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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

18th July 2025

Wishing all of our pupils and families a happy end of Summer Term and a lovely Summer holiday. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of our parents and carers for your support, encouragement and feedback this year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Mr Owen, Mr Carroll, Mrs Eade, Miss Adekola, Mr Campta, Miss Walters, Miss Westerling, Mr George, Miss Abdi, Miss Ahmed and Mr Obinwogo who are leaving us to start a new chapter in new surroundings. We are sure you will join us in thanking them for their hard work and contributions to West Thornton and wishing them good luck in their new roles.

We would also like to say goodbye to a number of pupils, including our wonderful Year 6 children, who will be leaving us over the Summer and wish them all the very best in their new schools.

We look forward to seeing you all in September. Have an enjoyable and safe summer!

Attendance

Well done to these classes with attendance over 97%

CR Year 2 Palm Class

RR Year 4 Yew Class

Curriculum Focus

Reception

As the school year draws to a close, we're filled with a mix of emotions as we say goodbye to our wonderful Reception children. It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming them through the



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doors, eager and a little bit shy. Now, they're confident, curious, and ready for their next adventure!

We've had such a memorable year in Reception, filled with countless moments of laughter, learning, and discovery. We've watched your children blossom, developing their friendships, exploring new concepts, and growing in independence. From mastering their phonics to developing their mathematical skills, from creating amazing artwork to becoming budding scientists in our outdoor area, every child has made incredible progress. We've loved celebrating their "aha!" moments and witnessing their joy in learning.

We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them and all they have achieved this year. They've built a strong foundation for their future learning and developed essential skills that will serve them well as they move forward.

As the children prepare to transition to Year 1, we wish them all the very best. We know they will continue to shine, embrace new challenges, and make amazing memories. We're excited to see all the wonderful things they will accomplish in the years to come.

Year One

This week in year 1, the children have been working hard to finish the year strong with their amazing innovative stories. They took the setting and the character and changed them. They produce some amazing paragraphs using descriptive language, superlative and comparative adjectives.

In maths we have been looking at revisiting our learning. We revisited addition and subtraction and used that knowledge to colour in some fun maths activities.

Please continue to support and encourage children over the summer break to practise what they find difficult and revise what they have learnt throughout year 1 ready to hit the ground running next year. We hope you will have a lovely time off and come back excited for new learning in Year 2!

Year Two

Another week bites the dust! In year two the children have been enjoying writing about different settings such as a spooky haunted house or a beautiful, calm island. They've used a bank of adjectives to create noun phrases to conjure up a vivid picture of the settings they chose. For maths, they have been revisiting some previous learning about column method and inverse and later in the week, have been completing varied calculations to reignite their understanding of money, worded problems and multiplication. As the children wind down for the end of term, they



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have had a look back on the year and document their memories. They also enjoyed our class parties where they played games, watched a movie and ate their snacks. A fun time was had by all! The teachers of year 2 would like to wish the children a happy holiday and hope they and their families have a restful break. We look forward to seeing them all again when they return for the new learning adventure in Year 3!

Year Three

This week in year 3, the children have been taking a more in-depth look at our core text 'The Pea and the Princess'. At the start of the week, they wrote an innovative narrative of the story from a different perspective. They took on the thoughts and feelings of a different character from the story. They produce some amazing paragraphs using descriptive language and writing in first person.

In maths, the children have been looking at data and the different ways it can be presented. They can now successfully take the data from a tally chart and present that information using a bar chart and pictograms. They can accurately draw and label a variety of charts. This learning crossed over into their geography investigation and helped them to present their findings mathematically.

Year 3 has had really engaging lessons all across the curriculum. In science, they were able to complete some impressive double page spreads, to showcase their understanding of what humans need to survive. In art, the children have completed their final outcome, in the style of Jean Michel Basquiat. This week, along with their narrative and incredible artwork, year 3 had all contributed to an amazing publishing board, displaying their hard work.



Year Four

This week in Year 4, the children have been planning and drafting news reports on their missing cat Garfield! They discussed what kind of language we use in the news and what types of questions they might ask others to find him again. They produced some interesting reports using formal language and great vocabulary to capture the attention of readers.



