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Hello everyone

We have had another fun-packed week at Thornton! **Year 3** were excellent ambassadors for our **#thorntonfamily** on their **local area walk around Ward End** on Tuesday and Wednesday—thank you and well done, Year 3! A big thank you to all the **Year 5 and 6 parents/carers** for attending the **healthy relationships information sharing session** on Thursday, we really value your participation.

We were very excited to welcome back the infamous illustrator **Körky Paul** on Thursday! He held a **brilliant workshop** for some Year 3 parents/carers teaching them how to draw **Winnikins!** Afterwards, he shared his artistic skills and enthused our budding illustrators in Year 3. We can't wait to welcome him back in October for a very special visit... no spoilers!

Wednesday 18th March — Red Nose Day, Comic Relief (wear your own clothes day and bring in a funny joke to share!)

Friday 20th March — Eid! (All children celebrating Eid will have ONE DAY of authorised absence)

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April — Easter Holidays (2 weeks)

Monday 13th April — All pupils return to school 8.30am (by 8.45am latest time)

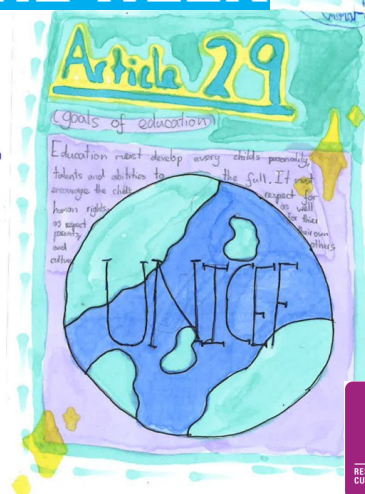
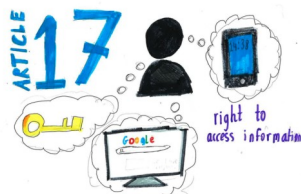
Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

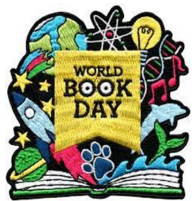
Last week, we enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. The UNHCR has several targets that are linked to literacy and the three we are looking at this week are 17, 29 and 31. Books transmit knowledge and information, giving children needed information. They are part of a child's education and books the children enjoy should be made available for them to read. Books can also support the child's feeling of self and cultural identity. This is why the school has invested in stories by Muslim authors .



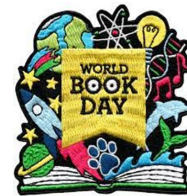
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World Book Day

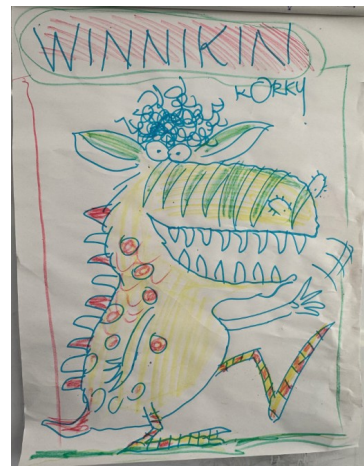
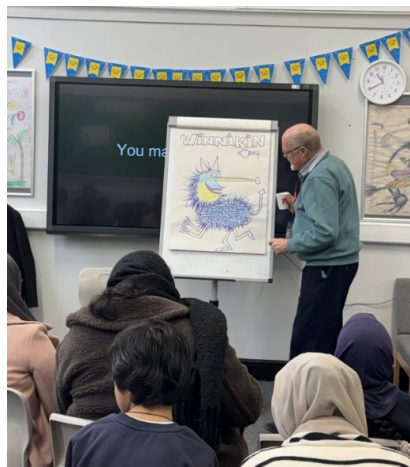


World Book Day was celebrated at Thornton last week.

