



Hello everyone,

What a cold week we had this week! Thank you to everyone for ensuring the children have **come to school in a warm coat every day**—we would welcome your support in writing your child's name on their hats and gloves too so we can reunite any lost items quickly with their owner!



Thank you to the Year 4 parents/carers who were able to attend the **Multiplication Tables Check workshop** on Monday morning this week. Please ask your Year 4 child's class teacher if you need any further information about this. And **thank you to the Year 3 parents/carers** who attended the **road safety workshop** this morning.



Road safety is again becoming an increasing worry for us at Thornton. **It is everybody's responsibility to follow the law to keep our children and community safe.** Every

morning and afternoon, Senior Leaders and the Inclusion Team are visible in hi-vis jackets at the school gates on Thornton Road and Saint Agatha's Road to ensure the children arrive and leave school safely. We place signs on

the yellow zig zags to try to prevent illegal, dangerous parking. We also speak respectfully with any parents/carers to remind them it is **illegal to park on the yellow zig zag outside school** to drop off or collect their children, and also repeat **it is illegal to double park in the middle of the**

road. We are grateful to the many people who support us and are playing their part in keeping our children safe. The safety of our children is our number one priority!

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Important dates for you coming up are:

Thursday 27 November 9-9.30am

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Friday 28 November 9-9.30am

Monday 1 December 9-9.30am

Friday 5 December 9-10am

Monday 8 December 8.45-9.30am

Thursday 11 December

Tuesday 16 December

Wednesday 17 December

Friday 19 December 9-10am

Friday 19 December

Monday 5 January 2026

Tuesday 6 January 8.45am

Year 5 Diwali Assembly for Y5 parents/carers

Catch up school photograph day for any children that were away!

Year 6 SATs meeting for all Y6 parents/carers

PSCO (Police Community Support Officer) parent workshop about our local area for all parents/carers

Phonics Parent Workshop for parents/carers of children receiving extra phonics support (individual invitations to be sent out)

Year 4 Healthy Sleep Workshop for Year 4 parents/carers

Christmas Jumper Day (or wear your favourite jumper!)

Year 5 Christmas dinner (children only)

Year 3 Christmas dinner with Y3 parents/carers

Year 4 Christmas dinner (children only)

Year 6 Christmas dinner (children only)

Year 3 Nativity Assembly for all Year 3 parents/carers

Last day before the TWO WEEK Christmas holidays start!

Teacher Training Day 3—school closed to ALL children

School opens for ALL children

Have a great weekend everyone and stay warm!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Children discussed who or what influences the way they think about the world and shapes their thoughts and beliefs. Some of their responses were: **friends, family, TV, school, where you live, your religion, social media, personal life experiences, celebrities and education.**

Children listed as many religions as they could think of and drew the symbol linked to the religion. They also discussed the wide range of festivals that take place in November and December.



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

Pupils start: Monday 23rd February 2026

Term ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Holidays- Monday 30 March 2026 until Friday 10 April 2026

Summer Term 2026

Pupils start: Monday 13 April 2026

Healthy Packed Lunch

Please ensure you send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch consisting of a:

Healthy Sandwich

Piece of Fruit

Yogurt

Healthy drink (not fizzy or energy types!)

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 Packed lunches such as crisps and chocolates. **Thank you for your support.**





School Attendance



Class Attendance

Congratulations to **4TW** who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above for last week!

Our school attendance last week was 93.6%

The Magic 10 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

The Magic 10 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project started on **Monday 17th November until Friday 28th November**. These projects will help the children to improve their attendance and punctuality this term. All the pupils who are part of the initiative have had an attendance assembly explaining the initiative and a letters and emails have been sent to the parents/carers. Well done to all the children who have completed the first week successfully by attending school every day and on time!



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 24th November

Year 3

Tuesday 25th November

Swimming for 4AA and 4TW

Wednesday 26th November

Year 4

Thursday 27th November

Year 6

Friday 28th November

Year 5

Languagenut Global Competition

The Languagenut Global Competition has now started and will run until **24th November!** If you'd like to take part, simply complete as many activities as you can on the **Languagenut App** over the next 14 days.

Bonus:

All activities completed on **Fridays** will earn **double points!**

The **top 30 students** on the final Global Leaderboard will win **Amazon gift vouchers** ranging from **£10 to £50**.

Good luck to everyone taking part; let's see how high we can climb on the leaderboard!



DINE WITH MIQUILL

WEEK ONE

DINE

Main

Vegetarian

Allergy Free

Sides

DINE



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

AROUND THE World	Italian	Roasts	AROUND THE World	Fish & Chips
Beef Burgers	Vegetarian Supreme Pizza	Roast Chicken	Mild Chilli Loaded Wedges	Fish Fingers
Homemade Veg Cheeseburger	Margherita Pizza	Mac N Cheese	5 Bean & Lentil Chilli	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	Jam & Coconut	Chocolate Brownie	Banana Flapjack	Oaty Biscuit
Sponge with Custard				
Fresh Bread and Salad is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly or Fruit instead of dessert				

MIQUILL

Parent Pay

Could you please 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 £2.50 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.

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



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