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## Holidays

**Easter Holidays - 3rd - 17th April 2026**

**Half Term - 25th - 29th May 2026**

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

## Star of the Week

**Griffin - Nursery**

**Evan - Reception**

**Charlie H - Year 1**

**Thomas - Year 2**

**Theo - Year 3**

**Theo T - Year 4**

**Aria - Year 5**

**William - Year 6**

## PD Days for 2025/26

**Monday 1st June 2026**

**Monday 20th July 2026**

**Tuesday 21st July 2026**

## **PE Days**

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit on their scheduled PE days (blue t-shirt, black shorts/joggers, trainers or plimsolls).

**Reception** – Monday and Wednesday

**Year 1** – Wednesday and Thursday

**Year 2** – Tuesday and Wednesday

**Year 3** – Tuesday and Thursday

**Year 4** – Wednesday and Thursday

**Year 5** – Monday and Tuesday

**Year 6** – Tuesday and Thursday

Children should wear suitable trainers/ plimsolls, remove earrings/jewellery and tie long hair back so that they can take part safely and confidently in all activities.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Multiplication Dates— 2nd June & 8th June**

**Y1 Phonics— w/c 8th June**

## **KS2 SATs 2026 Dates**

**Monday 11th May 2026**

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Spelling - 20 mins  
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Punctuation and Grammar - 45 mins

**Tuesday 12th May 2026**

Reading - 60 mins

**Wednesday 13th May 2026**

Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic - 30 mins  
Maths Paper 2: Reasoning - 40 mins

**Thursday 14th May 2025**

Maths Paper 3: Reasoning - 40 mins



## **Pre-Loved Uniform**

If you have any uniform in good condition that you no longer need please can you bring it into school.

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## Nursery

Welcome Back and Exciting News from EYFS!

We hope everyone had a wonderful half-term! A big welcome to Miss Hugill, who has joined our EYFS team as a Teaching Assistant in Nursery. We're thrilled to have her on board and know she will make a fantastic addition to our team.

The children have had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! They loved using magnifying glasses to spy famous book characters and enjoyed sharing their favourite books with some of the older children in school — a huge thank you to the older children for joining in and helping make it so special.

Back in the classroom, the children have been practising name writing, making bookmarks and creating story characters in playdough, all helping to spark their love of books and stories. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who dressed up and helped make the day so memorable — it was wonderful to see the children so excited and inspired.

Our nursery children have loved exploring the outdoor area, where there has been so much wonderful learning taking place! The children have been busy developing both their gross and fine motor skills through active play, investigation and hands-on experiences. It has been lovely to see such gorgeous interactions, teamwork, curiosity and confidence as they explore and learn together outdoors.



## Reception

This week in Reception we have been very busy and had lots of fun learning together!

We made our own books, using our creativity and imagination to tell our own stories. The children were very proud to share their ideas and pictures.

We also enjoyed playing on our new play kitchen, kindly donated by Friends of Village (PTA). The children loved pretending to be cooks, setting the table for meals and washing the dishes afterwards. It has been wonderful to see so much imaginative role play.

For World Book Day, we dressed up as our favourite book characters and had a fantastic day full of reading and book-themed activities. The costumes were amazing and everyone enjoyed celebrating stories together.

On the carpet we have been building fairytale cottages using different materials. The children worked together to design and create their own cottages, and their creations have been amazing!

Our new class book is Little Red Riding Hood. We have started exploring the story and talking about the characters and what happens in the tale.

At home:

You could read or watch the story of Little Red Riding Hood together and talk about the characters and what happens in the story.

We are also looking forward to Parents' Evening. Please come along to learn more about how your child is doing and how you can help support their learning at home.

Well done Reception for another fantastic week!

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## World Book Day

What a wonderful day we have all had celebrating World Book Day!

The children began the day with a

whole school assembly and then enjoyed reading with peers, taking part in quizzes, creating book reviews, making book trailers and reading stories both in school and at Poplars Care home. Fun and enjoyments was had by all.