We had a fantastic day . Thank you to all a parents/carers who supported their child/ren with creating some amazing 3D projects and designing some amazing costumes. We have some incredibly talented parents/ carers. Take a look at some of the pictures from our World Book Day celebrations.

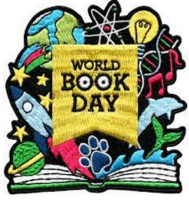
Unfortunately, due to GDPR we are unable to share the photos, names and classes of all children. All children who created a 3D project or created a World Book Day costume received a certificate of participation. The selected WINNERS were invited to a Celebration Assembly today where they showcased their work and received a certificate and a prize.

We also had KOrky Paul, the famous illustrator of Winnie and Wilbur books, working with all our Year 3 children in school on Thursday. Some of our Year 3 parents had the opportunity to participate in a workshop with KOrky in the morning. Here are some illustrations KOrky created for our Year 3 classes.

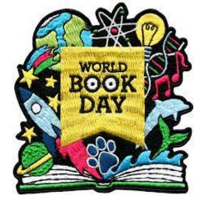


Winnie and Wilbur Picture Book

Earlier this year, the children entered a competition to design the endpapers for KOrky Paul's new Winnie and Wilbur picture book, The Big Storm, which will be published next year. I am excited to share that a number of our children have been selected as WINNERS. All winners will receive a signed copy of the book when it is published. We are currently in the process of ensuring we have all the children's details are correct before we announce the winners. Keep your eyes peeled !



World Book Day



Some of Our World Book Day Costume design winners



Leena Year 4



Imaan Year 5



Zaynab Year 4



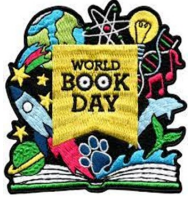
Haniya Year 4



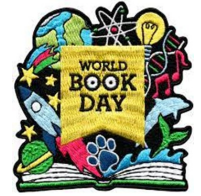
Halan Year 3



Mehek Year 5



World Book Day



Some of our World Book Day 3D Project Winners



Yousuf (Y4) and Aminah (Y6)



Hibah (Y6)



Rayan (Y6)



Muhammad Qais (Y6)



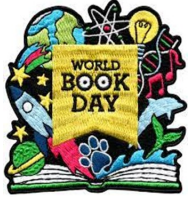
Omama (Y6)



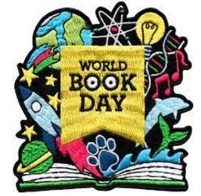
Mehek (Y6) and Yusuf (Y4)



Alyzah (Y6)



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Thornton staff dressed up for World Book Day



