



Thorpe Hesley Primary School Newsletter

September (3) 2026

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Our school has been a hive of activity this week, with lots of fun learning activities taking place. If you would like to keep up to date with what's happening in school, please check out our Instagram and Facebook pages, @thorpehesleyprimary. I've included a few highlights from our social media pages below.

Thank you to all of the Reception parents who came to our phonics workshop this week. We hope you found this session useful.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hewitt x



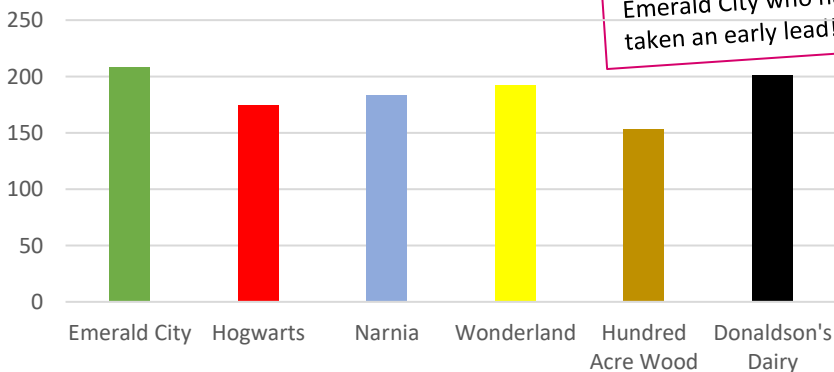
The menu
for next
week is
Week 3



Spare Uniform

Thank you to our parents who are sending in spare clothes for when our little ones have an accident. If your child does come home in any of our spare clothes can you please wash and send back to us as soon as possible. If anyone has any socks or pants for ages 2-6 that they can donate to school we would really appreciate it. Thank you for your continued support. The Foundation Stage Team

House Points



Congratulations to
Emerald City who have
taken an early lead!



100% Reading

The following classes have achieved 100% Reading this week:

Classes 2, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 and class 20

Remember:

- 2 weeks with 100% of children in school reading at least 3 x per week earns us the bronze Fletcher
- 100% Club Challenge award;
- 3 weeks at 100% earns us the silver award;
- 4 weeks at 100% earns us the gold award plus £200 to spend on new books in school.



Please support us with this by encouraging your child to read at home and reminding them to record this in their planner and bring their planner to school every day.

Well done to the following children who have earned the most coins on TTRockstars this week:

1. Jack A, Year 4
2. George G, Year 5
3. Henry B, Year 5
4. Henry CS, Year 5
5. Theo M, Year 5



Spelling Frame Super Stars.

Spelling frame is now up and running for new classes.

Please ensure your child to access it.

Thank you!



Attendance

Congratulations to Class 6 and 13 who had the highest attendance this week. Adam the Attendance Ant is looking forward to a busy week visiting Class 6 and Class 13 can't wait to enjoy having the football pitch and basketball hoops to themselves at breaktimes on Friday.

Stars of the week		Class 10	Felix H
		Class 11	Freddie M
		Class 12	Oliver B
		Class 13	Connie B
Class 2	Rupert B	Class 14	Ginny D
Class 3	Jacob L	Class 15	Edie G
Class 4	Stanley R	Class 16	Henrietta L
Class 5	Zak W	Class 17	Harriett E
Class 6	Maximus M	Class 18	Parker W
Class 7	Scarlett Y	Class 19	Wyllan S
Class 8	Juliette P	Class 20	Alfie B
Class 9	Elsie W		