## Year 1

This week, Year 1 have had a busy and hardworking first week back. We have started our new story 'Where the Wild Things Are' and this will be a



focus for lots of our writing over the coming weeks. In Phonics we're working on alternative sounds for 'ss'. Some of them are really tricky but we are all shining and trying our best.

In Maths, we have focused on doubling this week. Thinking carefully about how to groups of the same thing means that it has been doubled.

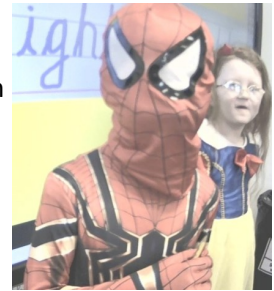
## Reminders

Snappy Spring = 17th March (pm)

Parent History Craft session = 24th March (pm)

## Year 2

This week, Year 2 have started to explore narrative writing in English and they have enjoyed listening to our new class text Grandad's Island. In Maths, we continue to learn about shapes and the children worked together to group shapes based on their properties. Thursday was particularly exciting as it was World Book Day and we enjoyed lots of stories.



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## Year 3

What a great week we've had in Year 3! On our first day back after half term, we attended Thornaby library, where the children learnt how to borrow and find books. In English, we started to write our own Into the Forest narrative, and the children have written some imaginative, amazing stories! In Maths, we have started the new topic of Perimeter, which the class have approached with great enthusiasm. Our new topic of Magnets in Science lessons has begun, with a practical session being held next week. We enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day, with a visit to Poplars for the children to read with the residents. It was lovely to see everybody in their costumes! A very busy, but very enjoyable week in Year 3!



**Year 3 parents are invited to come in to school on Wednesday 25th March at 9.15am for a short assembly and craft session. The children will be painting their Roman shields and would love their adults to come in and help!**

## Year 4

We welcomed all the children back after the Half Term and they have come back and immediately hit the



ground running. We have had a fun filled week with World Book Day playing a big role is brightening up the school this Thursday. We completed a variety of different activities from

crosswords to

book cover designs and all the children had a really fun day. Alongside this we continued our learning on the Edwardians in History, discussed food allergies and intolerances in PSHE and started our new Computing topic.

We are incredibly proud of the work that the children have done this week and look forward to seeing this continue next week!

## MND Week - 23rd-27th March

Village Primary is joining forces with local schools to take part in MND Awareness Week. As part of this, on Friday 27th March, KS2 will be going on a sponsored walk around our local area and we would like everyone to place an 'MND Rock' somewhere on the walk. To do this, we are asking for donations of rocks that we can paint and spread around Thornaby!



Our Wellbeing team will be leading the painting activity during the breaktimes of MND week, so we are asking for donations of rocks for our children to paint!

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## Year 5

Year 5 has had a busy and exciting week! In math's, we have started learning about decimals and have been exploring how they work. In English, we have been immersing ourselves in our new story, The Promise, and making thoughtful predictions about what might happen next.

This week we also learned about puberty as part of our PSHE lessons, helping us to understand the changes that happen as we grow. Year 5 enjoyed a trip to the library where we took part in a fun book hunt and spent time reading a variety of different texts.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day by exploring lots of different books, completing book-related quizzes, cracking a reading code, and sharing our love of reading together.

Miss Simpson has had a wonderful first week with Year 5 and is looking forward to the rest of the year with such a fantastic class.



## Year 6

We started the week with a brilliant session from MFC focusing on the importance of exercise for your body and mind. Amy also discussed the impact sleep can have on you and how having a good and regular sleep routine can be beneficial.

We have all worked incredibly hard during our practice SATS week. Lots of children wanted to take their reading papers home and share them with someone at home so hopefully you were able to celebrate their progress and achievements with them.

Thank you to everyone who attended Tuesday's SATS meeting. If you were unable to attend, please let me know and I will be happy to go through everything with you.

On Wednesday, we had a lovely (and sunny) walk to Thornaby library. We explored the shelves and enjoyed listening to some of class text, Holes.



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