. A great initiative to expand children's imaginations.'*

*'Excellent session, very interactive, imaginative, engaging, would attend again.'*

*'Having to draw with the kids is so amazing and I want to commend the school for organising such events...and I am happy to be part of it.'*

*'It was a brilliant session today, my son loved it and so did I. Buzzing!'*

We look forward to welcoming parents of children in **4MJ** and **4ZY** next week for the same session on **Tuesday 25th April 1-2pm.**

This week also saw **5BA** and **5TR** visit our local **Ward End Library** to enjoy their love of reading in a different location! **5NG** and **5ST** are looking forward to their visits next week!

There are a few **very important dates for your diary on the back of the newsletter** so please take a moment to look at them and make a note. Thank you.

And to all the members of our Thornton Family who will be celebrating Eid, we all wish you **'Eid Mubarak'**. We look forward to wearing our own **party clothes on Monday** for the **afternoon party** celebrations in school! Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



## ...at our Open Day

We're holding a very special open day and would love you and your children to join us. Please come along to meet the leaders and try out some of the scouting activities and see how scouting helps prepare young people with skills for life.

When: 29th April 2023

Time: Anytime between 11am to 3pm

Where: 34th Scout Group, Rogers Road, Ward End

Ages: From 6 to 18 years old

Looking to make a difference? We are in need of adult volunteers too for all roles from leaders to trustees with full training given.



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## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

**Earth Day takes place every year on April 22** to show support for the protection of the environment and our planet.

It promotes the fact that **'change starts with action'** and we can all take action and encourage others to take action that positively impacts on the world around us. At Thornton, we take action by:

**Following the 3 Rs (recycling/reducing and reusing)**

**Planting flowers- our ground force team are doing a great job!**

**Maintaining our allotment plot**

**Switching off lights**

**Raising awareness of the importance of water**

Many articles link to the theme of **Earth Day**, in particular articles **6 and 24.**

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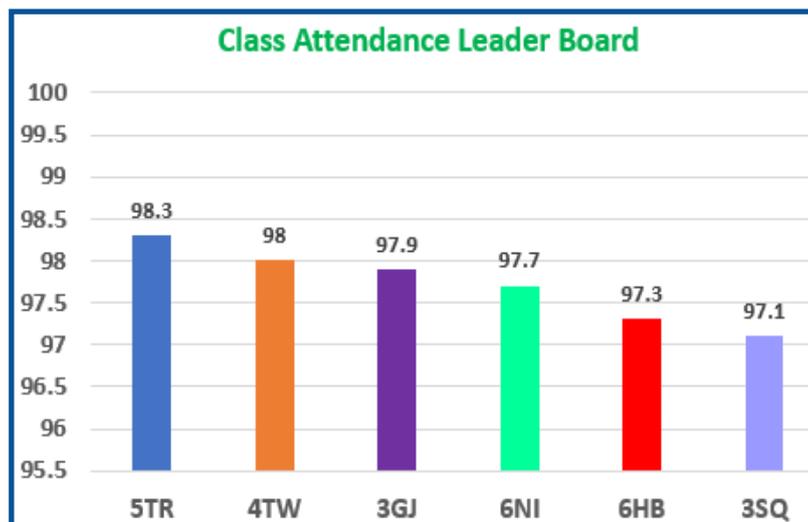


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## School Attendance

### Class Attendance

Well done to all the classes who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week.



Our school attendance for last week of Spring term 2 was **94.7%**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Year 3 Think Tank Trip

**Wednesday 26th April**  
3SQ and 3AJ

**Friday 28th April**  
3GJ and 3DR

### Bank holidays

**Monday 1st May**  
**Monday 8th May**

### Teacher Training Day

**Monday 22nd May**

### Year 4 Lunt Roman

#### Fort Trip

**Wednesday 17th May**  
4TW and 4RE

**Friday 19th May**  
4MJ and 4ZY

## Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a healthy, nut free snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. Strictly no nuts are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies. Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates. **Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime!**



## Parent Pay

Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.



**Dinner money is £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week. Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings. After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.** A late pickup charge (£4) is made for any pupils picked up after 4pm. Please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs debts have been cleared at the start of each week and talk to us if you need help with this, thank you.

## Trips

All trip payments need to be made on Parent pay. If you need help with making the payment please contact the school office so we can support you. Thank you.

## PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 24th April**

**NO PE: EID PARTY DAY**

**Tuesday 25th April**  
Year 5

**Wednesday 26th April**  
Year 4

**Thursday 27th April**  
Year 6

**Friday 28th April**  
4MJ & 5TR  
**Swimming classes for three weeks only.**

**Children in 4MJ will need to be in school for 8.25am**

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