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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

27th June 2025

It's been yet another busy week at West Thornton with lots of learning and activities each day. Year 6 have been working tirelessly to prepare for their end of year production. We can't wait to see the final performance soon. Elsewhere in the school, Year 4 have been continuing their swimming lessons while other year groups have been putting the finishing touches to their end of year report writing, where they share their reflections on the achievement of the year.

SUMMER FAIR

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Summer Fair! It was wonderful to see so many of our families enjoying the sunshine and all of the stalls we had on offer this year. Your support makes our school community so special.



We would also like to say a massive thank you to the following businesses and organisations for their incredibly generous donations and raffle prizes. Your support made a huge difference.

- Chartwells Catering Company
- Teaching Personnel
- BB Soccer Croydon
- Farleigh Golf Course



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- Flipout - Croydon
- Hobbledown Farm
- The Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts
- Clip n Climb - Wandsworth

A special thank you to the charity Legacy for attending the fair and to **the Laker Group Company** for their donations and services on the day also!

Nut-Free School Reminder

As a nut-free school, we prioritise the safety and well-being of all our students and staff, especially those with severe nut allergies. Even a tiny trace of nuts can cause a life-threatening allergic reaction for some individuals. By maintaining a strict nut-free environment, we ensure that every child can learn and play without fear, fostering an inclusive and secure community for everyone. It is therefore essential that products that contain any nuts or traces of nuts are not brought onto the school grounds. This includes chocolate bars containing nuts, chocolate spread and cereal bars that may contain nuts.

Attendance

Well done to these classes with attendance over 97%

CR - Year 1 Lime Class

RR - Year 2 Spruce Class

CR - Year 2 Palm Class

RR - Year 3 Cedar Class

CR - Year 5 Sycamore Class

RR - Year 4 Acacia Class

RR - Year Year 5 Silver Birch

RR - Year 5 Cypress

Curriculum Focus

Reception

This week in Literacy, the children have been learning about the features of a letter. As part of this, they wrote their own letters to say thank you to the refuse collectors for the important work they



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do in our community. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to practise writing with a real purpose while showing appreciation and kindness.

In Maths, Reception have been exploring positional language such as in front, behind, next to, under and between. The children used this vocabulary to describe the location of objects in photos of familiar places. This has helped to develop their spatial awareness and descriptive skills.

As part of our Topic work, the children have been learning about the importance of sharing worries or concerns with a friend or trusted adult. They read the well-known story Ruby's Worry, which led to thoughtful discussions about how talking to someone can help manage anxious feelings, particularly as they start to think about the changes coming in September.



Year One

In literacy, we've been writing fact files on sea pollution. We were inspired by Somebody Swallowed Stanley and have been researching and writing interesting facts about how pollution affects sea creatures and what we can do to protect our oceans. We worked hard to include headings, subheadings, and key vocabulary in our writing.



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In maths, we have started looking at time. This week we have focused on learning and ordering the days of the week and months of the year. We've also been investigating the difference between seconds, minutes, and hours through activities like timing how long different tasks take and comparing durations.



In RE, we learnt about the Five Pillars of Islam and focused on the Shahada. As we have Muslim learners in our class, we had the special opportunity to hear about their personal experiences of the Shahada and learn about its significance in their daily lives.

In history, we compared schools from the past to schools from the present. It was fascinating to see how classrooms, uniforms, and lessons have changed over time.





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English this week was focussed around our core text 'The Invisible' where the children used the skill of writing in 1st person to write 3 consecutive diary entries conveying the main characters thoughts and feelings throughout the story. The children successfully used show not tell language, commas in a list and a variety of descriptive techniques to entice their readers.



In the wider curriculum, this week in science the children looked at how our muscles help to move our body. They learnt how muscles work in pairs to contract and relax before making their own model of a hand to show how this concept works by pulling the string to contract the muscles.

Year Four

This week, Year 4 have been working hard on their short narratives about a phobia they might have. They are imagining they are on a trip to somewhere like the Natural History Museum, and then they have to face their worst fear! Based on the Goldfish Boy, they need a friend to help them out and successfully overcome the barrier.

In maths, some classes are working on recognising and creating symmetry, whilst others are interpreting and drawing graphs. We are still building their arithmetic skills in class, so they are ready for Year 5 (having just met their new teachers!).

