



Thurton CE Primary School News

Friday 23rd January 2026



I hope that if your family has tried the “do-over” strategy over the past week, you’ve found it helpful in stopping small issues from turning into bigger ones.

Today, I want to share another of my favourite strategies - one I still use, even though my daughters are now young adults. Like the do-over, it’s all about making family life a little easier and avoiding that familiar thought of, “It’s quicker if I just do it myself.”

Initially, this one does take a bit of setting up. For example, if you ask your child to clear the dining table after a meal, and it often ends up half done, try tidying it together until it’s completely finished. Then let your child know the table has been “reset,” and that this is what it should look like when you ask them to reset it after a meal. Having that clear picture really helps children understand what’s expected. Plus, after the initial setup, it’s quick and easy to say, “Please can you reset the [insert task here!]”. And if something gets missed later (maybe a rogue sauce bottle), try to resist fixing it yourself. Instead, gently let your child know the table needs a full reset and give them another chance to finish the job. I’m now going to go and “reset” my dishwasher!!

Best wishes,

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The Art of the Matter!

We have registered our school for the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show. This is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 years studying in the UK, to which parents/guardians can submit artwork on behalf of their child/ren. Each student can submit one artwork and there is no theme. When you enter, you will be asked for an image of the artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and some text written by the artist which can include why they created the work and what it means to them. A panel of artists and arts professionals will judge the artwork and selected pieces will be shown in an online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts! The deadline to submit artwork is 4 March 2026 at 5pm and you can edit submissions until this deadline.

For further information, click here:
[Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/young-artists-summer-show)

Birthdays

This week our birthday wishes go to **Finnley** and **Jude M** – we hope you both have a very Happy Birthday!

Dates for Your Diary

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

Reminders

We still need a volunteer to help with Forest School After School on Friday 30th January and 6th February. Please let the office know if you can help.

Stars of the Week

Reception – Theodore
Year 1 / 2 – Benjamin, Della, Isabelle & Pippa
Year 3 / 4 – Iris & Joseph
Year 5 / 6 – Betsie, Eliza & Evelyn

Next Week: Mon 26th to Fri 30th January 2026

	In School	After School
Mon	• PE	• KS1 Gymnastics (GROUP A) • Cluster Dodgeball, Hobart High School (selected Year 3/4)
Tue	• Lauren Talford Music Lessons	• KS2 Dodgeball (GROUP A) • NO KARATE CLUB
Wed		
Thur	• Bandwagon Music Lessons	• KS1 Dodgeball
Fri	• PE • Forest School (Reception)	• KS2 Football Club (GROUP A) • KS2 Forest School Club (GROUP A)

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JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, AND LOTS OF
DANCING!!!

Saturday 14th February
7pm for a 7.30pm start

Adults £15
Children £8



Includes a Cheese and Ham Ploughman's Supper
(Veg option available)

Bring your own drink and glasses

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