



## Thurton CE Primary School News

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Thank you all for the lovely, warm welcome I've received from the Thurton Primary community. As promised in last week's newsletter, here's my very first entry for the weekly wellbeing section - and one of my all-time favourite strategies: The "Do-Over." I'll happily put my hands up and admit that I sometimes fall into the trap of over-explaining when I'm asked to help sort out a small niggle or disagreement. Enter the do-over - a simple but powerful antidote! It does take a tiny bit of preparation: let your family know that instead of getting pulled into a back-and-forth, you can calmly ask (in your very best, kindest voice) for a "do-over." This gives the other person a second chance to say what they meant - perhaps with kinder words, a gentler tone, or friendlier body language. And here's the best bit: you can give yourself a do-over too, if you notice your response isn't helping the situation as much as you'd like it to!

Wishing you all a lovely, relaxed weekend,

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#### Published Poets!

As you may be aware, the children in KS2 were given the opportunity to enter a Young Writers poetry competition, with the theme of 'I have a Dream'. We had lots of fantastic entries and we are delighted to let you know that many of them have been chosen to be published in an anthology of poems! Not only that, but this book will be kept in the National Archives of the British Library, along with works by Winston Churchill and William Shakespeare! A huge congratulations to Adalye, Alice C, Ella, Emilia, Evelyn, Fallon, Fraser, Grace, Harry, Henry B, Iris, Jenson, Rose B, Sonny and Xanthe!

#### Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum

The children were provided with a New Year treat last Friday, when M & M Productions returned to school to perform a panto - Jack and the Beanstalk. It was very funny, had some great music and featured some surprising stars: Mr Russell and Miss Debenham found themselves on stage (the second year running for Mr Russell - we think he might actually enjoy it!)

Thank you to the PTA for their contribution towards the cost of this production.



#### Stars of the Week

**Reception** – Josh

**Year 1 / 2** – Lou & Reuben

**Year 3 / 4** – Alice & Archie

**Year 5 / 6** – Holly



**Next Week: Mon 19<sup>th</sup> to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026**

	In School	After School
Mon	• PE	• KS1 Gymnastics (GROUP A)
Tue	• Lauren Talford Music Lessons	• KS2 Dodgeball (GROUP A)
Wed		• Aem Hai Karate
Thur	• Bandwagon Music Lessons	• KS1 Dodgeball
Fri	• PE • Forest School (Reception)	• KS2 Football Club (GROUP A) • KS2 Forest School Club (GROUP A)

### Forest School SOS!

We are in need of a volunteer to help at Forest School After School Club for 6 sessions in January, February and March, starting from next Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> January).

If anyone is able to volunteer, even for one or two sessions, we would be extremely grateful! Please let the office know if you can help.

### Reminders

**Time & Tide Museum Visit (Yr 1/2)** – please could consents and payments be submitted by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Please could all consents for the **Year 3/4 Dodgeball** be returned by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

### Don't Forget....

Our website is full of useful information and helpful links for parents. You can find information about term dates, school lunches and read our policies by going to:

[www.thurton.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.thurton.norfolk.sch.uk)

### Dates for Your Diary

Mon 26/01/26	• Cluster Dodgeball, Hobart High School (selected Year 3/4)
Tue 03/02/26	• Yr 1/2 Time & Tide Visit
Week Commencing Mon 09/02/26	• Parent Teacher Meetings (Full details TBC)
Mon 09/02/26	• PTA Cake Sale – Yellow Class
Thu 12/02/26	• PTA Science Day (NO HOT DINNERS)
Mon 16/02/26 – Fri 20/02/26	• Half Term
Mon 23/02/26	• Children Return to School
Mon 02/03/26	• Cluster Dance Festival, Yrs 1 & 2 (Full details TBC)
Thur 05/03/26	• World Book Day (Full details TBC)
Thu 19/03/26	• Red Nose Day (TBC)
Fri 27/03/26	• End of Term
Mon 30/03/26 – Mon 13/04/26	• Easter Holiday
Tue 14/04/26	• Children Return to School