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In maths, the children have been looking at translations with coordinates and shapes. They found much of this very exciting and fun and some even thought it was a game when they created funny pictures of robots using coordinates as clues.

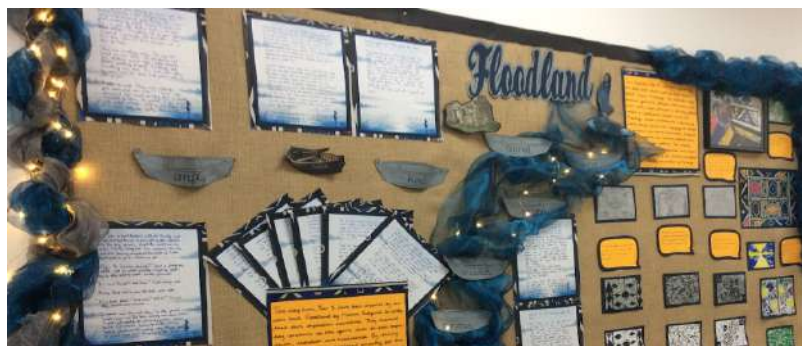
Year 4 has been really engaged in other curriculum lessons like RE, geography and art. Many of the children's amazing artwork showcasing the discipline of collage, inspired by surrealist artist Valentina Brostean, are displayed in the Year 4 zone, a must see for everyone!

All the children have worked very hard this year and produced many wonderful pieces of work. We are sure all parents will enjoy looking through all the work they bring home. Please continue to support and encourage children over the summer break to practise what they find difficult and revise what they have learnt throughout the year. We hope you will have a lovely time off and will remind children that kindness, resilience and motivation to do better are what we expect when they come back to Year 5!

Year Five

This week in English, the Year 5 children have been diligently revising and publishing their dystopian narratives. They have carefully edited their drafts, making thoughtful changes to improve the clarity, structure, and impact of their writing. As part of the revision process, they explored a range of synonyms for different words and incorporated ambitious, descriptive vocabulary to enhance their storytelling. Their goal has been to create vivid, engaging narratives that captivate the reader and effectively convey the atmosphere of their dystopian settings.

In Art, the children have continued to develop their understanding of visual storytelling as they completed a striking series of prints inspired by South African artist Esther Mahlangu. Mahlangu is celebrated for her bold use of colour and her intricate, asymmetrical patterns, which reflect the traditions of the Ndebele culture and convey stories connected to her heritage and hometown. The children explored her unique artistic style in depth, examining how she uses shape, repetition, and vibrant colour to express ideas and emotions. They then applied these techniques in their own artwork, experimenting with composition and colour choices to produce prints that are not only visually impressive but also deeply personal. The final pieces are a wonderful celebration of both creative expression and cultural appreciation.





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Year Six

What a week it has been for our incredible Year 6 pupils as they celebrated the culmination of their time at West Thornton! As part of their special leavers' activities, they enjoyed a fantastic picnic at Morden Hall Park, soaking up the sunshine and sharing laughter amidst the beautiful greenery – a perfect memory-making afternoon.

The excitement continued with their truly brilliant Leavers' Assembly. Our Year 6 stars performed with confidence and flair, captivating the audience with heartfelt recitations of poems, joyful renditions of songs, and touching shares of their favourite memories from their years at West Thornton. It was a wonderful showcase of their talents and the strong bonds they've formed.

The week rounded off with an energetic school disco, where everyone danced the night away, celebrating friendships and looking forward to new beginnings. It's been a truly great week, filled with shared moments, reflection, and warm goodbyes with friends and teachers.

We are so proud of each and every one of them and wish them all the very best for the next exciting stage of their academic journey! They will be greatly missed, but their West Thornton spirit will undoubtedly shine bright wherever they go.