Miss Harmer



Ms Younis



Mrs McAlinden



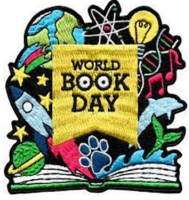
Mrs Ayyaz



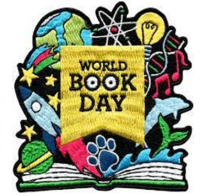
Miss Akhtar



Mrs Mazar and Miss Wilcox

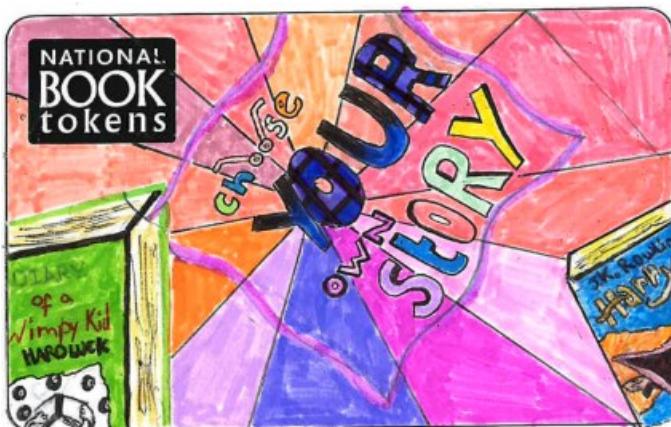
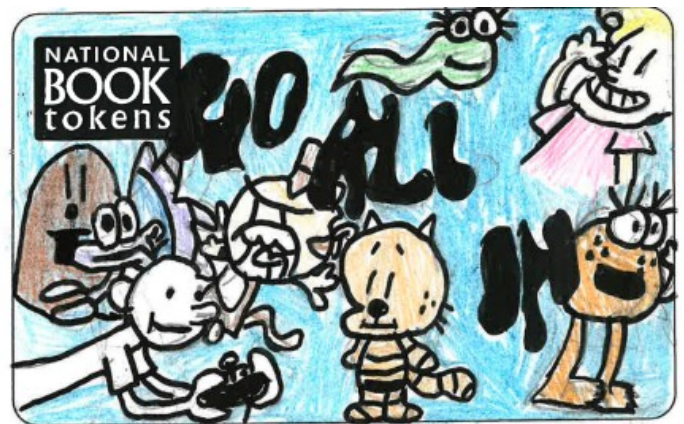
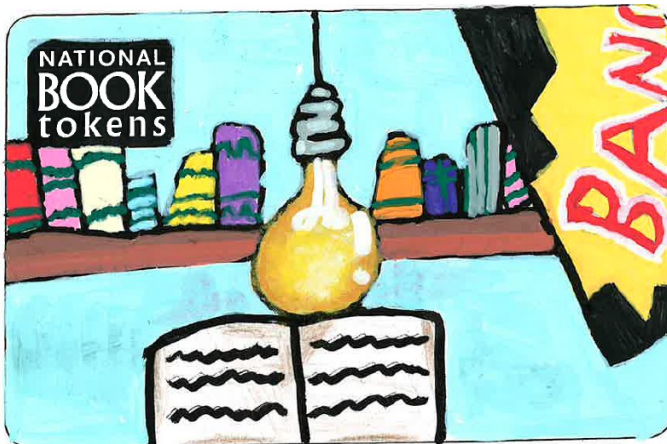
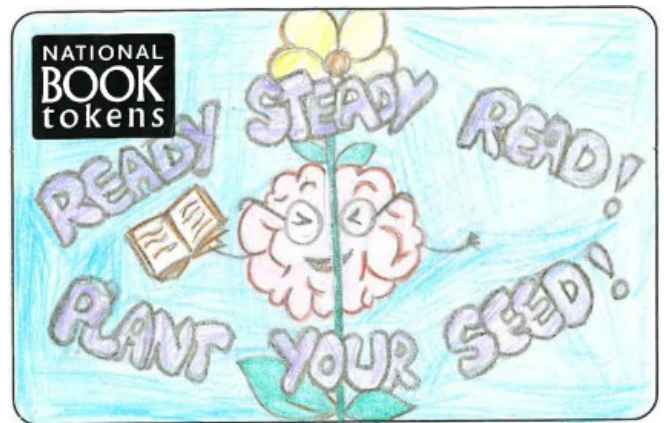
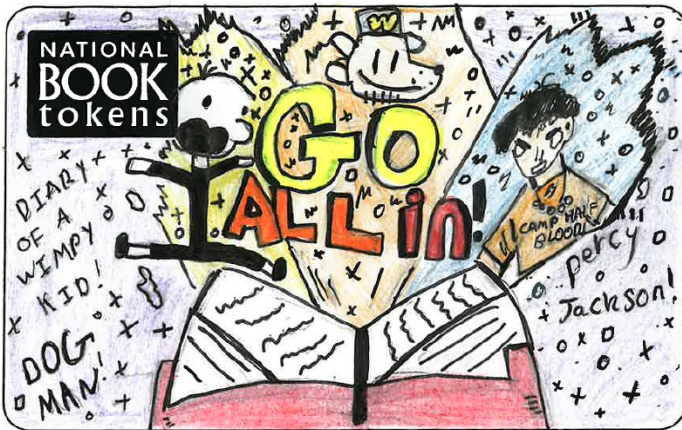


World Book Day



National World Book Day Design a Gift Card Competition entries.

