



West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

11th July 2025

This week was another fun - and very hot and sunny week - at West Thornton Primary School! 🌞

We really enjoyed celebrating **Spanish Day** on Thursday and are very grateful for Mrs Fonseca organising this - and creating the fiesta atmosphere! 🇪🇸 The children had additional Spanish language lessons to brush up on all they've learned this year; they had a special Spanish lunch, dressed in the red and yellow of the Spanish flag and thoroughly enjoyed the special assemblies with lively, traditional music.



Reports

These will be shared with you today and we encourage you to read these with your child, to celebrate the progress and accomplishments from the year. Please remember, whatever level your child is working at, they are all doing their best and will be supported to make even more progress next year. Year 6 Reports will contain the End of Key Stage 2 SATs results, and needless to say we are incredibly proud of the children. The children have achieved incredibly well, with attainment above the national average in all subjects, as well as the combined Reading Writing Maths measure. In Year 1 Phonics results will be shared, and your child's score in the Multiplication Tables Checks will be given for Year 4 children. If you have any questions, or want to discuss anything from your child's report, please speak directly to your child's class teacher.



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Canterbury Road Cooking Club

A huge well done to the children who completed 9 weeks of cooking lessons! We learned about food hygiene, healthy eating and used our fine motor skills for chopping, cutting and slicing.



Together we made: Pizza, Scones, Brownies, Chocolate Crispy cakes/ cookie decoration, Chicken Fajita, Hot dogs, Nachos, Burgers and Victoria Sponge cake!

We are so proud of the children and thoroughly enjoyed watching them have so much fun.



Community Thank You

A big thank you to the Co op Food store, South Lodge Avenue, Mitcham, who have made a generous donation of £250 to our school. We are planning on using it to purchase some balance bikes and trikes for our youngest pupils. Mrs Callaghan gratefully accepted the cheque this week.

Attendance

Well done to these classes with attendance over 97%

RR Year 2 Rowan

CR Year 1 Lime

RR Year 4 Acacia

CR Year 4 Hornbeam

RR Year 5 Silver Birch

CR Year 4 Olive

RR Year 5 Magnolia

CR Year 5 Sycamore

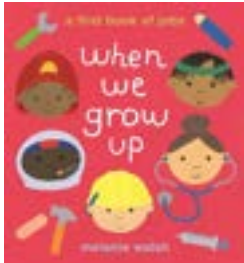
Curriculum Focus



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Reception



This week in literacy, the children have been discussing what they want to be when they grow up. They have read the book 'When we grow up' to give them some ideas about the jobs they might like to do. They have looked at different occupations over the past few weeks and even had a visit from some police officers! They have written sentences about what they want to be and why they want to do that job.

In maths, the children have been recalling their addition and subtraction learning. They have been solving different problems using their mathematical knowledge and writing it as a number sentence. They have been recalling the different symbols and what they mean, such as the plus sign and equals sign.

In topic this week, the children have been looking at different countries and cultures and looking at how they are similar and different to life in England. They have used the text 'This is how we do it' which looks at many different countries and the homes they live in.



Year One

This week we have another busy week in Year One! In writing the children worked to rewrite the story of Tidy to tell the story of Max the monkey. All of them used so many exciting adjectives, conjunctions, comparatives and superlatives. They are so excited to share their stories with you when they bring their books home for the holidays.

In maths they have been reviewing all of their learning from this year including the value of coins, telling time and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Art has also kept them busy as they have been finishing their jellyfish. They all look so colourful and fun! In science they have been working on the scientific skill of prediction using their knowledge of summer weather to predict the weather for the next few days.

Year Two



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As we fast approach the end of a very busy academic year, the children are still working hard at improving their writing skills. This week, the children in Year 2 have been writing a recount of their trip to Coombe Wood. They have been using time adverbials, adjectives and adverbs to write a detailed recount in paragraphs.

As we have covered all the topics in maths for this year, this week has been about consolidating the children's understanding on some of the topics from the Year 2 learning. So the children have practised their skills in finding doubles and halves of numbers using the partitioning method. They have also consolidated their learning on using the inverse to find the missing numbers. They then practised how to add and subtract two digit numbers using the column method.



In art the children absolutely loved completing their final outcome, which was a collage in the style of Eric Carle. They have been working hard to complete this final outcome, they will be taking home their finished artwork this week.

Year Three

This week in year 3, our classrooms have been buzzing with creativity and critical thinking, and the children have really shone in every subject.

In English, we delved deep into our core text, 'The Pea and the Princess'. The children have enjoyed the challenge of rewriting the story from the Prince's perspective. They had great discussions as they got into character, imagining the Queen's stern warnings about cutting off his pocket money if he didn't find a wife! Their stories were full of brilliant insights into the Prince's thoughts and feelings as he embarked on his quest.

