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Hello everyone

A very big thank you to everyone for their kind donations on Wednesday, **we raised £532.35 for Comic Relief!** The **#thorntonfamily** turned red for the day and there were lots of funny jokes shared! Well done everyone!

**Q. What did the triangle say to the circle? A. You're pointless!**

**Q. What do you call a bear without any teeth? A. A gummy bear!**

Here are some important dates coming up:

**Friday 27th March — Eid class parties! Wear your party clothes (non-uniform)!**

**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)**

**Thursday 16th April—Yr4 and Yr 5 parents/carers meeting about Healthy Relationships**

**Monday 27th April—Year 5 Easter assembly for Year 5 parents/carers**

**Monday 4th May—BANK HOLIDAY School closed to ALL**

**Thursday 7th May —Teacher Training Day 4 — School closed to ALL pupils**

**Monday 11th May — Friday 15th May — Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6 tests week)**

Sadly, we will be saying **goodbye and good luck** to two members of our staff on Friday next week. **Mrs Hazelwood**, a Teaching Assistant working in Year 6 who has worked at the school for the past 12 years, is starting her well deserved retirement and **Miss Javid**, a member of our administration team, is leaving to exploring exciting career opportunities. **We wish them both every happiness for the future and thank them for all their hard work!**

**Eid Mubarak** to all those members of our **#thorntonfamily** who will be celebrating Eid tomorrow — children celebrating Eid will be given **one day's authorised absence tomorrow on Friday**. Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child returns to **school as normal on Monday from 8.30am and by 8.45am at the latest**.

Wishing everyone a blessed weekend with loved ones!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

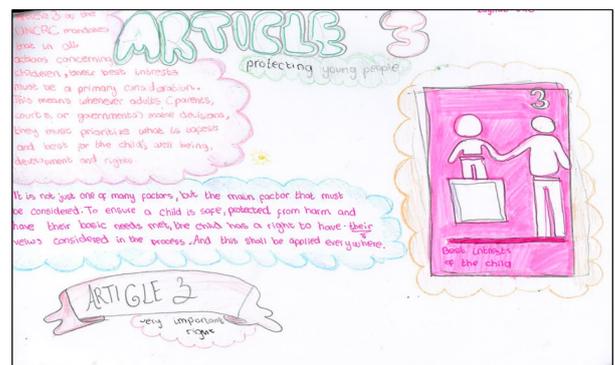


Don't forget to send your charity money boxes into school on Monday to receive a goody bag



## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

The Article of the Week is as follows: **Article 3 Protecting young people**. The article states that all young people should know that their best interests are at heart. This means that whenever adults make a decision, they must prioritise the needs and concerns of the child. Children's views should be considered during the process of protecting the child as the child also has a say in what they think needs to be done to protect them.



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## Year 3

Earlier this week, Year 3 went on their trip to the **Thinktank Science Museum**. We walked around the different galleries where our pupils examined Birmingham's transport history with planes, trains, and cars, including a Spitfire. Children also looked at some of Birmingham's fantastic manufacturing history, featuring items from jewellery to iconic cars. The children enjoyed exploring the different interactive displays from how the human body worked to modern space exploration.

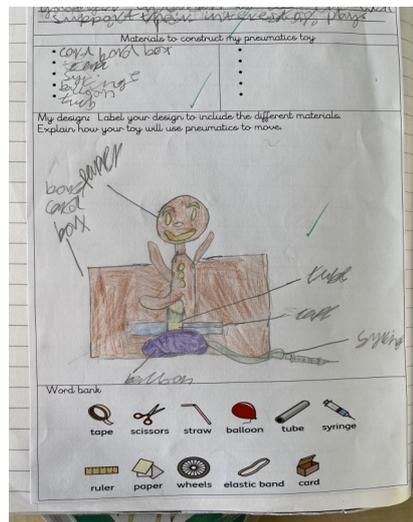
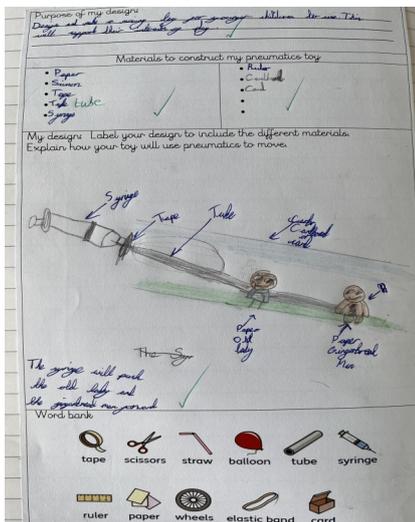


Our Year 3 classes took part in an exciting hands-on workshop learning about forces and friction. They participated in science exploration by working as mini scientists, setting up a fair test, making careful observations, and recording the information and discussing the findings.