All entries will be entered into the official World Book Competition but here are some of our top picks at Thornton.





Celebrate the start of spring at Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens.

Join us on Sunday 22 March 2026 from 10:30am to 3:30pm for a family-friendly day full of fun, fresh air and free activities.

Please note this is an outdoor event, so dress suitably for the weather!



Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens

Blossom Bash 2026

Sunday 22 March 2026

10:30 am - 3:30 pm

To celebrate the creation of four new blossom spaces across East Birmingham through the recently held Blossoming Spaces competition, we're offering families the chance to be inspired by spring and blossom and create lasting memories with loved ones at our family Blossom Bash.

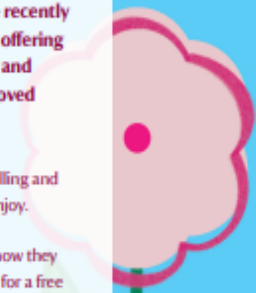
From flower crowns and scavenger trails to storytelling and facepainting, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The first 150 people to enter the event and tell us how they heard about the Blossom Bash will receive a token for a free hot or cold drink from the cafe.

To make the event more environmentally friendly, we have a limited number of spaces for people to book onto a free coach to and from the event, departing from and returning to Shard End, Heartlands, Bromford & Hodge Hill, and Yardley West & Stechford.

For more information about departure locations and times or to book a place please email: Birmingham-Blossom@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Scan here for more information



DINE

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WEEK ONE

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Main

Vegetarian

Allergy Free

Sides

DINE



Beef Burgers

Vegetarian Supreme Pizza

Roast Chicken

Pasta Bolognese

Fish Fingers

Homemade Veg Cheeseburger

Margherita Pizza

Mac N Cheese

Quorn Nuggets

Cheesy Bean Wrap

Homemade Burger (No Bun)

Af Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Af Roast Chicken & Gravy

Af Veggie Bolognese

Af Cheesy Bean Wrap

Herby Potatoes and Green Salad

Potato Salad and Sweetcorn

Roasties and Broccoli

Wedges and Carrots

Chips and Beans

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Cheesy Green Pasta

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Cheesy Pasta

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Jacket Potato with choice of topping

Freshly made sandwiches and crudites are also available

Ice Cream

Coconut Sponge with Custard

Chocolate Brownie

Banana Flapjack

Oaty Biscuit

WEEK COMMENCING:
03/11, 24/11, 15/12, 05/01, 26/01, 16/02, 09/03

Fresh Bread and Salad is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly or Fruit instead of dessert



School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well Done to **3MJ, 3ZY, 6NI** and **6ZB** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!



Our school attendance last week was 95.7% (our best yet!)

Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call or leave a message on the school absence answering machine before 9am to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with a first aider please request a call back.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 16th March

Year 4

Tuesday 17th March

Swimming for 4NG and 4SH

Wednesday 18th March

Year 3

Thursday 19th March

Year 5

Friday 20th March

Year 6

School Term Dates for 2026

Easter Holidays : Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Summer Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May

Teacher Training : Thursday 4th May

Half-term Holidays: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Term Starts: Monday 1st June

Pupils' last day: Friday 17 July

Term ends: Monday 20 July (Teacher Training Day 5)

Parent Pay

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. Calls will be made to remind parents to clear the debt. Thank you for your support.

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

Dinner money is £2.70 per day and £13.50 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.

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

Year 6 SATS Mock Week

Year 6 pupils will be taking part in SATs Mock test on the following dates:

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Monday 23rd March 2026

Tuesday 24th March 2026

Wednesday 25th March 2026



Please ensure all pupils attend school on time every day to allow the pupils to reach their potential during Mock SATs week.

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