Dates going forward

Monday 21 st September	School viewing for prospective new families
Wednesday 23 rd September	9:00 – 9:30 Year 3 and 4 Reading Stay and Learn 9:00 – 10:00 Oral Health coffee morning for parents in the infant hall
Thursday 24 th September	9:00 Phonics workshop for Nest and Nursery parents
Monday 28 th Sept	9:00 Parent Coffee Morning – more details to follow
Tuesday 29 th Sept	School Nurse in school to measure Reception children's height and weight 9:15 and 14:15 Nursery Stay and Learn (Prime Areas) 14:30 Class 3 Reading Stay and Learn
Wednesday 30 th Sept	9:00 Year 6 Reading Stay and Learn
Thursday 1 st Oct	14:30 Class 2 and 4 Reading Stay and Learn
Friday 2 nd Oct	Student Council Election with Local Councillors
Monday 5 th Oct	Year 5 Dance Workshops in school
Wednesday 7 th Oct	p.m. Year 5/6 Inclusive bowling event. More details to follow



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A Reminder About Age Ratings for Films, Games and Apps

As children spend more time online and using digital devices, it is important that parents and carers are aware of and follow the age ratings on films, games and apps. These ratings are designed to help protect children from content that may be inappropriate, upsetting or difficult for them to understand. Popular apps and games often used by children include WhatsApp (13+), TikTok (13+), Instagram (13+), Snapchat (13+), YouTube (13+ to create an account), Fortnite (12), Roblox (parental guidance recommended, with some content suitable for older children) and Call of Duty (18). We encourage families to regularly check age ratings, make use of parental controls and talk openly with their children about their online activities to help keep them safe both online and offline.

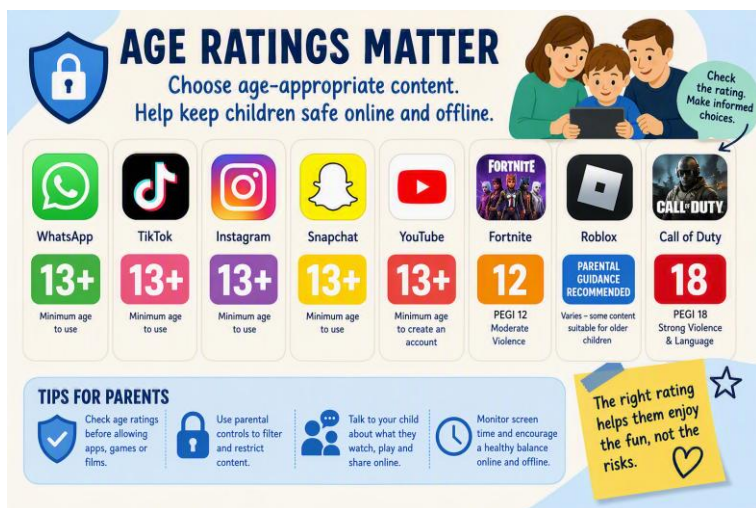
Secondary School Open Days

Both Wingfield Academy and Winterhill School have asked us to share information about their upcoming open days – see attached flyers. If you have children in Year 5 or 6, we strongly encourage you to attend to find out a bit more about your children's options for Year 7 onwards.

Breaktime Snacks

Just a reminder that we have fresh fruit delivered every week which all children in the infant building have access to so there is no need to send infant children with a separate snack for breaktimes. In the junior building, children are welcome to bring in fruit or vegetables, e.g. carrot, pepper, cucumber, to have at breaktime. Please do not send children with any snacks other than the above.

Also, please ensure that children are not bringing any products containing nuts into school as we have several children in both buildings with nut allergies. This includes cereal bars containing nuts.



AGE RATINGS MATTER
Choose age-appropriate content.
Help keep children safe online and offline.

App/Game	Age Rating	Notes
WhatsApp	13+	Minimum age to use
TikTok	13+	Minimum age to use
Instagram	13+	Minimum age to use
Snapchat	13+	Minimum age to use
YouTube	13+	Minimum age to create an account
Fortnite	12	PEGI 12 Moderate Violence
Roblox	Parental Guidance Recommended	Varies - some content suitable for older children
Call of Duty	18	PEGI 18 Strong Violence & Language

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Check age ratings before allowing apps, games or films.
- Use parental controls to filter and restrict content.
- Talk to your child about what they watch, play and share online.
- Monitor screen time and encourage a healthy balance online and offline.

