



# WEST THORNTON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

# West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

**14th November 2025**

It has been another exciting week at West Thornton.



Children and staff have been busy learning the 'Challenge yourself to 25' Strictly Come Dancing challenge ahead of Children in Need today. Each day the children learnt 5 steps of a routine leading up to the full 25 steps performance today!

### **Hurricane Melissa Appeal**

In partnership with the Croydon BME Forum, we will be taking part in a Croydon borough-wide non-uniform day next Friday (21st November 2025) to raise funds for the relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica. The borough goal is to raise £5,000 to support the purchase of school equipment, resources, and other urgently needed items for affected schools in Jamaica.

We are inviting all pupils to take part by encouraging each student and staff member to donate £1 or make a donation of stationary or hygiene products and dress in the colours of the Jamaican flag (**Yellow, Black, Green**).

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as an education community and show solidarity and support for those in need. Your participation would make a meaningful difference.

### **Leading Parent Partnership Survey**

We are currently working to achieve a Parent Partnership Award, and to evaluate our current provision, we need your input.

Your views are important in helping us understand what we are doing well and how we can do even better.

Please follow the link below to complete the survey. It should only take a couple of minutes. Please respond before the 28th November 2025 to ensure your feedback is included in our planning.

All responses and suggestions will be carefully considered and used to plan a range of school improvements.

Link to survey: <https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/690ddb4b6a8ca>



# WEST THORNTON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Attendance

Well done to these classes with attendance over 97% and an extra special well done to RR Year 6 Juniper Class with 100% attendance

CR - Year 3 Chestnut  
CR - Year 4 Hornbeam  
CR - Year 4 Olive  
CR - Year 5 Hawthorn  
CR - Year 5 Sycamore  
CR - Year 6 Acer  
CR - Year 6 Holly

RR - Reception Oak  
RR - Year 2 Rowan  
RR - Year 3 Cedar  
RR - Year 4 Acacia  
RR - Year 4 Yew  
RR - Year 5 Silver Birch  
RR - Year 6 Eucalyptus  
RR - Year 6 Juniper

### Curriculum Focus

#### Reception

In our literacy, the children have been focusing on developing their letter formation, letters u, w, and e. They have also been building their writing skills by practicing sounding out and blending words such as sit, pin, tip and tap.

In maths this week, the children focused on comparing amounts. The children explored two groups of objects to decide which group has more and which has less. They have also been practising explaining how they know, helping them use mathematical language and develop confidence in talking about numbers.

As part of our topic, the children went on a lovely local walk, enjoying the crisp autumn weather and watching leaves fall from the trees. They spotted numbers on doors and cars, listened to birds, rustling leaves and planes flying overhead. Along the way, they collected natural treasures like leaves and sticks to explore back in class.





# WEST THORNTON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Year One

This week in English, the children have been focused on the character Little Red Riding Hood and generating a variety of adjectives to describe her appearance and personality. They have been using the conjunctions 'and' and 'because' to join their sentences to create a character description.



In maths, the children have been learning all about subtraction and been finding the missing parts using it. They have also been applying their knowledge of subtraction to write the 8 number sentences to write fact families.

In the wider curriculum, the children enjoyed a visit to Morden Hall park to look for signs of Autumn to support their Science learning about seasonal change during Autumn time. They also used this opportunity to walk around their local area to support their geography learning about physical and human features around us.



### Year Two

In English this week, we dove further into our core text, *Drawn Together*, which follows the journey of a grandfather and grandson who cannot speak the same language so use drawing to communicate with each other. Children learnt about co-ordinating conjunctions and how to use them in a sentence. At the end of this week they began to write their own piece of writing with the aim of entertaining the reader. We had some really brilliant ideas this week!

In Maths this week, the children have been exploring adding across 10. We have looked at how to add 1 digit numbers to two digit numbers using different resources such as dienes, number lines and part-part-whole models.

In the wider curriculum, we began the week looking at the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, making our own colourful hannukhas. We then continued with our science investigation, which looks at waterproof material and the best way to keep a teddy dry in the rain. Lastly, we immersed ourselves into 1666 London, closing our eyes and imagining the smells and sounds of the Great Fire of London. Overall it's been a very busy week in our curriculum subjects.