In Maths, the children have become data handling whizzes! They've been busy analysing and producing their own bar graphs and pictograms, asking insightful questions, and finding the answers hidden within.

Which brings us to Geography! Building on their newfound data expertise, the children undertook an important local study. They ventured out and collected data on the amount of litter in our local park. Bringing that information back to class, they then produced bar charts to visually



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represent their findings. This led to some excellent discussions about what the data told us and, more importantly, what impact all that litter might have on the people living in the local area. It was a powerful lesson in how maths and geography can help us understand our community.



Finally, in Art, the children have been unleashing their inner artists, inspired by the incredible work of Jean-Michel Basquiat. They've used all the skills and knowledge they've built up over the last half term to create some truly vibrant and expressive pieces. Their artwork is a testament to their creativity and hard work, and they should be very proud of what they've produced.

Year Four

Year Four have had another fun filled week. We've set off volcanoes, published our English writing projects, and even reflected on our reports! We've had conversations about our MTC check marks and we're so proud of how each of us has put in so much effort to learn our times tables - it's definitely paid off! We hope that you can celebrate this achievement at home as well; this strong foundation will be very useful as the children enter year 5 and start preparing for their SATs exams. Please continue practicing the times tables at home. Revising number bonds to 10 and 100 and using column method would also be very helpful,

In Art, our work inspired by Valentina Brostean is reaching its end. We have practised layering, tearing, cutting, and sticking with recycled papers and have also looked up images that represent our likes and dislikes. We have used our profile to fill in with these images and chose to make them a bit strange and bizarre like all surrealist art!

Year Five

This week, our Year 5 students had the exciting opportunity to visit The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy for a special experience day. The children took part in a range of engaging sessions, including food technology, drama, design technology, PE, and science experiments. It was a fantastic chance for them to explore what life is like in secondary school, and they were especially enthusiastic about trying out the different subjects in a real high school setting. The staff and prefect students at the Academy were incredibly helpful and friendly, making our pupils feel welcome and supported throughout the day. The experience was both educational and inspiring, and the students returned buzzing with excitement!



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Year Six

This week, to celebrate all their hard work, the Year 6 children went bowling where the children competed against each other in teams.

The children have also been incredibly busy completing their unique Year 6 leavers' quilt. We are so impressed with the children's stitching skills. They have been diligently creating sublimation prints of their memories at West Thornton, which will make their quilts a truly special keepsake of their time with us.

In preparation for their big farewell, the children have been deep in rehearsals for their end-of-year productions. The children have been putting a lot of effort into their rehearsals and we have been blown away by their singing! We are sure the production next week will be spectacular.

On Thursday, our Year Six celebrated Spanish Day! The children had a fantastic time playing games where they learned numbers and colours, tackled a Spanish word search, and enjoyed listening to Spanish music. This special day provided a great opportunity for the children to experience a new culture in a fun and engaging way.

Phrases of the Week



¡Felicitaciones al año 6 por los resultados del SATS! - Congratulations to the whole of year 6 for their SATS results!

Stars of the Week



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YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Dillon	Akshara	Noor	Cody	
Yasiin	Reneil	Vishesh	Syed	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Aisha	Eshal	Athalia	Jayce	
Evelin	Haad	Reece	Bhumi	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Amari	Ashik	Leksha	Arya	
Yusuf	Jvana	Arhaan	Vinojan	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Isabella	Mohammad	Joy	Haris	Mustafa
Kiran	Melissa	Shahid	Georgina	Mercy
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
whole	whole	whole	whole	whole
class	class	class	class	class
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Richard	Dylan	Kavya	Maja	Hosna
Nithusan	Alvina	Kacy-Rose	Indi	Yassine
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Joshua	whole	Whole Class	Whole class	Whole class
Rebeca.C	class			
Spanish				
Whole School RR/CR				



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Reading

Croydon Libraries are holding a summer reading challenge. Sign your child up at your local library for free and if they get 6 books signed off over the summer they will receive a certificate and a medal. They will also be entered into a prize draw to win a variety of prizes.



THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a **FREE**, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!



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Maths - Croydon Primary Maths Challenge

A huge shout out to the children of Year 5 and 6 who represented West Thornton Primary at the Croydon Primary Maths Challenge held at Parkhill Juniors this year! A fun time was had and the children's teamwork shone through in what was a tough set of challenges. The children threw themselves into each challenge with enthusiasm tapping into their mathematical knowledge to solve as many challenges as possible. We will be back next year to see if we can get into the top 3! Well done to Hasveka, Giovanni, Rexharrison and Dylan for representing our school and making us all so proud!





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Community



Week 38 and Asthma for Schools

Returning to school in September after the summer holidays can be a tricky time for children with asthma or wheeze.

Week 38 of the year is also known as the '**Asthma September Spike**', when we see a sharp increase in the number of asthma hospital admissions in Croydon.

