

Friday News - 17.04.2026

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the warmer weather towards the end of the Easter break. We have started off the summer term with a flurry of activity already. Year 3 and 4 went to the Suffolk Farm and Country Fair at Trinity park yesterday. They had a wonderful day looking at animals, tractors, trying woodworking, dressing up as fire and police personnel and Year 3 even learnt CPR! Piano lessons started this week for pupils who have signed up. Years 4 and 5 started their swimming lessons and Year 6 welcomed their parents to their class assembly where they shared all about Thorpe Woodlands. What a start to what will be an amazing summer term.

Attendance

We achieved **97.2%** attendance this week, this is an increase on before the Easter Break. Year 5 are our attendance champions this week with **99.6%**, well done Year 5! They were closely followed by Year 4 with 98.4% and Year 1 with 98.2%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Road Safety

As we move into the summer term with warmer weather and lighter evenings, we have seen an increase in our older pupils walking / riding to and from school. It is amazing to see these pupils grow in confidence and be responsible. There have however, been a few near misses with cars recently. Please make sure if your child is riding that they have a suitable bike and they are aware of road safety. They need to make sure they are riding responsibly to and from school. Please also remind children who are walking, to cross safely especially when near the school gates as there are often cars moving around.

Parking

Start of term reminder to park considerately around school please. Ensure you are not blocking any drives or junctions. We have many pupils walking to school who are unable to see to cross the road because of where parents are parking. We continue to receive complaints from neighbours about inconsiderate parking. I understand that many of you are dropping off and then rushing off to work but please be mindful and respectful of others. We all need to get places safely.

Green Reading Challenge

An amazing 133 children achieved the Green Reading Challenge at the end of last half term.. A great achievement across the school.

This half term we are all working towards the Blue Reading Challenge.

As it is a 6 week term, we will be looking for 25 reads to an adult for this challenge. It was great to see how many children had been reading over Easter and were already well on their way to achieving this.

Don't forget, the Librarians are in the Library every playtime ready to hear children read and record it in their log when asked. This counts as it is reading in the children's own time. Nessy and Twinkl Learn Sessions also count if logged by an adult.

Nut Free School

As we have had another pupil in school diagnosed with a life threatening anaphylactic reaction to nuts requiring an EpiPen, can I please remind all parents that we are a NUT FREE school. This includes peanut butter and Nutella. Any child seen with a nut product, will have it removed and will be offered an alternative from the kitchen. Thank you for helping us to keep these vulnerable pupils safe.

Key Summer Dates (these may be added to)

PTFA Fri-Yay events - first Friday of every month

21st April - North America Class trip to The Food Museum

23rd April - Class Photos

4th May - BANK HOLIDAY

11th - 15th May - Year 6 SATs

18 - 22nd May - Year 2 SATs

20th May - Asia to Crucial Crew

22nd May - Oceania to Jimmy's Farm

25th to 29th May - MAY HALF TERM

1st to 5th June - Year 4 Times Tables Check

2nd June - Doorstep Theatre production in school (more details to follow)

8th to 12th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

23rd June - Doorstep Theatre Production in school (more details to follow)

2nd July - Sports Morning all year groups (start around 9:15 finished by 10:35 ish)

6th & 7th July - OSA transition for Y6

13th & 14th July - Stour Valley transition for Y6

13th to 15th July - TGS transition for Y6.

17th July - Last day of school

Have a very happy weekend.



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