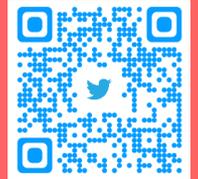


# The Thornton Times



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06/03/2026

Hello everyone

Wow! What a fantastic end to the week we have had celebrating **World Book Day**: A **huge thank you for the enthusiasm and effort put in to dressing up as a favourite book character and to Mrs Mazar for all her hard work**, we were blown away by some truly magnificent creations today! As part of our celebrations, the children voted on which books to share as a read aloud session with their previous class teacher, completed some World Book Day activities and hunted around the school to find Winnie the Witch! There were plenty of prizes given out for outfits, finding Winnie the Witch and for creating a 3D model of a significant object or character from a book they have read. Please check out our X page (QR code in the top right hand corner of the page) to see the fun we had...



Thornton Primary School is pleased to share that it is now running on **cleaner energy, thanks to funding for new solar panels from Great British Energy**, as part of a scheme with the UK government, which will help save money on energy bills. We are one of up to 250 schools and colleges across England to receive its share of up to £255 million in funding from Great British Energy and government to install new solar panels across school rooftops, alongside other energy efficiency measures. Once completed, this solar installation will generate clean energy for our school while savings from energy bills will be reinvested back into students' education. This is part of the government's 10-year plan for national renewal a decade of to transform schools and colleges across the country.



SCAN ME



**Thornton's Musical Word of the month is hook**: a short lyrical line or melodic phrase used to catch the listener's ear and make a song engaging. It's attention-grabbing, catchy, and makes the song memorable!



Here are some important dates for you:

**Thursday 12th March — Y3 workshops with our favourite illustrator KOrky Paul!**

**Wednesday 18th March — Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (wear your own clothes day!)**

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

A reminder that we are working again with the **Kidz4Kidz** to help raise money during the holy month of Ramadan and any donation boxes should be returned on **Monday 23rd March (after Eid)**. Thank you for your support!

Have a great weekend everyone!  
Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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SEE OUR MENU

NOW OPEN

Relax by the lake at  
**Lakeside Café**  
Ward End Park, Washwood Heath Road  
Ward End, Birmingham B8 2HB

**Lakeside Café**

A hidden gem in the heart of our community. Come and enjoy a coffee and cake with a view!

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Opening times  
Monday to Friday  
9am to 3pm  
Saturday and Sunday  
10am to 4pm  
0121 326 8343

Lakeside Café is run by local charity, Norton Hall Children & Family Centre and is located at the rear of our Dolphin Women's Centre, in Ward End Park. The income generated from the café supports local services and activities for women, children, young people, and families. We are an environmentally responsible organisation and try to use locally sourced ingredients and biodegradable packaging. Our amazing coffee is supplied to us by Gold & Black, who import ethical, organic coffee beans from East Africa. Our cakes are homemade, from our own kitchen.

Norton Hall Children & Family Centre is a registered charity (no. 113732) and a company limited by guarantee registered in England (no. 1644796).

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## Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about **light and shadows**. We explored the key vocabulary opaque, transparent and translucent. We investigated which materials let light pass through and which block it.

We also enjoyed identifying the shadows they created and predicted whether an object would make a shadow or not. We discovered that opaque objects create defined shadows and transparent objects let light through, so they don't create a shadow and translucent objects create a faint shadow.

Match the object to the shadow.

Circle the opaque object.

Circle the transparent object.

Choose five objects in the classroom.

Observe whether they are opaque, translucent or transparent. Record your results in the table.

Object	Opaque, translucent or transparent?
table	opaque
i pad	opaque
purple pen	translucent
window	transparent
glasses lens	transparent

Test the same objects to see if they cast a shadow with a clear outline. Record your results in the table.

Object	Does the object cast a shadow?
table	yes
purple pen	yes
table	yes
glasses lens	no
water	no

Sort these items into the table.

Classroom object	Possible shadow

Transparent	Translucent	Opaque
magnifying glass light bulb	banana apple juice	cricket bat banana football socks

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Draw the possible shadows formed when light shines on these objects.