The main culprits for this include the return to school, with subsequent exposure to bugs and viral illnesses, as well as a lapse in preventer inhaler use over the school holidays.

Going to bed late and getting up late means a change of routine and established asthma habits sometimes slip. Heading into September without any preventer inhaler protection means that you are far more likely to have an asthma attack.

Please encourage your child to continue taking their preventer inhaler every morning and night during the school holidays, even if they feel well.

You can download a Child Asthma Action Plan free from Asthma & Lung UK here:

<https://www.asthmaandlung.org.uk/conditions/asthma/child/manage/action-plan> and take it to your GP or Practice Nurse for them to fill in with you.

For more Week 38 information, please see the attached poster, or visit our social media platforms and web-page:

<https://www.croydonhealthservices.nhs.uk/childrens-asthma-service>



Instagram: @chahasthma



Facebook: CHAH Asthma

We wish you a very happy and healthy summer holiday!

Kind regards, Jo Massey (Children's Asthma Nurse Specialist)



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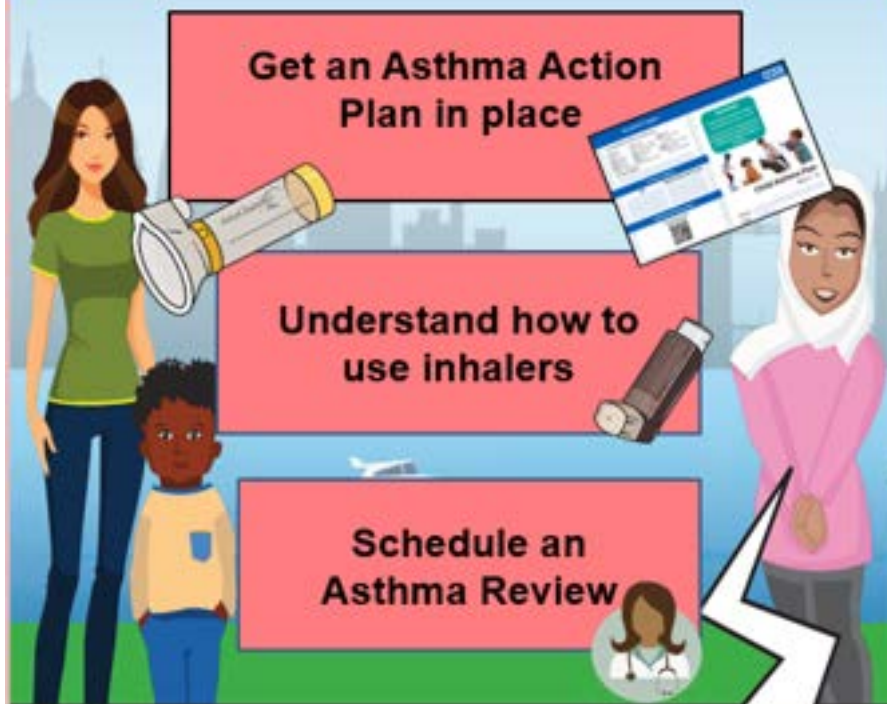
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1875 Trust

Asthma Week 38

Did you know that there is a large increase in the number of asthma attacks when children who go back to school in September?

TOP TIPS TO HELP YOU MANAGE YOUR CHILD'S ASTHMA



For more information email:
mhn-tr.CHAHAsthma@nhs.net





Croydon MHST: Summer Online Workshops

Tuesday 30th July at 13:00:
Understanding Anxiety
(For Adolescents 11-18)

Wednesday 31st July at 10:00:
Understanding Self-Harm
(For Parents & Carers)

Monday 5th August at 13:00:
Managing Low Mood
(For Adolescents 11-18)

Wednesday 7th August at 10:00:
Supporting Your Child's Wellbeing
(For Parents & Carers of
primary school aged children)

Thursday 14th August at 10:00
Child anxiety
(For Parents and Carers of
primary school-aged children)

Tuesday 20th August at 10:00:
Understanding Tics:
(For Parents & Carers)

Friday 22nd August at 10:00:
Common Behavioural Concerns
(For Parents & Carers)





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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

West Thornton Primary School
Rosecourt Road
Croydon, CRO 3BS

Registration Links
www.kgdoodles.co.uk
www.croydon.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food

More Information 07535814004 eclarke@kgdoodles.co.uk
HAF Government Funded: hafprogramme@croydon.gov.uk



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- ✓ Spare bedroom?
- ✓ Want to work from home?



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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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Use our webchat or WhatsApp to talk to a local parenting coach
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- school and education
- child development
- additional needs
- family relationships
- behaviour

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parent-talk.org.uk/croydon





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- Working - Childcare choices & Voucher scheme Tax relief

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Childcare
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