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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

**Teddy T - Nursery**

**Bodhi - Reception**

**Florence - Year 1**

**Seb - Year 2**

**Emilia - Year 3**

**Ivy - Year 4**

**Tommie - Year 5**

**Zak - Year 6**

### PD Days for 2025/26

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

### Sean Gaffney Visit

Thank you for your support with gaining sponsorship for the Great Athletes event on Monday 23rd March. We are hoping to spend lots of money on some new PE equipment so the more we raise the more we can buy! There are QR codes dotted around the playground so it's not too late to sponsor your child. The children can come to school in sportswear (doesn't have to be PE kit) so they are ready to be active and enjoy an afternoon of fun!

**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



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**GB Invictus Competitor SEAN GAFFNEY**  
is coming to our school

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- Witness the strength, talent & resilience of a top athlete
- Raise money for new sports equipment

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## Nursery

### This Week in Maths!

This week, the children have been practising their subitising skills and working with numbers up to five. They have been exploring numbers all around the classroom, using everyday objects to show different amounts.

The children have been practising one-to-one correspondence, using their fingers to represent numbers in different ways, and are beginning to link numbers with quantities.

Our little mathematicians are doing an amazing job—well done everyone!



## Reception

This week in Reception, we have been continuing our work on 'Little Red' by Bethan Woollvin. The children have been busy drawing their own maps and mazes to match the story, showing great creativity and understanding of the journey Little Red takes.



In English, we have been writing the 'build-up' part of the story, where the wolf eats Grandma — the children have done a fantastic job bringing this exciting moment to life! Next week, we will be moving on to the 'problem' part of the story, where Little Red discovers the wolf in Grandma's bed. Why not practise this part together at home? You could have lots of fun acting it out, using the familiar lines such as, "Oh Grandma, what big ears you have!" You might even like to use props like glasses or a blanket and take turns pretending to be the wolf in bed.

In Maths, we have started a new unit focusing on the numbers 9 and 10. We are exploring how these numbers are composed and encouraging the children to explain what they can see. For example, for the number 9, children might say, "I can see 5 and 4 make 9."



In Science, we have been looking for signs of spring, exploring the outdoor environment and noticing changes such as new flowers, buds on trees, and warmer weather.

Today is Red Nose Day, and we have been enjoying sharing some wonderful jokes together — take a look on Seesaw to see what we've been up to!

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## Year 1

Year 1 loved going to Thornaby Pavillion this week as part of Snappy Spring. We had so much fun learning the songs on the lead up and were so proud to perform it to our adults. We hope you loved it as much as us!



We have continued with our Phonics this week looking at alternative oo and yoo sounds. We have also worked hard completing assessments in Reading, SPaG and Maths. Our teachers are so proud of us and the progress we have made.

We can't wait for our History craft session on Tuesday. Please can we remind parents to send in any cardboard boxes or tubes to help us and we hope to see you all there!

## Pre-Loved Uniform

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

## Year 2

This week, Year 2 have worked incredibly hard during assessment week. They have consistently tried to apply their learning to the tests and have shown determination and resilience. I have been incredibly proud of how the children have applied themselves and how they have approached every challenge with a smile on their faces. Outside of the assessments, the children have also enjoyed exploring how authors make word choices to bring a story to life and the class have tried to come up with their own wonderful descriptions.



## PRST - Language Day

It was wonderful to welcome Year 5 children from all of our Trust schools on Friday to take part in the first Language Day.

Children were invited to take part in a variety of activities from learning sign language to writing their name in Thai and lots more! Everyone was impeccably behaved, enthusiastic and language super stars!



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## Year 3

Year 3 have been brilliant this week. It's been assessment week, so they've had to concentrate and try to problem solve for several lessons. The way they have approached the tests with confidence, determination and resilience has been fantastic to see and I'm incredibly proud of each and every one of them!



