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Holidays

Christmas Holidays - 22nd Dec - 2nd Jan 2026

Half Term - 23rd - 27th February 2026

Easter Holidays - 3rd - 17th April 2026

Half Term - 25th - 29th May 2026

****We finish for summer on Friday 17th July 2026****

PD Days for 2025/26

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

*****REMINDER: PD Day on Friday 28th November*****

Star of the Week

Harlyn - Nursery

Harley - Reception

Mia - Year 1

Sonny - Year 2

Logan - Year 3

Ahmad - Year 4

Polly - Year 5

Maisie - Year 6

Chess Event

Young chess players from all over the North East took part in the Thornaby Junior Chess Open on Saturday. There were 3 Y4 entries from Village in the Under 9 section.

All 3 were taking part in their first ever chess tournament outside of school and they all did very well to be competitive and resilient throughout the day. A Y4 girl finished 3rd in the Under 9 section to win a bronze medal. A fantastic achievement in her first event!



Later Gators

Later Gators is our after school club that runs until 6.00pm. It costs £12 per day. Later Gators runs everyday after school, even the weeks when there are no other after school clubs on (the end and beginning of new terms). You can book your child onto Later Gators via your ParentMail app.



Packed Lunches

Just a reminder for parents/carers to cut any fruit and vegetables in your child's packed lunch. To avoid any choking hazards it is recommended to cut fruit such as grapes and cherry tomatoes in half.

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Reception

On Friday, we had a fantastic time celebrating Children in Need! The children came dressed in their spotty clothes and took part in a range of fun spotty activities throughout Reception. It was a great way to raise awareness while enjoying a fun and creative day!



Phonics

This week in phonics, we've been learning the phonemes sh, ch, th, and ng. The children have been practicing how to say, write, and blend these sounds into words. You can encourage your child to look for these sounds in books or objects around the house! Some examples: ship, chip, thin, this (th can make 2 sounds!), ring

Writing

In writing, we are continuing our work on Star in a Jar. This week, the children completed the opening and build-up sections of the story. At home, children can practice writing simple sentences about the story. For example: Yan ran. Yan got it. Yan kept it.

We are focusing on writing full sentences, remembering to start with a capital letter, use finger spaces between words, and finish with a full stop. This week, we also introduced question marks as we explored the sentence "Is it his?" – an exciting new step in our learning!

Maths

In maths, we're continuing our work on the composition of 5. The children have been learning to recognise and create different ways to make 5, such as $3 + 2 = 5$. Some children have even extended their learning and are working with numbers up to 10! We encourage you to practice simple number sentences at home and share your child's progress with us on Seesaw!

We look forward to seeing your efforts!

Nursery

Nursery Road Safety Fun!

This week, our nursery children have been learning all about road safety. They've practiced 'Stop, Look, Listen' and explored ways to stay safe, like wearing seat belts and using pedestrian crossings. The children have enjoyed role-playing with our small-world people, putting their safety skills into action in a fun and engaging way!



PE Kits

Please can you ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school. If you do not have a PE kit we have blue t-shirts and black shorts available to buy from the school which are £2 an item. You can purchase items via your ParentMail account.

PE kit is: Blue t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls or trainers. A black hoody and plain black track-suit bottoms can also be worn in the colder weather. Remember that no jewellery/earrings are to worn during PE sessions.

Thank you as always for your cooperation.

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Year 1

This week, Year 1 have continued with their work on Rapunzel continuing to rewrite their traditional tale thinking about their Phonics sounds as they write their sentences. In Maths we have been looking at fact families, thinking about how number sentences can be swapped around to still give us the same answers. This will help us lots throughout our Maths journey. We have started to learn about seasons in Science and continued to learn the songs for our upcoming Nativity! Another super Year 1 week!



In our art work, we have been continuing to explore the artist Clementine Hunter. We have been looking closely at the world around us. We have sketched our famous tree in our playground and are now exploring oil pastels and water colours.

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been working on using 100 squares to add and subtract 2-digit numbers and have applied this to test style questions. In English, the children have worked on their use of commas in lists and used this skill to help them write descriptions. As we near Christmas, preparations for the Nativity have ramped up and the children are working very hard to learn songs and lines for the play.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a lovely week, much excitement when the snow came and enormous fun catching snowflakes on their tongues! In English they

have planned and written their fable and in Maths they have been recapping and consolidating column addition, subtraction and multiplication. Science work has continued in the study of rocks and PE has been great with some super balances.



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Year 4

Another really engaging week in Year 4 with lots of learning across all of our subjects. In Maths we worked on the perimeter of polygons both regular and irregular. In English we planned our Ancient Egyptian 1st person write up. Outside of core subjects we started our new RE topic of Christianity, in History we designed our own God/Goddess and in Computing we continued in developing our own E-Book Creating. All in all another really successful week and we are excited to build on our learning next week.



Year 6

We have had another incredibly busy week in Year 6! Some very challenging maths lessons as we start to develop and apply our fractions knowledge. We even had to use an atlas to solve some challenges. We have also made a good start with our SATs booklets and it is wonderful to already be able to see progress in the SPAG booklet!



Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been focusing on our times tables knowledge to help us identify factors, prime numbers and squared numbers. Every Monday morning we love to read to our Chair of Governors Mr Felgate. In guided reading we have been improving our vocabulary knowledge and working together using dictionaries. We have also begun our new science topic on space and explored day and night by making our own models of the sun, moon and earth.



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KS2 Dates for your calendar



Snappy Christmas (Year 3 and Year 5)	Wednesday 3 rd December Afternoon at Thornaby Pavillion (more details to follow)
Christmas Fair	Wednesday 3 rd December 3:00pm
Year 6 Bikeability	Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th December (Year 5 – 27 th April 2026)
Year 6 Residential meeting (Howtown)	Tuesday 9 th December 3:15 – 3:45
Year 6 Christmas crafts afternoon	Thursday 11 th December 2:00 – 3:00
Year 5 Residential meeting (Robinwood)	Thursday 11 th December 3:15 – 3:45
KS2 Christmas movie night	Monday 15 th December 3:15 – 4:45 (more details to follow)
KS2 Christmas carol singalong	Thursday 18 th December 2:30 – 3:00

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