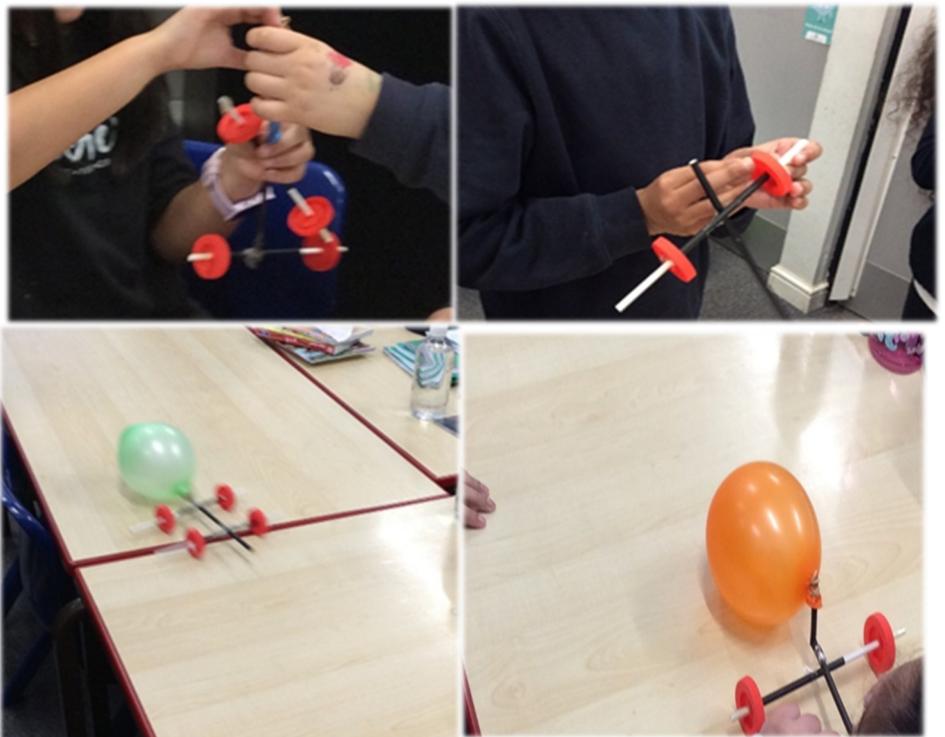
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## Year 4

This term in Design technology, the children in Year 4 have been investigating different ways to create a **pneumatic device**. Pneumatic devices work a bit like blowing up a balloon and then letting the air out to make something move.

Last week, the children constructed cars with a balloon attached. They successfully used air pressure to make the car move forwards.

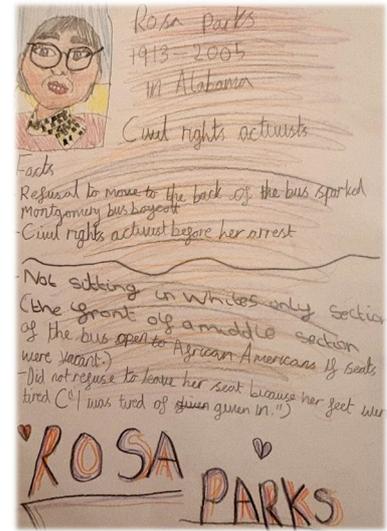
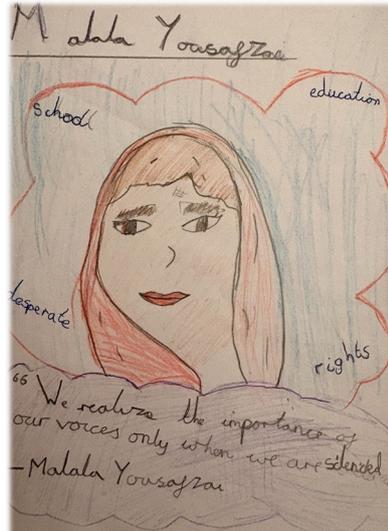
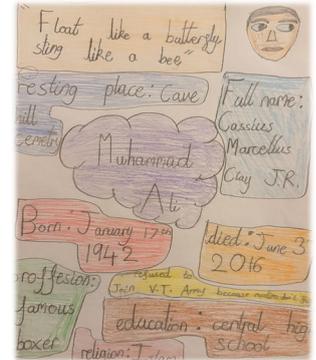
Well done, Year 4!



