



Thurton CE Primary School News



Creating Family Traditions: Small Moments, Big Memories

When we think about family traditions, it's easy to picture big occasions - holidays, birthdays, and milestone celebrations. But for young children, it's often the small, repeated moments that become the most meaningful. The good news? Traditions don't need to be expensive, time-consuming, or even particularly sensible... in fact, the more playful and slightly odd, the better! Here are some ideas to spark your imagination:

Little & Often Traditions (the everyday magic):

- Friday "Picky Tea Picnic" – Everyone sits on a blanket (even if it's in the living room) and eats a mix of random bits. Bonus points if someone pretends to be the waitress/waiter!
- Two-Minute Dance Party – At a random time each week, put on a particular song and dance like nobody is watching. Children love the unpredictability.
- Silly Walk to Bed – One night a week, everyone has to walk to their bedroom in the silliest way possible.
- "Rose, Thorn, Banana" Check-in – Share something good (rose), something tricky (thorn), and something completely random (banana!).

Why It Matters

Traditions don't have to be perfect or consistent every single time. What matters is the feeling they create - connection, predictability, and joy. For children, these rituals quietly build emotional security and happy memories that often last far longer than the moment itself.

If you're not sure where to start, try one small idea this week. If it makes your child giggle, ask to do it again, or tell someone else about it - you've already created something meaningful. And remember: the slightly strange traditions are usually the ones that become family legends. What will your family be known for?

Best wishes to you all,

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Friday 8th May 2026

Stars of the Week

Year 1 / 2 – Delilah & James

Year 3 / 4 – Adalye, Florence & Teddy



Hurrah!

The winners of the Team Hurrah this time were **Red Team!** They may come to school in non-uniform on Wednesday 20th May.

Year 2 Need YOU!

Just a quick reminder that the children in Year 2 will be taking part in Road Safety Pedestrian training sessions on 19th May, which will involve going out on the roads. If anyone is able to volunteer to help with this, please let the office know. Timings will be confirmed nearer the date.

Birthdays

This week our Birthday wishes go to **Leo D, Remy, Aria, Elias, Ruby, Charles and Betsie**. A very Happy Birthday to you all!

Dates for your Diary

New Dates in Red

Tue 19/05/26	Road Safety Sessions (Rec / Yr 2 / Yr 4)
Wed 20/05/26	Red Class Hurrah (Non-Uniform)
Thu 21/05/26 - Fri 22/05/26	Yr 5 Bikeability (Level 2)
Mon 25/05/26 - Fri 29/05/26	Half Term
Fri 29/05/26	How Hill Residential Instalment 4 due
Mon 01/06/26	Children return to school
Tue 02/06/26	Class Photos (All Years)

Week Commencing Monday 11th May 2026

	In School	After School
Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SATs Breakfasts (from 8.30am) • Yr 6 SATs - English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions & Paper 2: spelling • PE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE • Gymnastics (GRP A) • Cluster Football (selected Yr 3/4)
Tue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SATs Breakfasts (from 8.30am) • Yr 6 SATs – English Reading • Lauren Talford Music Lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 Archery (GRP A)
Wed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SATs Breakfasts (from 8.30am) • Yr 6 SATs - Maths Paper 1: arithmetic & Paper 2: reasoning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aem Hai Karate Club • KS1 Gardening (GRP A)
Thu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SATs Breakfasts (from 8.30am) • Yr 6 SATs – Maths Paper 3: reasoning • Yr 6 Swimming Session • Bandwagon Music Lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Dodgeball
Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE • Forest School (Year 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 Football (GRP A) • KS2 Forest School (GRP A)



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