The right rating helps them enjoy the fun, not the risks.

TT Rockstars Day

It is almost that time of year again! Early Reminder: Times Table Rockstar Day is Friday 16th October 2026. All welcome to dress up and rock out! Don't forget we will be battling it out with other schools- so get logged in to TTRS and Numbots and let's show them how we ROCK!



Parents: Can you help?

Our Wrap Around Care Room has a lovely Xbox 360 but no games - if you have any age-appropriate games that you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful.





Homework at Thorpe Hesley Primary School

Please see below a reminder for parents about how homework is organised across school. Now the children are settled in their new classes, the below will be followed from next week.

As we have been using Doodle Learning for a full year now, we were keen to gather parent views on how our families are finding this. Thank you to everyone who responded to these questions on the parent survey. Although there were a few mixed responses, parents were mostly very positive towards Doodle Learning so we have made the decision to continue using this platform for Years 1 to 5. In response to feedback, we are setting up a lunchtime homework club in the Junior building on a Friday. This will be open to all KS2 children to attend, should they wish to get a head start on completing their homework for the following week. There will be access to iPads and laptops should they wish to access Doodle Learning as part of this. This should help to support any children who struggle to get access at home. Any KS2 children who have not completed their homework for that week will also be required to attend to complete this.

Thank you for your continued support with homework. This partnership between school and home is vital and we are really grateful for your amazing support. If you need any further support or advice with supporting your child with their homework, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Reading

All children from Reception to Year 6 are to take home reading books weekly (Little Wandle/Reading Spine) and record home-reading in their planner. Children are expected to read at home at least 3 x per week. If classes achieve 100% of children reading 3 x per week for 3 weeks, they will receive a reading reward to enjoy as a class.

Spellings

For children in Years 1 to 6, spellings will be sent home on a Friday and tested on the following Friday. Children in KS2 will have access to Spelling Frame, a fun, interactive online platform, to practise their spellings. Weekly rewards will be given out in Friday assembly for the children who have engaged the most with this.

Reception children will take spellings home in the Summer Term.

Phonics

All Reception children, all Year 1 children and Year 2 children who are receiving phonics will have weekly phonics/Little Wandle homework tasks. Children in KS2 who are still accessing phonics teaching will also have Little Wandle reading books and activities to bring home.

TT Rockstars/Numbots

All children in Year 2 to Year 6 have their own TT Rockstars log-ins and are encouraged to use this as much as possible. Specific targets may be set by year groups to supplement homework, e.g. please spend 10 minutes on TT this week. Leader boards will be shared and celebrated in class, as well as in Friday assemblies and on the KS2 display.

English/Maths Homework

Year 3 to Year 5: A weekly homework task will be set using Doodle Learning, our online platform, which will alternate between English and Maths.

Year 1 and 2: Maths homework will be set fortnightly using Doodle Learning.

Homework set via Doodle Learning is 'marked' online with immediate feedback given to support children with their learning. Personal login details will be shared with all children and stuck in planners. If your child is unable to access online learning activities and you would like to receive a paper copy of these activities, please let their teacher know via their year group email address, e.g. THPYear1@nclt.ac.uk, THPYear2@nclt.ac.uk etc.

Year 6:

Autumn Term - A weekly homework task will be sent in homework books which will alternate between English and Maths.
Spring Term onwards – Weekly homework will be set using CGP SATS revision booklets.

Creative Homework

This will continue to be optional and linked to termly/half-termly topics. Information and ideas will be shared in year group Curriculum Booklets. Completed creative homework will be shared and celebrated as a class.

Nursery

From after the October half term, children will bring home:

- Fortnightly Little Wandle nursery rhymes
- Name writing activities
- Fortnightly guided drawing book.