



West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

23rd May 2025

As our Summer 1 half term draws to a close, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible hard work and dedication shown by all our children. They have truly embraced every challenge and learned so much. We are so proud of their efforts and achievements! As we look ahead to the final Summer term, we anticipate more exciting learning opportunities, outdoor adventures, and memorable experiences for everyone. We wish you all a wonderful and restful break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready for a fantastic final half term on Monday 2nd June!

Summer Fair - Save the Date

This year's summer fair will be taking place slightly earlier and will take place after school on Thursday 26th June. It will be based at Rosecourt Road.

End of Summer Term Arrangements

Please note that on the last day of Summer Term - Friday 18th July - school will close early at 2pm.

Attendance

Well done to these classes with attendance of 97% and over this week

CR- Y5 Sycamore

RR - Year 1 Maple Class

RR - Year 2 Spruce Class

RR - Year 3 Larch Class

RR - Year 4 Acacia Class

RR - Year 4 Yew Class

RR - Year 5 Magnolia Class

RR - Year 5 Cypress Class

RR - Year 6 Blackthorn Class

RR - Year 6 Juniper Class



Curriculum Focus

Reception

What a busy and exciting week it's been in Reception! The children have continued to impress us with their fantastic learning across all areas.

In Literacy, we've been busy describing different habitats, with a special focus on the city. The children have done a brilliant job of writing a range of sentences, confidently using their phonic knowledge to sound out words. We've also been concentrating on basic sentence structure, ensuring each sentence starts with a capital letter, has clear finger spaces, and ends with a full stop.

Maths has seen us exploring the concept of grouping. The children have been learning to share objects into equal groups, understanding that for a group to be truly equal, all groups must have the same number of objects. It's been wonderful to see their understanding of this important concept grow!

Our Topic work this week had a fun art focus. We delved into different drawing techniques using charcoal as our material. The children loved experimenting with making a variety of marks and used these new skills to create their very own beautiful forest pictures.

Well done, Reception, for another week of amazing learning!



Year One

Year one has had a great final week before half term. They have been busy in phonics reviewing all the sounds that they have learnt in Reception and Year one then applying them to reading and writing new words. In the second week after half term they will be completing their national phonics screening checks. Please ensure that your child is practicing the sounds that their teachers are sending home with them and reading their reading book. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.



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In English they have been applying their knowledge of the features of instructions to write their own instructions about how to grow a bean plant. They have been so clear and included all of the features! In maths they have wrapped up their unit position and direction with a quick few days on ordinal language which gave them a chance to practice for sports day coming first, second, third and fourth. They have now begun to learn about numbers 50 to 100.

In DT they have shown the school value of collaboration to create a whole class outcome of a blanket for a gorilla. They used their newly learnt skill of weaving to weave together different types of fabrics to create the blanket. In RE they finished their unit about different celebrations by learning about the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan and they created their own rakhi.



Year Two

It has been such a fun-filled short term!

In English at Canterbury road site the children had a Caribbean themed carnival and they wrote a recount of the event. At Rosecourt road, the children enjoyed reflecting on their learning throughout the year to write their contributions for the end of year reports. Later on in the week, the children had grammar lessons to consolidate on some of the learning done this year.



In maths, the children consolidated their learning on fractions. They recalled what a unit fraction was and what a non-unit fraction was. They also used counters to show their understanding on finding a fraction of an amount. They found fifths, quarters and thirds of numbers. The children have learnt how to show their working out using bar models.



In the wider curriculum subjects, the children finished making their carnival headdresses. At Rosecourt road, the children will have the Caribbean themed carnival in summer 2 when they come back from their half term break. In RE, the children learnt how Hindus worship their God by chanting the Mantra. In



geography, the children learnt what maps were and how symbols are used in maps, to help people to navigate around a new area. The children then created a symbol for the beach, river, mountain and coral reefs. They used these symbols on a map of Trinidad and Tobago.



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Year Three

What a fantastic week Year 3 has had as we hurtle towards half term! The children have been working incredibly hard across all subjects, showcasing their brilliant learning and creativity.

In English, our young advertisers have been busy perfecting their persuasive skills! They've continued to learn all about adverts, focusing on how to transform a 'boring' ad into something truly captivating. Armed with this knowledge, they then put their talents to the test, creating their very own adverts to entice people to come and watch an *Oliver Twist* play. We were so impressed with their persuasive language and imaginative ideas!

Maths this week has been all about mastering time. The children have been diligently learning to tell the time, focusing on minutes past the hour and how many minutes are left until the next hour. They then applied this understanding to digital clocks, becoming real experts at reading and understanding the time displayed.

Our DT lesson saw the children transform into accomplished sewers! They've been bringing their money pouches to life with incredible dedication. It's been wonderful to see the concentration and effort as they used a range of stitches to create truly beautiful and unique pouches. They are absolutely stunning!



Finally, in RE, the children embarked on an insightful trip to our local church. They learned all about how Christians pray, discovering that prayer isn't just about asking for things, but also about giving thanks, expressing sorrow, and praising God. They explored different ways Christians pray, such as silent reflection, communal prayer, and using specific prayers like the Lord's Prayer, and how these practices help them connect with their faith and strengthen their relationship with God.

