

THRUPP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 1 September 2025

Dear Parents

We hope that term has started well for you and your children. It has been a joy to be back starting a new school year. The children are excited about their topics and full of life. We have a busy (and long!) term ahead of us leading us to Christmas.

Staff

We are welcoming Rosanna Hodson who has settled into Hawks Class. Miss Hodson is our Hawks class teacher working on a Monday and Tuesday, sharing the class with Miss Payne. Georgia Yarham has been helping to fill the gap in KS2. She has been a wonderful temporary teacher. She will be leaving at half term. We have been interviewing this week, once we have confirmed details we will inform you of new members to our Thrupp staff team.

Welcome

A warm welcome to our new Reception and Nursery children and their families. We hope that you will be very happy at Thrupp. If there is anything we can do to help you settle, please ask a member of staff. Our Year 6 children have been wonderful buddies to the new children and friendships are blossoming. We have our Thrupp Nursery and School Open Day on Tuesday 14th October from 9.15-11.30am. Please spread the word and come and join us. Our Year 6 tour guides will show you around.

Before and After School Care

Our Wake Up Club and Thruppers will continue to run every day. The session in the morning will start from 7.45 am and the children will be taken to their classrooms at 8.45am. In the afternoons, Thruppers will run from 3.15pm until 5.30pm, with a short session finishing at 4.15pm. If you require any further details, please speak to a member of staff.

WalkingBus

This runs daily with drop off in the London Road layby at 8.15-8.35am. Our Atlas team will walk the children up to school ready for their morning register. Please use this facility as I have only secured funding until January 2026 and if numbers do not increase this facility will not be financially viable to the school so I will have no choice other than withdraw it. Our numbers have been worryingly low this term. Please support this facility and help to reduce traffic along the lane and the congestion of parking.

Solar Panels

During the summer break we have had solar panels put in at Thrupp. These are on the roof of our KS1 building. This was a Government initiative, supported by Gloucestershire County Council. We are hopeful that we will create enough energy to power the KS1 building and any excess will be diverted to the main building. A screen will be out in the hall (still awaiting installation) and this will be a visual too so the children can see the amount of power we are both generating and using.

Contacting School

Every morning a member of staff will be at the gate to welcome you. We hope that we are still visible to you. If you have an urgent message, please ring or email the school office. If you would like to pass information to a specific class, and it is non urgent, please continue to use the class email, address eg: hawks@thrupp.gloucs.sch.uk

Our Wonderful PTA

We have a very active PTA. They organise a range of events throughout the year, they try and get the balance between fun and fund raising. (They do this exceptionally well) Our children benefit hugely from their amazing work. They will be sending a regular update through the year to you. Welcome to Jenny Davies, Helen Pearce and Paolo Fazzi who will be the core team driving a whole group of wonderful parents this year. Please help support when you can.

Medical, Diet and Contact Details

Please can we ask that you keep us updated of any medical information for your child. If your child has a dietary requirement, again, please ensure that we are aware. Our school menu for the term is available on our website. We have transferred to The Great Plate; this is The Long Table. Lunches are looking and tasting delicious. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that we are a Nut Free school. We have a number of children with allergies so it is vital that we have no nuts on site. If you have a change of contact details, please let the school office know immediately as it is vital that we are able to contact you.

Important Documents

Can I please signpost you to our web site so that you can look at our school policies. The safeguarding, attendance and behaviour policies are of particular importance to you. I have attached an Operation Encompass letter detailing how we work with the police on Domestic abuse incidents.

Parking and Thrupp Lane Etiquette

Please can I ask that you do not park on the zig zags at any time and are respectful and considerate towards the residents when parking on the lane. Thank you.

Updates

As we have moved to a monthly newsletter, there will be other forms of communication coming to you regularly including the Sports and PTA updates which were sent out yesterday. Others will include School Council, Governors etc..

Thank you for your support.

Donna Mylechreest



Dates for the Diary

September

Monday 29th

Year 6 Residential: Year 6 to Liddington
Kestrels and Hawks Open Classroom (From 2.30pm)

October

Friday 3rd

Year 6 return (ETA 3.00pm at large layby)

Wednesday 8th

Stroud Valley School (6.00pm) All parents welcome (no children)

Friday 10th

Owls Class Assembly (9.00am) Owls parents welcome

Tuesday 14th

National Mental Health Day: Hello Yellow Day - come dressed in yellow

Thursday 16th

Thrupp Open Morning for prospective families (9.15-11.30am)

Friday 17th

S&F Governors (5.30pm) Full Governors Meeting (6.30pm)

Tuesday 21st

Whole School Harvest Assembly (9.00) All parents welcome

Wednesday 22nd

We will be collecting for Stroud Food Bank (more details to follow)

Thursday 23rd

Parents Evening (3.30-6.00pm)

Friday 24th

Parents Evening (3.30-6.00pm)

Last Day of Term 1

INSET Day (Teaching staff only)

November

Monday 3rd

Term 2 starts

Thursday 13th

School photographs

Friday 21st

Eagles Class Assembly (9.00am) Eagles parents welcome

December

Thursday 4th

Standards Governors (5.30pm) Full Governors (6.30pm)

Friday 5th

Buzzards Class Assembly (9.00am) Buzzards parents welcome

Wednesday 10th

KS1 Christmas Nativity (2.00pm)

Thursday 11th

KS1 Christmas Nativity (9.15am)

Tuesday 16th

Singing at Waitrose (more details to follow)

Wednesday 17th

KS2 Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church (6.00pm)

Friday 19th

Whole School Christmas Lunch (12 noon)

Rock Steady Concert (2.30pm) Band parents welcome

Term 2 finishes at 2.15pm (Nursery at 2pm) Thruppers until 4.30pm

Spring Term 2026

January

Monday 5th January

Term 3 starts

Tuesday 12th January

KS2 to Birmingham for Young Voices