All classes have now had a great experience at the NHM, where they built on their knowledge around earthquakes and volcanoes. It was an explosive workshop! We are also busy programming our little Pico robots to make them talk and move their heads. In art, we are using collage to create new images, where the children can cut or tear to make their designs.

Have fun swimming Hornbeam!

Year Five

This week in English, year 5 students have been working on writing their report comments and reflecting on their year as a whole. Students have been looking at their biggest achievements and challenges and the things that they would like to continue to work on when moving on into Year 6! We have also been looking at all the work we have done this year and how this has developed our learning and what we can do to continue this into year 6 to further our learning journeys.



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In maths we have been working on converting units of measurement, our key focus is on time this week. We have been looking at reading timetables and working out missing key information and how this is relatable in real life.

In History, we have been looking at primary and secondary resources and how to tell the difference between them. Then students, with this knowledge were able to research how the Vikings had influence on; daily life, agriculture, language and religion. Students wrote a summary in their books of what they found and shared this as a class.

SL6 Croydon – West Norwood – Russell Square

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Year Six

It's been another fantastic week for Year 6. With only 3 full weeks to go, the children have been making memories at both sites. At Canterbury Road, rehearsals are ramping up, as is the buzz for the end of year production. We are so proud of all of the children's efforts and can't wait to put on a spectacular show for you! At Rosecourt Road, the children have been preparing for their own end of year show as well as designing and making a beautiful quilt as part of a DT outcome: the children will leave their mark at West Thornton long after they have gone.



The children have also been busy with their learning again this week, finishing off their last writing pieces, which we are all so proud of. They've been learning lots in history about the old city of Baghdad, using objects to help them to work out how people would have lived over 1400 years ago and in science, they have been learning about the process of evolution.

Rosecourt Road visited Chessington on Wednesday for a fun day of rides, thrills and excitement! It was an incredible day and the children had non-stop fun- they couldn't stop talking about the Vampire and Mandrill Mayhem on the way back. Next week it'll be Canterbury Road's turn and we can't wait to hear all about it!



Phrases of the Week



¡El valor del mes de West Thornton es la EXCELENCIA! - West Thornton's termly value is EXCELLENCE!

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Alita	Oliver	Ezekiel	Victoria	
Tiana	Zahid	Sofia	Caterina	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Eloise	Anam	Minette	Andino	
Moiz	Mohammad	Vihan B	Aaliyah	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Gracella	Jisha	Norah	Ryan	
Paari	Manvay	Powell	Seyon	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Rayya	Joshua	Talha	Anaya	Arayan
Harish	Maryama	Nitya	Hoorain	Meryam
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Aarav	Aarohan	Johan	Amaya	Whole Class
Persis	Jessington	Edwin	Jewel	
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Lucy	Whole Class	Kaira-Leigh	Amir	Alicia



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Ameen		Pusti	Zaina	Anaya
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Malachi	Ava	Zahra	Samuel	Cassius
Prince- Isaac	Chris	Affan	Rihan	Triston
Spanish				
Tanisha Cypress				

Community



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small, or embarrassing.

Get support with:

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- school and education
- child development
- additional needs
- family relationships
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Club



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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

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Childcare
Credits

CGPS

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Open Hours:

Monday - Friday

Breakfast 07.30 am - 09.00 am

Afterschool 15.15 pm - 18.30 pm

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* £2.00 weekly for emergency sessions



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**FUN & CREATIVE
ACTIVITIES FOR BOYS &
GIRLS 4-11 YEARS OLD
4 WEEKS, MON - THURS**

HAF Bookings
**28 JULY - 21 AUG
2025
10AM - 2PM**

KG Doodles Bookings
**28 JULY - 21 AUG
2025
9AM - 4PM 9AM-
12PM/1PM-4PM**

Admission
Fully funded with HAF Voucher
KG Doodles: £15 Per Session or
Full Day with Lunch
£35

Activities

- ✓ Robotics
- ✓ Gymnastics
- ✓ Drawing & painting
- ✓ Gardening
- ✓ Football

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Rosecourt Road
Croydon, CR0 3BS

Registration Links

www.kgdoodles.co.uk

www.croydon.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food

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- ✓ Passionate about helping local children?
- ✓ Spare bedroom?
- ✓ Want to work from home?



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10 July 2025
Croydon Town Hall
5:45 - 7pm

22 July 2025
Virtual/Online
5:45 - 7pm

12 August 2025
Croydon Town Hall
5:45 - 7pm

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