

Hello everyone

I think everyone is ready for a rest after the really busy and exciting week in school this week!

We started off this week on Tuesday and Wednesday with the sound of 480 little reindeers as children and staff pranced their way into the hall to share a **Christmas dinner!** A really **BIG thank you to our chef and his brilliant team** for cooking a delicious meal, **and also to all the Lunchtime Supervisors**, led by the one-in-a-million **Mrs Akhtar**, who did a fantastic job in making sure the lunchtime went so well! It was really special to welcome Year 3 parents and carers on Tuesday too — a BIG thank you to everyone who was able to join us.



Today we have celebrated the achievement of the children who were successfully involved in our **attendance Magic 10 initiative** (coming to school every day for 10 consecutive school days, and on time!). We are really **looking forward to celebrating all those children with 97% and above attendance** when we come back after the holidays. These children will receive a golden ticket for the **Bronze Attendance Award** which will allow them to see a special theater production on site on **Monday 12th January 2026!** Currently, we have **235** children on track to achieve this — an extra special 'well done' to all these children, we are really proud of you! Let's see how many children can win the Silver Award for 98% and above attendance in the Spring Term...

We are ending our week with a heart-warming **nativity performed by Year 3**. All their resilience, teamwork and aspiration has led to a truly fantastic experience that has been enjoyed by each year group across the week, and will be enjoyed by Year 3 parents and carers **tomorrow morning (9am)**. We are all really impressed with the effort everyone has put into the nativity, and all that hard work has definitely paid off—**Year 3, you are awesome, thank you!** We are also planning to have a lot of fun in our class parties tomorrow morning, and, hopefully, we may have a visit from a special guest if his reindeers land safely on the roof!

Friday 19 December

Party clothes Day!

Monday 5 January 2026

Last day before the 2 WEEK Christmas holidays start!

Tuesday 6 January 8.45am

Teacher Training Day 3—school closed to ALL children

School opens for ALL children

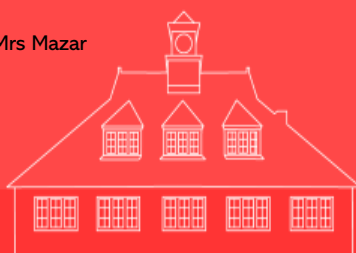
On behalf of the Governors and staff at Thornton, I would like to wish everyone who celebrates a very merry Christmas, and to all a peaceful and happy new year. We look forward to seeing all the children in school on **Tuesday 6th January from 8.30am**. All pupils must be in school by 8.45am for registration. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a great holiday!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



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School Attendance

Class Attendance

Congratulations to class **5ST, 5GJ and 6NI** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

Our school attendance last week was 94.1%

School Term Dates -Year 2025 to 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Christmas Holidays- Monday 22 December- 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 until Friday 10 April 2026

Summer Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026

Bank Holiday: Monday 4 May 2026



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 5th January 2026

TEACHER TRAINING DAY
School closed to pupils

Tuesday 6th January 2026

ALL PUPILS RETURN TO
SCHOOL

Swimming for 4TW and 4AA.

Wednesday 7th January

Year 4

Thursday 8th January

Year 6

Friday 9th January

Year 5

School Meals

Please can all parents/ carers inform the school office if you wish to change your child's dinner preference, so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen. We are sorry but you can only change your child's lunch preference at the **start of each term and not midterm.**



Parent Pay

Could all parents/carers ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you need any support with payment please contact the school office for support. Thank you.

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.

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