



West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week, our children have returned from half term, to the excitement and hands on engagement of DT Food Week! Children have been planning, making and most importantly tasting and evaluating a variety of dishes - and it's clear that we have some budding chefs in our school community. There have been indoor picnics, healthy eating assemblies and lots of other fun ways to showcase the skills children have learned. Leaders have also really appreciated having to quality assure the delicious outcomes, from fruit salads to pizzas and kebabs!!!

Next week is another fun and busy week, with Sports Days featuring on four days (Please remember that Friday 13th June is an INSET day for teachers, and the school will be closed to children). A reminder of the days on which your class will be having their sports days is below - other information can be found in the letter sent on Tuesday May 20th. If you are unsure what colour t-shirt your child needs for the day, please check with your class teacher.

	Morning (9.30am start)	Afternoon (2 – 2.45pm)
Monday 9th June		Reception (CR)
Tuesday 10th June	Year 5 and 6	Reception (RR)
Wednesday 11th June	Year 1 and 2	
Thursday 12th June	Year 3 and 4	

Finally, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all the families in our community who are celebrating Eid today and hope that you enjoy this special time together.



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Attendance

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

RR Reception Pine Class

CR Year 5 Sycamore

RR Reception Oak Class

RR Year 1 Maple Class

RR Year 2 Rowan Class

RR Year 2 Spruce Class

RR Year 4 Acacia Class

RR Year 4 Yew Class

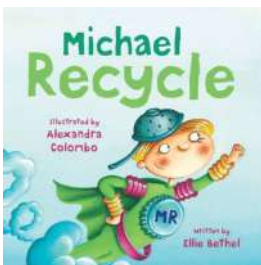
RR Year 5 Cypress Class

RR Year 6 Juniper Class

Curriculum Focus

Reception

Reception has had a very busy but fantastic start to the final half term of the year. When they returned to school, they saw that the playground was extremely dirty! There had been litter dropped all over the ground and they decided that they must be responsible and tidy it up! Armed with litter pickers, the children picked up lots of different materials, such as paper, plastic bottles, bottle lids, cardboard and even plastic bags! This was a fantastic time to introduce the children to their new core text 'Michael Recycle' and begin to learn all about how to be sustainable and which materials they could recycle. As part of their literacy learning this week they made a prediction about their core text 'Michael Recycle' using the front cover and wrote a list of what the people in the town did to be sustainable.



During maths, the children rotated and manipulated 2-dimensional shapes so they could copy or create their own tangram pictures. They identified what 2-dimensional shapes they would need based on their properties and purpose.

Topic has been very exciting in reception this week! The focus was DT food week and the children were tasked with creating their own biscuits. They first tasted a variety of biscuits, then designed



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their own biscuit. Next was the fun part, following a recipe to make and decorate their biscuit. Finally, they tasted and evaluated their biscuit. We're sure they tasted as good as they looked!



Year One

It has been a very busy week in Year 1. The children have been working very hard on their phonics in preparation for their phonics screening check next week. Please continue to revise the sounds over the weekend in the homework this week.

In English this week, the children have been busy writing their reflections of their time in year 1. They have thought about their successes and challenges and thought about what they want to work on as they move into Year 2. The children look forward to you reading these in their end of year reports.



In maths, the children have been working with numbers to 100. They have been partitioning numbers by identifying the number of tens and ones. They have also been ordering and comparing numbers.



The children were lucky to take part in a healthy eating workshop led by our school caterers Chartwell. They discussed healthy eating and different fruits and vegetables. They listened to the story of the hungry caterpillar and then talked about the choices the caterpillar made.

They ended the workshop by using different fruits and vegetables to make their own caterpillar or butterfly and then were able to eat their pictures.



In DT food week, the children have had so much fun tasting different fruits. They researched different packaging and designed their own labels. They then designed, made and evaluated their own fruit salads.





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Year Two

This week everyone has been engaged in DT food week with opportunities to taste foods they have never eaten before! The children in year 2 have continued their learning around the culture of Trinidad and Tobago by making Trini-rotis! They had to overcome some of their food fears by tasting unfamiliar foods such as spinach and fried onions. They also learnt that roti is a very popular dish in Trinidad and that they are usually filled with delicious meats. The children created a vegetarian option making the roti dough from scratch! They had lots of fun and enjoyed eating their final product!



In writing, the children at CR were reflecting on the year they have had a part of their report contributions. They thought about what they were most proud of, what their biggest challenges have been and which trips were most memorable. Over at RR, children had their Carnival parade and wrote about their personal experiences with one child commenting on how "magical" the whole event had been.

In maths, children are continuing to build on their understanding of time by identifying the minute hand and the hours hand as well as understanding how the 5 times table helps us to tell time on an analogue clock!

