Thrupp Primary School Newsletter

March 2026

Dear Parents

As we approach our Easter holiday I wanted to thank you for your involvement and engagement. Having had parents meetings this week and the previous week for some families, we are pleased to say that we are at 100% attendance (or planned meeting if you have not managed to meet yet) This is incredible and confirms our strong, valued partnership with yourselves. We hope that you enjoyed looking through your child's work and could see an improvement in presentation as this is one of our whole school targets. I would love your feedback on this.

KS1 Open Morning

Kestrels and Hawks were delighted to welcome parents into their classrooms at the start of the month for our Key Stage One open morning. It was wonderful to see so many families join us, and the children were incredibly proud to share their learning and show you everything they've been working on. Kestrels enjoyed showcasing their exciting space-themed activities, while Hawks confidently talked about their work on the Great Fire of London. Thank you to everyone who came - it was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the children's hard work, enthusiasm and see the pride in the children's learning.

Easter Celebrations

Today we enjoyed our traditional Easter Hat Parade even with the rain! When I first moved to Stroud, a number of years ago now, I could not believe this wonderful tradition. Each year we see these bonnets getting more creative and elaborate. It is always a wonderful experience to be part of. Thank you to our PTA for providing each pupil with a little Easter treat.

Reverend James Turk led an assembly on Monday sharing what Easter means to Christians. It is always lovely to welcome visitors to our school and Reverend Turk visits lots of schools and Thrupp is a special place for him as we have such engaged, curious pupils. Happy Easter from Reverend Turk to all of our Thrupp families.

Easter Free-Flow

This Tuesday, Fledglings and the Reception children from Kestrels came together for another joyful celebration - this time marking the Christian festival of Easter. The children learned about how Christians celebrate Easter and enjoyed spending time mixing in each other's classrooms. Together, they made and decorated Easter baskets, created delicious chocolate rice crispy cakes, and got creative with Easter egg decorating and printing using egg-shaped stampers. It was a wonderful morning filled with learning, creativity, and shared fun.

Mother's Day Tea Party

Fledglings had a truly wonderful afternoon celebrating Mother's Day with their annual mother's afternoon tea party. All of the children wrote invitations to invite their mums to play. Mums were treated to elderflower fizz and cakes made by the children as well as a song and dance performance where the children sung about how special their mums are to them. They were also presented with their handmade mother's day cards and a special bulb that the children had planted for them. It was a very special and memorable afternoon. Thank you to all of the Mums for joining us!

myHappymind This term we have explored the third *myHappymind* module: **Appreciate**. In this chapter, the children have been understanding the power of gratitude and recognising the positives in themselves and others. They have also been learning how showing appreciation boosts the brain's 'happy chemicals', helping them feel calmer, more connected and more confident. In Term 5, our penultimate chapter is all about **Relating**. In this module the children will understand how to build positive and healthy relationships. They will be learning about empathy, teamwork and how their words and actions impact others. The aim is to help all pupils develop strong social skills and feel more connected within our school community. If you have not already borrowed and read Laura Earnshaw's: MyHappymind book, please borrow one from the school office. It is a great read and will support family life too.

Red Nose Day

Thrupp was a sea of red last Friday. Thank you to everyone who supported Red Nose Day, together we raised a fantastic £170! Your generous donations will help fund vital projects that support children and families facing challenges, both in the UK and around the world. We are grateful for your kindness and community spirit.

Thrupp Rock Stars

We were treated to a wonderful Rock Concert last Wednesday. Kamil, our Rock Steady Band Leader, had 5 bands sharing their terms work. These children ranged from Year 2-Year 6. It was an amazing celebration of individual talent and whole group work. Playing as part of a band is not only about individual musicality, it is about performing together and this is at the heart of what Rock Steady teaches. Thank you to all the groupies in the audience. Thrupp School hall was certainly rocking!

World Book Day at Thrupp

Thrupp School definitely demonstrated that they can 'Go All In' for Reading this World Book Day. The children looked incredible in their creative costumes, bringing their favourite book characters to life and sharing their love of reading with enthusiasm. Throughout the day, classes enjoyed a range of exciting activities, from storytelling and book quizzes to sharing stories with friends. It was wonderful to see such excitement for books across the whole school, and we are so proud of the effort everyone put in.