Alongside the tests, they have had fun in Science learning about magnets and in English they have continued their work as reporters, preparing to write a newspaper report. In History they have been learning about the Romans, their shields are designed and ready to be painted with their adults on Wednesday. Red nose day was a huge success, the children look amazing in their red clothes and accessories, it was a welcome relief to come off timetable after a long week of tests and enjoy some fun, practical activities. All in all a very busy week!

Could we please remind you that you are invited to come in to school on Wednesday 25th March (9.15am-10.30am) to help the children paint and decorate their Roman shields.

## Year 4

It has been another hard working week in Y4. In maths and English, the children have been working hard completing assessments this week. All of the children have tried really hard with these assessments. In other areas of the curriculum, the children have still been working just as hard. In science the children looked at the change of state of an ice cube from solid to liquid to gas. In History the children designed their own poster linked to the Suffragettes. Finally in PSHE, the children completed more work on food allergies, looking at certain types of allergies people have. Well done for another hard working week Y4!!



## Smart Watches

Parents/ Carers please be aware that children are not allowed to wear Smart watches for school.

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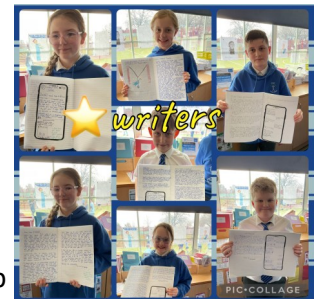
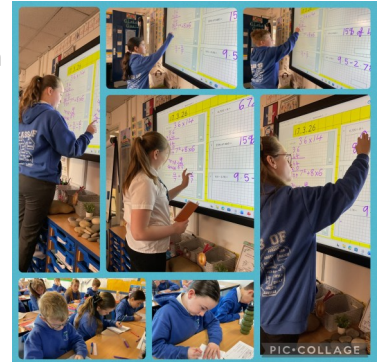
## Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been completing their assessments and have truly worked their socks off—well done to everyone for their effort and determination. In P.E., pupils have been practicing a range of basketball skills, showing great teamwork and improvement. In Science we discovered how to separate mixtures using different scientific processes. In Maths, we have been learning how to convert fractions and decimals into percentages, while in English we have begun planning our character narratives and enjoyed hot seating activities to help develop ideas. In Computing, we have continued creating our own media projects, demonstrating creativity and growing confidence. On Thursday, we were pleased to welcome Reverend John, who spoke to us about Lent and helped deepen our understanding of this important time.



## Year 6

Year 6 have been working really hard this week. We have been ploughing through the maths objectives, learned how to identify prime numbers and looked at some handy tips to help solve the dreaded long division questions. In English, we have been looking at different ways to portray our writing and we have been practising different types of reading questions (retrieval, inference and evidence). Every morning we are beginning our day with arithmetic questions and spat questions to warm up or brains ready for the rest of our daily challenges.



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## 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!

Thank you for your continued support.

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**AGES 5+**

## TENNIS WORLD

*BIG TENNIS WEEKEND: PLAY,  
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3:30-5:30PM**



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## EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Active Future is working with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to deliver a FREE, fun and active Easter Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Camp for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Our multi-sport and activity camps give children across Stockton-on-Tees the chance to stay active, make new friends and enjoy an exciting range of Easter-themed activities in a safe and inclusive environment. Children will enjoy a packed programme including NERF Battles, Dodgeball, Team Sports, Easter Games, Arts & Crafts, Free Play and plenty of fun Easter challenges and activities. Every day also includes a nutritious hot meal, snacks and drinks, helping children stay fuelled for a full day of fun and activity.

<b>WHEN</b>	7th-10th & 14th-17th April 2026. 10am - 2pm.	<b>WHERE</b>	Harewood Sports Hall, Thorn tree Road, Thornaby, TS17 8PF	<b>WHO</b>	Free for eligible children aged 5-12 years
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**PAID PLACES AVAILABLE! £15 / day**



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