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Reading

The Croydon library reading challenge has started. You can sign up at your local library and then if you read 6 books over the summer, and return to the library to get each book signed off you get a certificate and medal for completing the challenge. Anyone who completes the challenge will also be entered into a prize draw to win:

- a tour of Selhurst Park Stadium with Palace for Life
- family ticket to Godstone Farm
- Family ticket to Beauty and the Beast at Fairfield Halls
- Family ticket to Robin Hood at New Wimbledon Theatre
- Family ticket to David Lean Cinema
- Wild Ones Forest School session
- The Arc Centre tour of mini zoo and feeding session
- Better Leisure centre membership
- Better Leisure Swim vouchers
- Flip Out session

Full details can be found

here: <https://libraries.croydon.gov.uk/digital-content/library-services/childrens-library-service/summer-reading-challenge>

Phrases of the Week



¡Buenas vacaciones de verano a todos! - Have a great summer holiday everyone!

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow
Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple



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Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Whole Class	Palm class	Whole class	Whole class	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Romelle	Jensi	Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class
Younus	Kayalvily	Class	Class	Class
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
whole class	Precious	whole class	Whole Class	Chinmay
	Keshav	class	Class	Manal
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Whole class of 2025	Whole class of 2025	Whole class of 2025	Whole class of 2025	Whole class of 2025
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE		
Whole school				

Community

Right to Choose (RTC) is a patient's legal right to choose their healthcare provider for non-emergency NHS-funded treatment, including services to diagnose autism and ADHD through the appropriate assessments. To find out more click here: [Right to choose](#)



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Free Summer Fun for all the Family



Taking place between Monday 21st July and Wednesday 20th August, CALAT have got an exciting range of free Family Learning workshops to choose from. Suitable for parents, carers and their children*. These workshops are an amazing opportunity to get creative whilst learning in a nurturing and encouraging setting!

CALAT are passionate about the positive benefits of learning together as a family, making deep and lasting habits and connections to inspire everyone on to better things!

PLEASE NOTE: All children and young people must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Age restrictions apply. We reserve the right to alter any enrolments.



For more summer survival ideas, take a look at our Summer guide, filled with tips, money saving advice and ideas. This is being updated regularly so make sure you keep an eye on the updates! [Surviving Summer](#)



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CHILDCARE

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL

Club



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COME ON IN NOW!

Are you entitled to Zero or Discounted Fees

- On Full Benefits and going back to Work or College - upto 100% fees paid
- 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*

Registered & Approved



www.kgdoodles.co.uk
0117-3322-811

*T & Cs apply for emergency sessions.



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INSPIRE NEW CREATIVE
PERFORMING ARTS

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Summer School

**" INCPA helped me believe in myself.
I used to be so shy, but now I love
performing and speaking on stage"**
Amari, age 10



When: Monday 28th - Thursday 31st of July 2025

Where: Christ Church Methodist Church, 114 Lower Addiscombe Road
Croydon, Surrey, CR0 6AD

Time: 10am - 3pm **Age:** 7-13years **Cost:** £18 per day

Please remember to pack a healthy packed lunch with a bottle of water
daily for your child.

What's Included:

Acting | Dancing | Music | Poetry | Storytelling | Voice | Performing

Working with professional artists and teachers DBS checked.

Places are limited. Book early to avoid disappointment.

To BOOK:

✉ b.hutton-wood@incpa.org.uk ☎ 07535 408 348

🌐 www.incpa.org.uk



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MINI MUSIC MAKERS

Specialist musicianship classes
for children in years 1 and 2

**IGNITE YOUR CHILD'S
MUSICAL POTENTIAL!**



- An introduction to music making through singing, dancing and movement
- Have fun developing musical skills, knowledge and understanding in a practical multi-sensory way
- Structured lessons based on music conservatoire methodology

£45 a term



Find out more on croydonmusicandarts.co.uk
or email us at musicandartseducation.gov.uk

Through renowned music teaching methods of Kodaly and Dalcroze, classes will combine singing and movement. Children will gain a foundation in musicianship that will prepare them for their musical learning and creativity.



Where: Oasis Academy Shirley
Park CR7 9AL

When: Saturdays at 10:15am
For children in Year 1 and 2



Scan me to sign up!



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FREE Family Fun!