Year Four

In Maths, the children have been learning all about *time*. They practised telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks and worked on converting between the two formats. On top of that, they tackled some tricky reasoning and worded problems, showing real perseverance and problem-solving skills. They did amazingly well—brilliant work, Year 4!



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In Writing, the children completed their biographies on a famous person of their choice. We had a wonderful range of subjects, including Michael Jackson, Queen Elizabeth II, Winston Churchill and Albert Einstein. The final pieces were a joy to read! The children used a checklist to assess their writing against the expected features and worked hard on self-editing their work before it was marked. You are all developing into thoughtful and skilled writers—well done!

In Science, we put our knowledge to the test with an exciting quiz all about the human digestive system. The children really impressed us with how much they've remembered and understood. Their enthusiasm and confident answers were fantastic—great job, scientists!

In DT, we wrapped up our project on ancient Greece by reflecting on and evaluating our completed *Greek catapults*. The children were so proud of their creations, and rightly so—they looked amazing! Everyone got to take theirs home to share with their families—brilliant work!

Well done, Year 4, on a fantastic final week before the break. Don't forget to *keep practising your times tables* over the holiday—the test will be in the first week back!

Have a lovely half term! 🌻

Year Five

This week in maths, the children have been deepening their understanding of decimal numbers by learning how to sequence them, add them accurately. They have also learned how to multiply by 10, 100 and 1,000. Through a variety of engaging tasks and practical challenges, they explored how the place value of digits changes when multiplied by powers of ten. These activities encouraged them to think carefully about number patterns and to apply their skills in real-world contexts. They were also encouraged to explain their reasoning, justify their methods, and work collaboratively to solve problems. This has helped to strengthen both their mathematical fluency and their ability to communicate using precise mathematical language.

In English, the children have taken on the exciting challenge of becoming nature documentary narrators in the style of Sir David Attenborough. They began by analysing a range of his voiceovers, focusing on features such as tone, pace, descriptive language, and how he conveys wonder and curiosity about the natural world. Using these insights, the children planned, wrote, and performed their own scripts, choosing fascinating animals or environments to focus on. They rehearsed their delivery, paying close attention to intonation and expression, and then shared their performances with their peers. Each child received and gave thoughtful feedback,



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discussing ways to improve clarity, engagement, and style. This project was a fantastic way to build their speaking, listening, and creative writing skills.

In DT, the children have been busy designing and building their own working wind turbines using card, paper, and simple electric circuits. They learned about the importance of renewable energy and how wind power can be harnessed to produce electricity. The project involved careful measuring, cutting, and assembling of materials, as well as connecting basic electrical components to generate movement. Throughout the process, the children tested their turbines, identified problems, and made improvements to increase efficiency. This hands-on work not only brought their learning about energy sources to life but also encouraged teamwork, perseverance, and critical thinking.

Year Six

Year 6 have taken a moment to relax this week after the SATs week. Despite this, they have still been working hard across a range of subjects. In maths, they demonstrated fantastic collaboration and integrity while tackling some challenging problems. The children have also examined different characters and setting descriptions in reading, picking out some language they enjoyed from a range of texts. Our budding historians at Rosecourt Road have also been busy, creating impressive double-page spreads to present what they have learnt about the impact of World War 2 on London. Meanwhile, children at Canterbury Road have been exploring the vibrant geography of Brazil with enthusiasm and

Beyond topic work, Year 6 are continuing to develop their writing skills, building on the cohesion and careful language selection they've honed throughout the year. They are becoming increasingly aware of their audience and how to engage them effectively.

As we approach the half-term break, we wish all our Year 6 pupils a restful and well-deserved holiday. This will be a great opportunity to recharge their batteries in preparation for their final half-term at West Thornton, which promises to be a very busy and exciting one!

Phrases of the Week



¡Que tengáis todos unas felices vacaciones!-Have a great holiday everyone!



Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Khadija	Hussain	Whole Class	Trinity	
Hephzibah	Stefan		Ehsanullah	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Aisha	Kyrie	Harry	Khemyra	
Haris	Mohammed	Athalia	Ryan	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Yr 2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Yusuf	Viyana	Leksha	Jayden	
Loreran	Jaxon	Aryan	Halla	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Mia	Iyaaz	Keevah	Elena	Pedro
Kylie-Shae	Grace	Rachel	Musa	Ayesha
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Karim	Aarohan	Fiza	Tamiah	Whole
O'Shan	Neiniha	Maya	Zanneyah	Class
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Elijah B	Whole Class	Chantel	Chu	Anaya
Meeran		Luke	Nistha	Esha
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Daisy	Annalisa	Samesha	Mubashir	Whole Class
Malachi	Patrick	Apishiya	Noble	



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Spanish				
Years 3,4,5,6 CR				

Community

FA CUP WINNERS - Crystal Palace Parade - Monday 26th May

Please click on the link below for the details of the parade.

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Save the date!

West Thornton Summer Fair

Date: Thursday 26th June 2025

Venue: Rosecourt Road Site



Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend a PTA meeting today to help prepare for the fair. If you were unable to attend and have ideas or can contribute in some way, then please inform the school office on either site. More information about the fair will be shared after half term.



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