Year Three



Wow, what a fantastic start Year 3 has had to the final half term of the year! It's been a busy and exciting few weeks, full of brilliant learning and fun.

Our Design and Technology (DT) lessons were extra tasty as we enjoyed a special Food Week! The children kicked things off by travelling back in time to discover what Victorians ate. They were really surprised by some of the interesting food choices from the past! Then came the delicious part – a scone taste test! Everyone got to try different types of scones to find their favourite before designing and making their very own.

The highlight was our Indoor Garden Party! The children absolutely loved trying their homemade scones with yummy clotted cream and jam. And as if that wasn't sweet enough, they also performed a wonderful rendition of "Do-Re-Mi" from *The Sound of Music*! What a treat for everyone's ears and tummies!



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In Maths, Year 3 has been continuing their journey with time, focusing on understanding am and pm and working out how much time has passed. They're becoming real time-telling experts!

English lessons have been just as exciting as we started our new core text, 'Invisible'. It's a lovely story about a girl who feels invisible but then finds a brilliant way to make her local environment better. To get us thinking, the children took a walk around the school to spot areas that need a little bit of love and attention. They discovered that our edible garden planting beds could do with a bit of a tidy-up, so we'll be busy making a plan to improve it!

The children have also been super busy with their assessments. This is a great chance for them to show off all the amazing progress they've made this year. They were really pleased to see how much they've learned and noticed that they can now do calculations they couldn't before! They've also improved their understanding of tricky grammar, including word classes and tenses. Well done, Year 3!

We're so looking forward to having a fantastic end to the school year, filled with even more fun learning and exciting activities!



Year Four

Year four has had a very exciting week back. We looked at an assortment of vegetables - some of which were new to most of us like courgettes, and we planned and sketched the ingredients for our Food Week project: vegetable kebabs! We used imperative verbs and time adverbials to create a recipe, and then followed it as we prepared our skewers with our choice of vegetables. Our marinade was the star of our show, as it made the vegetables extremely delicious (the surprise of many children!). We hope that more children are inspired to experiment with ingredients in their kitchens at home.

As it is a new half term, we have also been exploring our new focus book 'The goldfish boy' by Lisa Thompson. We discussed the nature





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of OCD and have learnt about and shared what our own phobias may be, and how that impacts our lives. We'd had discussions about empathy and the language you use to talk to one another in a sensitive manner. We have also explored ways in which we can work around or overcome our fears, and what support we might need to be able to do that,

Aside from this, many children have started their final assessments this week. Please pass on kind words of encouragement to them, as I'm sure that you are as proud of them and how hard they have worked this year as we are. We know that they will continue working hard in our last half term as well!

Year Five

It's been another fantastic and productive week in Year 5, with the children continuing to show great enthusiasm and diligence across all areas of the curriculum.

In English, we've been fully immersed in *Floodland*, our captivating core text. The children have delved deep into the richly detailed setting descriptions, analysing the author's skilful use of descriptive language and vivid imagery. They have enjoyed "magpieing" some of these powerful vocabulary choices and literary techniques to inspire their own writing. Building on this, the children have begun crafting their own setting descriptions, incorporating a variety of literary devices such as similes, metaphors, and personification to bring their scenes vividly to life.

In Maths, we've been exploring the topic of decimals, with a particular focus on adding and subtracting decimals within one. The ever-reliable column method has been our strategy of choice, helping to ensure accuracy and a strong understanding of place value. To further support their learning, the children have used counters and visual models to represent tenths and hundredths, deepening their conceptual understanding of decimal numbers.

Our Design and Technology lessons have been equally exciting. The children have been researching, designing, and evaluating their very own pizzas. They considered the elements that make a delicious and well-balanced pizza, before designing imaginative packaging to house their creations. After making and tasting their final products, the children reflected thoughtfully on the process and discussed ways they could improve their designs in future.



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Year Six

What a fantastic and busy week it's been for Year 6!

In Writing, our budding authors have been deeply immersed in crafting their own narratives, inspired by the thrilling tale of El Caminante, the tightrope walker. They've focused on using engaging dialogue to bring their characters to life and propel their stories forward.

Our Maths lessons have seen the children embark on an exciting new project: designing their very own zoos! This practical task has involved a lot of calculation as they work out the costs of materials, ensuring their zoos would be a worthwhile and enjoyable visit for customers.

In Curriculum, Year 6 has been enjoying a fascinating journey to Brazil, learning all about the country and the Awe tribe who live in the rainforest.

One of the biggest highlights this week was undoubtedly their Design and Technology (DT) lessons. The children explored the vibrant world of Mexican cuisine and, after thorough research, planning, and evaluation, successfully created their own wonderful guacamole! They've done so well with this project.

