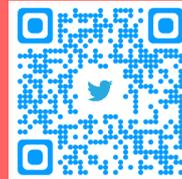


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Hello everyone



Eid Mubarak to everyone who celebrated Eid this week! It was so nice to hear all about the family gatherings that have been happening and for the children to share their excitement when they came back to school on Tuesday! We will be continuing the celebrations tomorrow, when we hold our own Eid celebrations and Spring Fair during the afternoon from 1.30-3pm. **THE CHILDREN CAN COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR OWN CLOTHES TOMORROW!**



We are looking forward to welcoming our **#thorntonfamily** through the **main entrance gate on Thornton Road from 1.30pm to 3pm**. There will be an **ice-cream van** located on site by the main entrance, as well as a **DJ** in our middle playground, and lots of **stalls selling food and drink**, as well as **many, many games** to play to try and win a prize! It promises to be a very memorable experience and one where we can all gather together to have lots of fun!



Mrs Scott, our very own Senior Office Manager, has been busy putting together some really fantastic **goodie baskets for children and adults to try and win!** Tickets are on sale from the reception desk and will be available on the day before the **main prize draw from 2.30pm on Friday**. As Mrs Scott says, **'you've got to be in it to win it!'** so please make sure don't miss out on the opportunity to get your raffle tickets! A large number of the goodie baskets to be raffled contain very expensive items donated by **Tesco** and **Next**, so a **BIG** thank you to **Tesco** and **Next** for their generous donations and their support of Thornton Primary School. Thank you to **Aspire People** who have donated bags and bags of **popcorn** for our special popcorn stand.



Thank you to the children in **4AA and 4SH** and to the staff who accompanied them to **Ward End Library** this week. The children had a great time learning about the library and how to use it, as well as sharing a story during their visit. We really appreciate our local library and the staff who work there—why not pop in when you get a free moment during the holidays?

Mr Jones is excited to share **Thornton Children's Musical Word of the Month** for April with you! It is...**timbre**. This means the type or quality of a sound e.g. metallic, breathy, plucked, bowed, muted.



If you are a **parent/carer of a child in Year 5**, please remember you are warmly invited to the **Year 5 Easter Assembly next Thursday at 9am**. We would love to see as many of you as possible so we can share the children's hard work and talents—we are confident you will have a great time!

Next Friday, children who have achieved the **Silver Attendance Award for the Spring Term** will receive their reward! The children will be presented with a **special certificate and invited to an afternoon VIP movie experience** complete with refreshments, including popcorn! We are proud of their achievement and know they will have a great time. Thank you for ensuring your child comes to school everyday and on time, we really value your support. And finally, **we break up for the Easter Holiday on Friday next week at the normal time of 3.30pm**. This will be a normal school day. **All children need to return to school on Monday 28th April from 8.30am and by 8.45am at the latest**. Remember, punctuality is important!

Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace
Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason
Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle Rawbone and Mrs Mazar
Chair of Governors—Mr Subat Ali

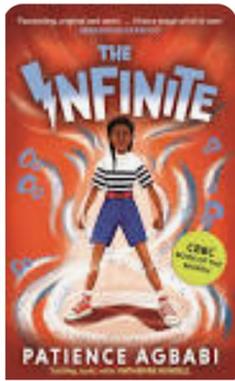


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Patience Agbabi

Author of the month

April



Scan the QR code to hear Patience talking about her books in the Leap Cycle.

Patience Agbabi FRSL (born 1965) is a British author, poet and performer who emphasizes the spoken word. Although her poetry hits hard in addressing contemporary themes, it often makes use of formal constraints, including traditional poetic forms. She has described herself as "bicultural".

Issues of racial and gender identity feature in her poetry. She is celebrated "for paying equal homage to literature and performance" and for work that "moves fluidly and nimbly between cultures, dialects, voices; between page and stage." In 2017, she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

from Telling Tales Prologue

by Patience Agbabi

see my jaw dropping neat Anglo-Saxon,
I got ink in my veins more than Caxton
and it flows hand to mouth, here's a mouthfeast,
verbal feats from the streets of the South-East
but my April, she blooms every shire's end,
fit or vint, rich or skint, she inspires them
from the grime to the clean-cut iambic,
rime royale, rant or rap, get your slam kick
on this Routemaster bus: get cerebral,
Tabard Inn to Canterbury Cathedral,
poet pilgrims competing for free picks,
Chaucer Tales, track by track, here's the remix
from below-the-belt base to the topnotch;
I won't stop all the clocks with a stopwatch
when the tales overrun, run offensive,
or run clean out of steam, they're authentic
cos we're keeping it real, reminisce this:
Chaucer Tales were an unfinished business.



Patience's first children's fiction books include people who can travel through time. This leads to weird events where people can send warning letters from the future to change the past. The lead character, Elle, is neuro divergent with ASC.

Would you recommend that everyone learns poetry by heart and why?

Patience

Definitely. Because it's fun and gives you confidence and instils a deep love of language and literature. And it also enables a reaching out to community. People generally learn poems so they can share them. They might savour them on their own tongue and lips but there is also a pure joy in lighting up someone's life with a poem. The key thing is, it must be a poem that's been chosen, not imposed. When someone chooses a poem, they choose it because it speaks to them. Even the process of finding such a poem is like finding a jewel, a linguistic gem that must be celebrated. I also think there's something infectious about learning poetry by heart. When you see other people doing it, as I did, all those years ago in my early 20s, I wanted to do it too.



School Attendance



Class Attendance

Well Done to **3MJ, 3ST, 4AA and 5ST** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

Our school attendance last week was 95.6%



Magic 15 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

Well done to all the children who have completed the Magic 15 Attendance and Punctuality initiative. Attendance celebration assembly will be held next week. Thank you to the parents and carers for working in partnership with us to help improve our school attendance.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 7th April

Year 3

Tuesday 8th April

Swimming for **4SH** and **4TW**.

4SH MUST be in school for 8.25am

Wednesday 9th April

Year 4

Thursday 10th April

Year 6

Friday 11th April

Year 5

ON DINOSAUR DAY...

DINE
WITH MIQUILL

Tuesday 8th April

Brontosaurus Burger

Pterodactyl Cauliflower Wings

Dinosaur Toenail Wedges

Volcanic Eruption Beans or Sweetcorn

Swamp Gunge
(orange Jelly)

Stegosaurus Watermelon Spikes

Dinosaur Day Menu

Miquil, our school caterer, will be hosting a special Dinosaur day Menu on **Tuesday 8th April** for all the pupils that have a school meal.

If your child usually brings a packed lunch to school and would like a special dinosaur day school lunch, please call the school office to book the meal. **The cost is £2.60 per meal and will need to be paid using ParentPay our online payment system.**



Monday 14th April until Friday 25th April 2025

Easter Holidays

Monday 28th April 2025 until Friday 23rd May 2025

Summer Term 1

Thursday 1st May 2025
Teacher Training Day- School closed for Pupils

Monday 5th May 2025
Bank Holiday School closed

Monday 26th May 2025 until Friday 30th May 2025

Half-Term holidays

Monday 2nd June 2025
Summer Term 2 Starts

Monday 30th June 2025
Teacher Training Day- School closed for Pupils

Friday 18th July 2025
Last day before start of summer holidays

Parent Pay

As we are nearing the end of term could you please make sure that all balances are kept up to date. All meals must be paid for in advance or by the end of the week at the latest. Payments must be made on Parentpay. Thank you.

Dinner money is £2.60 per day and £13 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.

There is a late pickup charge (£4) for pupils picked up after 4pm.