## Year 5

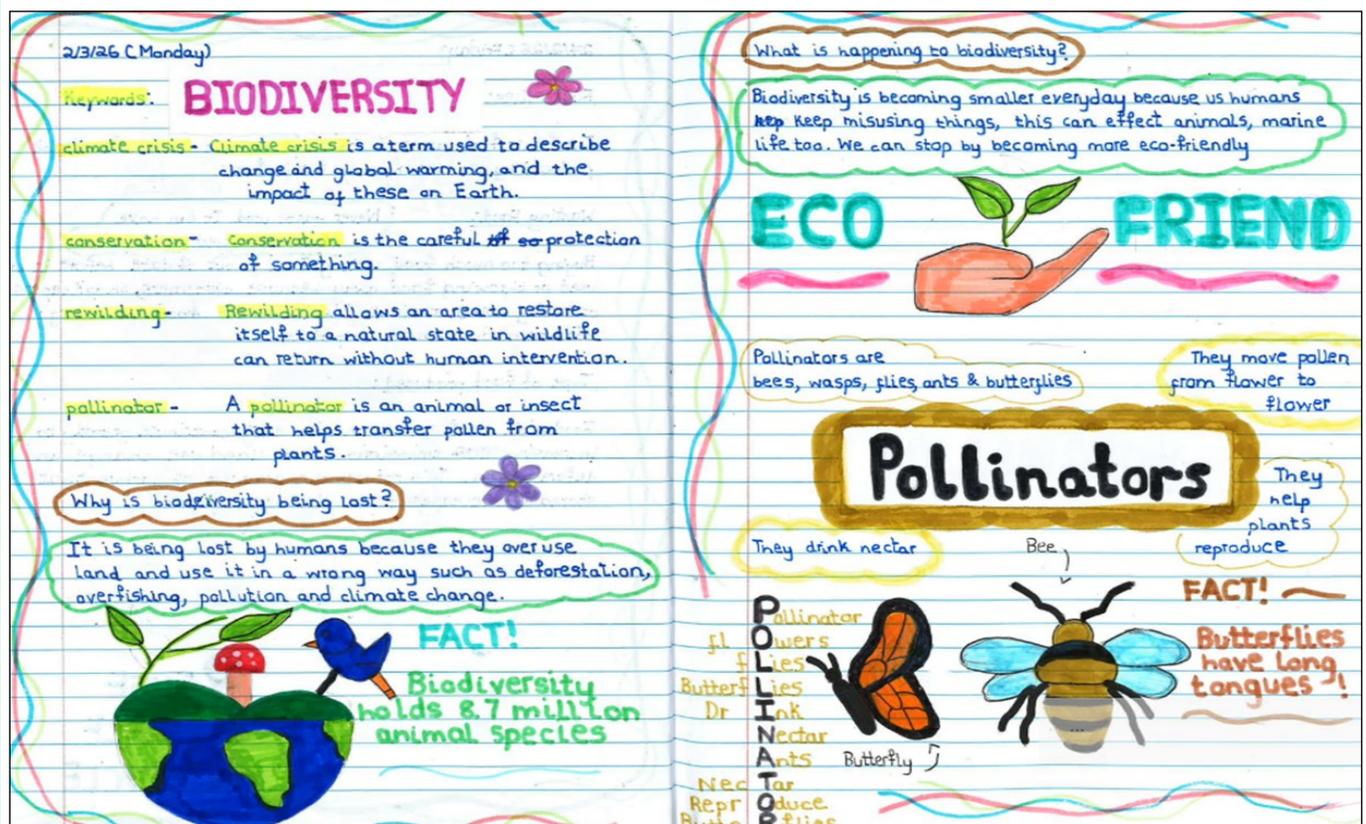
Recently in Year Five, we have been exploring **individuals who became notable for creating social change**. The children discussed individuals we could think of who fit this description. In our classes, we discussed the life and impact of people such as **Dr Martin Luther King Jr, Malala Yousafzai, Muhammad Ali, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), Rosa Parks** and more.

Classes were then challenged to make eye-catching posters that shared key information about their chosen social changer as well as highlighting what they chose to do that changed the way we see our world. Here are some examples that we thought you might enjoy.



## Year 6

During our Topic lesson, Year 6 pupils had the opportunity learn about **biodiversity** and give some reasons about why nature matters to the sustainable world. Pupils deepened their knowledge and understanding as they learned about pollinators and conservation!



## School Attendance

Our school attendance last week was 95.2%

### Golden Ticket Initiative

Well Done to **3ZY**, **4TW**, **4AA**, **5ST** and **6ZB** 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.**



School success starts with attendance

## PE TIMETABLE

Monday 9th March

Year 3

Tuesday 10th March

Swimming for 4NG and 4SH

Wednesday 11th March

Year 4

Thursday 12th March

Year 6

Friday 13th March

Year 5

## Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a healthy, **nut free** snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. **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 snacks such as crisps and chocolates.

**Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime!**

**Thank you for your support.**

# DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK ONE

## DINE

Main

	AROUND THE World	Italian	Roasts	AROUND THE World	Fish & Chips
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	

## DINE



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

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