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Hello everyone

A warm welcome back to everyone! It is great to see the children back in school full of energy and ready to learn. We are also really pleased to welcome back Mrs Qureshi to 3SQ following the birth of her beautiful son. A special thank you to Miss Lescott who did a brilliant job teaching 3SQ for their first half term at Thornton—we wish her well for her future career.

We have fantastic news to share with you - we are the very proud winners of the Tesco Stronger Starts vote! We have been chosen by Tesco Customers to receive a grant worth £500 to use for our project to grow fruit and vegetables in our school garden areas that we can eat at lunchtime. A very BIG thank you to everyone who used their Tesco tokens to vote for us—we will show you what we grow in the summer!

Stronger Starts

We have a few important dates for you to make a note of:

Wednesday 12th November 8.45-9.30am—Year 5 Anti-Bullying Assembly for Year 5 parents/carers Friday 14th November 9-9.30am — Year 6 Harvest Festival Assembly for Y6 parents/carers

Monday 17th November—Great British Energy Project Engagement Day for all School and Eco Councillors! Thursday 27th November 9-9.30am—Year 5 Diwali Assembly for Y5 parents/carers

Thursday 27th November—Catch up school photograph day for any children that were away! Friday 28th November 9-9.30am—Year 6 SATs meeting for all Y6 parents/carers

Monday 8th December 8.45-9.30am—Year 4 Healthy Sleep Workshop for Year 4 parents/carers



As we continue to expand our musical vocabulary, we wanted to share with you our 'Musical Word of the Month' for November which is dynamics—the loudness or softness of the music.

And finally, we are very grateful if you are able to donate any of the following as part of our harvest collection to support the food bank helping people in need:

Year 3 and 4- canned foods (soup, beans, custard etc)

Year 5 - pasta, spaghetti and rice

Year 6 - toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc)

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

This week Year 4 have explored Article 38 which is all about how the government must protect and care for children who have been affected by war. We discussed the sacrifices made by soldiers in history and discussed why wearing a poppy is

important to people.









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We are really pleased to be working closely with **COMPASS** again this year so we can make sure our children get all the support they need in school.

We have invited **COMPASS** to run some special **parent/carer workshops**, as well as workshops for our children. Please take a moment to see what is on offer and which of the parent/carer workshops you would like to attend across the year (you are very welcome to attend them all!):

Date	Parent/carer workshop	Pupil only workshop
Wednesday 12th November	Bullying	Y5 Anti-bullying pupil workshops
8.45-9.30am		
Monday 8th December	Healthy Sleep	Y4 Resilience pupil workshops
8.45-9.30am		
Monday 19th January	Connecting with your child	Y5 self-esteem pupil workshops
8.45-9.30		
Friday 13th February	Online Safety	Online safety day workshops and
8.45-9.30am		assemblies for all pupils
Tuesday 17th March		Y3 Behaviours workshops for all pupils
Friday 17th April	Y6 SATs Anxiety	Y6 SATs anxiety pupil
8.45-9.30am		workshops
Monday 18th May	Building Self-esteem	Y4 Building self-esteem pupil
8.45-9.30am		workshops
Friday 12th June		Y6 Transition pupil workshops
Monday 22nd June	Supporting your child with	Y5 Worries pupil workshops
8.45-9.30am	worries	

This year's Harvest collection







Please kindly contribute towards our food bank:









- Year 3 and 4 canned food (soup/beans/custard/spaghetti etc.)
- Year 5 pasta/spaghetti and rice
- Year 6 toiletries (toothbrushes/toothpaste/soap/ shampoo etc.)

Please ensure that all items have a long shelf life and are within date.





MIQUILL







Vegetarian

Allergy Free

Sides





10/11, 01/12, 22/12, 12/01, 02/02, 23/02, 16/03



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 **4SH** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for the last week of Autumn Term 1!

Our school attendance last week of Autumn Term 1 was 93.5%

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 10th November Year 3

Tuesday 11th November Swimming for 4AA and 4TW.

Wednesday 12th November

Year 4

Thursday 13th November

Year 6

Friday 15th November

Year 5

School Term Dates -Year 2025 to 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Term ends: Friday 19
December 2025

Christmas Holidays-Monday 22 December until Friday 2 January 2026

Spring Term 2026

Term starts:

Monday 5 January 2026 (Teacher Training Day 3)

Pupils start: Tuesday 6 January 2026

Half-term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Easter Holidays Monday 30 March 2026

Odd Socks Day

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week.

We will launch Anti-Bullying Week on Monday 10th November with Odd Socks Day!

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes.

All you have to do to is take part is wear odd socks to your school, it couldn't be simpler! We want everyone (staff included) to take part -

the most important thing is the message of Odd Socks Day.

Scan the QR code to listen and learn the Odd Socks Day song 2025 – Power for Good





Day & S

We'll be wearing our

odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

British Legion—Poppies on sale

This year's appeal launched on Monday 20th October 2025. Poppies and other small items to raise funding for the British Legion will be on sale during playtimes. Please send your child in with no more than £1.00 in small change to donate to the charity. Prices for the items are as follows:

Slap bands—£1.00, Poppies—20p.

Reflective poppies—50p

Thank you for your support.

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