Eagles Class Step Back in Time at Sevington Victorian School

Eagles Class recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to Sevington Victorian School, where they experienced what life was like for children in a traditional Victorian classroom.

The day was a great success, and the children were a real credit to our school. They fully embraced the experience by dressing as Victorian boys and girls, which made the day even more special and immersive.

During their visit, the children took part in a range of authentic activities, including practising handwriting, completing arithmetic tasks, and following the strict routines of a Victorian school day. The girls carefully made lavender bags, while the boys tried their hand at candle making—just as children would have done in the past. The trip was thoroughly enjoyable and provided a valuable insight into history, bringing learning to life in a memorable and engaging way.

Last week, Eagles Class also proudly presented their class assembly. They shared highlights from their trip, along with interesting facts about Victorian England and Queen Victoria's reign. They performed a fun and engaging role play of a Victorian classroom, giving the audience a real sense of what school life was like in the past.

Well done, Eagles Class, for your excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and confidence—you represented the school brilliantly!

Eagles were lucky to have a visit from Ailsa's mum on Monday. Helen, who is senior curator at Bristol museums, brought some exciting and unusual Victorian artefacts in to show them. They had great fun guessing what they might be for and learning about the different ways these artefacts were used in everyday Victorian life.

Celebration Assemblies

Buzzards presented another informative assembly, sharing their recent learning with pupils and parents. They showed off their times table skills and were able to share some fascinating facts about Wolves that they have learned in English this term and treated us to a pack howl to finish off!

Owls shared some of the work they have been busy with this term. This included, their sketch maps of the Eco Park development by FGR, some of their fantastic crime and punishment timelines, their delicious Caribbean recipes, some fantastic writing and even gave us some monologues that they have been working on in BTB.

Uniform

As we enter the summer term, we would like to remind families of our school uniform expectations. Children are welcome to wear sandals if they wish, and socks are optional; however, please ensure that sandals are sturdy enough to support active play, and note that crocs and flip-flops are not permitted for safety reasons. We also ask that all children come to school in appropriate school uniform and are equipped with a sun hat and suncream to help keep them safe in the warmer weather. We will be using the field more and as there is no shade on the field the children will be unable to go up at lunchtime if they do not have a hat. In PE lessons we will also use the field and again a hat is essential to protect the children from the sun (which we hope we will have this summer!).

Parking

Thank you to most of our families for parking considerately at drop off and pick up. I have had some positive feedback following my letter of concern sent out in February this year. However, there is still one particular area that is causing residents and the Parish Council concern. This is the pavement at the bottom of Yew Tree Way. Cones were put here to deter parking in this area. If cars are parked here, it makes crossing the lane exceptionally dangerous. If you park here, you are causing danger to pedestrians. Please can you avoid this area and park further along the lane and walk to the school gate.

Attendance

With this letter is also a letter reiterating the importance of attendance at school. Please read this and if you feel you need to act on attendance please can I ask that you take this really seriously and look for ways to improve your child's attendance. Staff are here to support you and we really want to work together to improve this area of our school because at present this is an area of concern. Thank you for reading the letter and thinking about what you need to do to help improve attendance.

Coram Life Workshops

In June we will once again host Coram Life for our class workshops. These are to cover PSHE subjects for each class and are tailored to the different age groups. To find out more there is a parent session discussing their workshops and how SCARF is implemented in schools around drop off time on Tuesday 16th June (8.50 – 9.15am). Parents can come and have a look at the LifeSpace and ask them any questions. There are changes to the RSHE statutory guidance, and their RSHE Training and Programme Manager Lisa Handy has recorded a free webinar for parents, the link for which is below:
https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/rshe-statutory-guidance-2025

Have a wonderful Easter. I hope that you all manage some calm, family time and hopefully we will be able to get outside and feel some sun on our skin. Wishing you a Happy Easter, Term 5 will commence on Monday 13th April.

Donna Mylechreest

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