Well done, Year 6, on a week filled with creativity, critical thinking, and delicious results!



Phrases of the Week



Bienvenidos a todos y Feliz Eid. - Welcome back everyone and Happy Eid.



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Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Ayeza	Stan	Taqi	Cody	
Amna	Kevin	Dhanush	Ayran	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Victoria	Alesia	Shiylo	Wiktorja	
Aisha	Jessica	Athalia	Hitarth	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Abinisha	Skyler	Whole class	Krishiv	
Sidharth	Sarvika		Eugithan	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
kaseon	Whole	Whole	Anaya	Reign
younus	Class	Class	Krish	Campion
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Hasan	Whole	Ella - Mae	Evan	Anaya
Adrian	Class	Edwin	Ethan	Brianna
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Taksh	Daniel	Aneeyah	Sajoori	Aayan
Richard	Mirudna	Alex.A	Chu	Areha
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Sanvi	Neva'ah	Alvina	Yasmin	Faith
Mimi	Angel	Smirti	Aapthy	Chrisinda



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Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE		
Year 3 Rosecourt Road				

Community

Here is a round up of the next series of Parent/Carer Webinars to help with your child's emotional wellbeing. They will be taking place every Wednesday at 7pm, starting 4th June for six weeks.

These free, 1 hour sessions are available for parents and carers of any children or young people living in Croydon, Sutton or Merton.

A different topic will be covered each week including:

- Supporting your Child with School Transitions
- Supporting your Child who Struggles to get to School
- Helping your Child with Anxiety & Worries
- Helping your Child's Behaviour (Primary Age)
- Introduction to Neurodiversity
- Supporting your Young Person's Low-Mood

If you've not attended before, there's no need to appear on camera and there'll be opportunity for questions too.

Find out more about each session and register to attend via our Eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mhst-parentcarer-webinars-2674189>



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ONLINE PARENT/CARER WEBINARS

Supporting your Child with School Transitions

Wed 4th June 7pm

Supporting your Child who Struggles to get to School

Wed 11th June 7pm

Helping your Child with Anxiety and Worries

Wed 18th June 7pm

Helping your Child's Behaviour (Primary age)

Wed 25th June 7pm

Introduction to Neurodiversity

Wed 2nd July 7pm

Supporting your Young Person with Low-mood

Wed 9th July 7pm



FREE Events @ Boxpark



The Kids' Table will be taking over BOXPARK Croydon, every Sunday to provide arts, crafts and entertainment for your little ones.

The Kids' Table team will entertain the little 'uns with arts, crafts and creative table-top fun every Sunday, 12-4PM.



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First come, first served and free of charge to Boxpark customers, over 3s. Spaces are limited.
Please arrive early to avoid disappointment.



South Norwood Community cafe

Tuesday - Friday 10 am-3pm

* Pay-if-you-can cafe * Lunch is served from 12:30pm *

*Coffees, teas, pastries, cakes and snacks served all day *

*SNCK boutique for free clothes, nappies and toiletries, books and free groceries all day *



Saturday kitchen

*Every Saturday 9am-2pm

* Food bank for fresh fruit and veg, dried and tinned goods, cupboard items and anything else we get donated-pick up a ticket from 9am *

* Free 2 course sit-down lunch from 12:30pm *

* SNCK boutique for free clothes, bric-a-brac, nappies, and toiletries from 11am *



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**DANCE TO THRIVE
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&
LOCATIONS**

**FREE EVENTS
ALL AGES
WELCOME!**

INTERGENERATIONAL
Learn to play the African djembe and mbira in our interactive drumming circle. Enjoy uplifting African dance that connects generations. No experience needed – drums are provided and everyone is welcome.

PEACE OF MIND
Enjoy the natural environment of the green spaces – all ages welcome.

HEALTHY HABITS
Free African and Caribbean healthy taster food sampling and mindful eating practice.

MOVE OUR BODY IN NATURE
Join us for a joyful, intergenerational experience that brings people together through rhythm, movement, singing and stories in a beautiful natural setting. Let us know if you have any access needs.

Saturday 12th July 2025
Good Food Matters,
Mickleham Way, New
Addington, Croydon,
CR0 0PN
Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Saturday 19th July 2025
Good Food Matters,
Mickleham Way, New
Addington, Croydon,
CR0 0PN
Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Saturday 26th July 2025
The Wilderness Shirley
Church Road, Croydon,
CR0 5EF
Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

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- Universal Credit claimants - upto 80% fees paid
- University student - Childcare Grant Payment upto 80% fees paid
- Working - Childcare choices & Voucher scheme Tax relief



Open Hours:

Monday - Friday
Breakfast 07:30 am - 09:00 am
Afterschool 15:15 pm - 18:30 pm

Breakfast £5.50 / Afterschool £10.50 per session*

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