## Year 4

This half term, our Year 4 pupils have been exploring **pneumatic mechanisms** through books, videos and real-life products. They have enjoyed developing imaginative and realistic ideas to design their own pneumatic toys, all inspired by traditional tales. As part of the design process, the children carefully considered which characters to include, which features would move using pneumatics, and how to make their finished toys appealing to younger children.



## Year 5

Ever since we had our special assembly about the installation of our **e-Energy solar panels**, the children in Year Five have been making steps and changes to use energy better, such as our use of electricity and water, reducing waste and appreciating what resources we have access to. By doing this, we know it will cut school costs, reduce our carbon footprints and help us to develop our eco-consciousness. In Maths, we have been revising and building on our knowledge of presenting and interpreting data in various ways. This week, some of us were able to look at our electrical consumption levels from previous years to make observations about trends we found, as well as making some of our own statements. Here are our thoughts and findings.



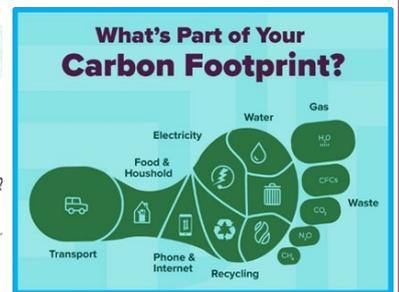
Depth Task:



The table shows the electricity consumption at Thornton from April 2023 to January 2026.

Year	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
2023	18,924	18,269	11,848	11,229	5,896	11,961	14,707	16,478	15,775	17,249	15,577	15,399
2024	18,910	12,642	13,013	11,704	6,893	12,294	15,400	16,792	15,687	18,322	14,896	16,100
2025	11,645	12,837	13,981	10,225	6,940	18,759	13,759	16,382	18,792	16,178		

- In which month and year did Thornton use the most electricity? *January 2024*
- How many more units of electricity were used in October 2024 compared to November 2024? *1582*
- How much electricity was consumed from April 2023 to May 2023? *27093*



## Year 6

In Maths this week, Year 6 have been learning about **angles**. Children had to identify, draw and work out angles on a straight line and around a point. Did you know that angles on a straight line and in a triangle add up to 180 degrees and that angles in a quadrilateral and around a point add up to 360 degrees? Angles are the distance between two lines, and we use a protractor to measure angles. Have a look at some of the work we have been doing in Maths.

**Problem Solving**

Angles on a straight line add up to 180 degrees.  
Angles around a point add up to 360 degrees.

**Problem 1**

$$180 - 65 = 115$$

$$360 - 115 = 245$$

$$245 - 115 = 130$$

**Problem 2**

right angle

adjacent angles are always the same

**Problem 3**

70°      X

85°      X

35°      X

20      180

33      103

125      67.5

75°      35°

45°      55°

110°      63°

50°      75°

110      230

63      730

43      930

50      725

790

320

243

067

180

120

155

725

30

300

190

170

180

Not to scale

Calculate the size of angle y in this diagram.

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Calculate the size of angle y in this diagram.

(Do not use a protractor (angle measure))

## School Attendance

Our school attendance last week was 94.6%

### Golden Ticket Initiative

Well Done to **3ZY** and **5ST** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

### How does the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

All the pupils have an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** which earns them an amazing and fun attendance treat later in the term!

- **Spring Term Silver Award** – Pupils need to achieve **98%** and above to qualify. More details of the reward will follow next term...

We want to make sure all our pupils have every opportunity to succeed and enjoy their time at Thornton. The children are much happier and settled if they attend school every day consistently without taking any days off. **Good attendance will ensure that your child can reach their full potential.** Absence disrupts the education of not only your child but the whole class. **Thank you in advance for working in partnership with us to make every day count in your child's education.**



## PE TIMETABLE

Monday 23rd March

Year 3

Tuesday 24th March

Swimming for 4NG and 4SH

Wednesday 25th March  
Year 4

Thursday 26th March

Year 6

Friday 27th March  
Year 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:

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.

National Trust  
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!

Storytelling  
Flower Crowns  
Scavenger Trails  
Facepainting

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

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