• 21st July to 20th August •

Keep the kids busy this Summer

Fun and Free! For parents, carers and children over 5 (unless stated), this is an amazing opportunity to create and learn in a nurturing and inclusive setting with loads of workshops taking place all over the borough. **Come and get involved!**

Arts & Crafts • Coding

Comic Books • Drama • Science

Family Time • Stories



Teddy Bear crafts • Paper flowers • Beautiful birds
Energy explorers • Number storytime • Soft toy sewing
Comic book showcase • Road safety • Theatre improv
Den building • Nature collage • Elmer inspired crafts

...and loads more!



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familylearning3@croydon.gov.uk

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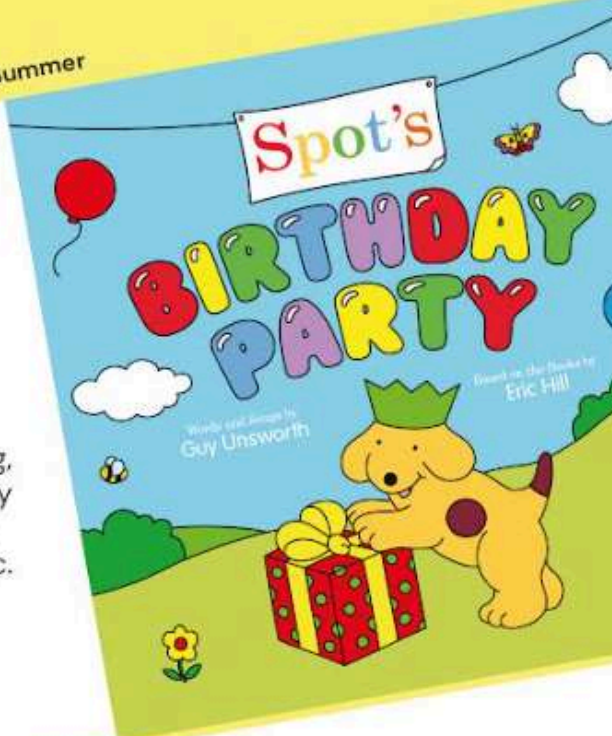
STANLEY ARTS

Upcoming Family Shows this Summer

Spot's Birthday Party Tue 19 & Wed 20 August

Join Spot and his friends for this delightful and heartwarming show, to sing, dance and wish Spot a very Happy Birthday! Based on the beloved Eric Hill classic.

For ages 2+
From £10



THE ULTIMATE BUBBLE SHOW Sunday 28 September

Ray Bubbles, International Bubbleologist and Guinness World Record Holder, is on a mission to master the art of bubble-making and create the ultimate square bubble!

For all ages
From £10



Book tickets now at www.stanleyarts.org





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BOOT SALE & TABLE TOP *Extravaganza!*

Come one, come all to a fun-filled day of bargains, treasures, and community spirit!
Whether you're looking to sell or just want to browse and buy, there's something for everyone!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Pre-loved goods, bric-a-brac, and collectibles
Clothes, books, toys, home items, and more
Refreshments, snacks & homemade treats
Family-friendly atmosphere - all are welcome!

WANT A CAR BOOT SPOT?

Reserve your Car Spot Now - Limited spaces available!



**1st Saturday July
till Last Saturday
in August**



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Revercourt Rd, Croydon CR0 2BB
Entrance by Thornton Road



7AM - 1PM

PAY AT THE ENTRANCE FOR TABLES TOP SPOT

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CAR £10 TABLE £8

**FOUND USE ITEM WITH A GOOD
BARGAIN AND A GOOD CONDITION**



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Volunteer with us this Summer!

Croydon Libraries are looking for volunteers aged 13+ to help with the Summer Reading Challenge 2025: Story Garden

As a Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer you will:

- sign up children aged 4-11 to the challenge, record books read and hand out rewards
- support and encourage children to complete their reading challenge
- promote and help with other events happening in the library
- help to keep the library tidy

To get involved and volunteer, please complete our simple application form by visiting our website: bit.ly/VolCroyLibs