# WEST THORNTON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Year Three

In English this week, the children have been writing an explanation text in the style of 'Until I met Dudley'. They have used language features including rhetorical questions, time adverbials and co-ordinating conjunctions to explain how a dishwasher works - Do you know what happens when you close the dishwasher door? It's not what you think...ask the children!

In Maths, the children have continued to sharpen their skills in adding and subtracting three-digit and two-digit numbers using the formal written column method. To ensure accuracy, they have had to carefully consider place value when aligning numbers in the columns.

It's been a busy week of learning in wider curriculum subjects this week! In DT the children have built on their knowledge of free-standing structures by experimenting with different ways to strengthen and join card and paper, including folding, rolling, layering and twisting. They thoroughly enjoyed collaborating to make free standing structures using their learnt techniques.



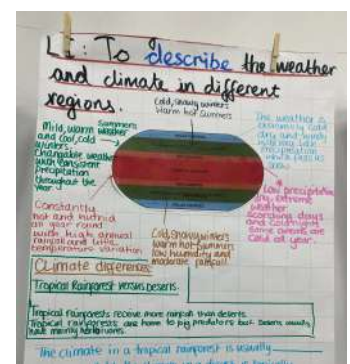
In geography, the children continued their learning about Rivers. This week they looked at the different geographical features of a river. In order to understand the different parts of the river's course we became the river! This helped the children to clearly see the 3 courses of a river; upper, middle and lower.



### Year Four

We have had a wonderfully busy week in Year 4, filled with creativity, curiosity and lots of fantastic learning. The children have shown great enthusiasm in every subject and should feel very proud of themselves.

In English, the class has been exploring the features of setting descriptions. They have been learning how to use fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and figurative language to bring places to life for the reader. We are linking this work to our current core book, *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*, and the children are now beginning to





# WEST THORNTON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

combine all these skills as they prepare to write their own descriptive setting inspired by the story.

In Maths, the children have been focusing on Area, and they have impressed us with how confidently they can count squares, compare areas and explain their reasoning. They have quickly picked up the key ideas and are showing real accuracy and independence when solving problems.

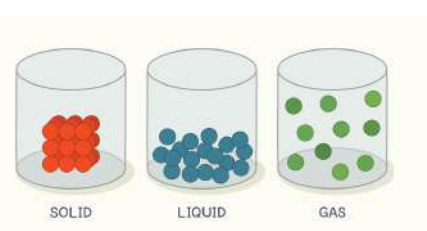
In Science, Year 4 has been learning about solids, liquids and gases. The children have enjoyed investigating how materials behave in different states and discussing how particles move. Their questions and observations have shown brilliant scientific thinking. In geography, the children described the weather in the different climate regions e.g. tropical, deserts, Savannah and the grasslands.

### Year Five

Year 5 have been working very hard this week in English preparing to write a narrative based on the core text Boy in the Tower. They have explored different language and structural features of a narrative. The children have generated vocabulary and show not tell phrases to engage the reader and to show how the main character- Ade is feeling, they have also used relative clauses to add more information to the sentences.

In maths, the children have continued with the fractions topic. They have learnt how to add and subtract fractions and have converted improper fractions to mixed numbers. They used times tables knowledge and fraction walls to help them to do this!

|      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 1/2  |      |      | 1/2  |      |      | 1/2  |      |      |
| 1/3  |      | 1/3  |      | 1/3  |      | 1/3  |      | 1/3  |
| 1/4  | 1/4  |      | 1/4  |      | 1/4  |      | 1/4  |      |
| 1/5  |      | 1/5  |      | 1/5  |      | 1/5  |      | 1/5  |
| 1/6  | 1/6  | 1/6  | 1/6  | 1/6  | 1/6  | 1/6  | 1/6  | 1/6  |
| 1/7  | 1/7  | 1/7  | 1/7  | 1/7  | 1/7  | 1/7  | 1/7  | 1/7  |
| 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  | 1/8  |
| 1/9  | 1/9  | 1/9  | 1/9  | 1/9  | 1/9  | 1/9  | 1/9  | 1/9  |
| 1/10 | 1/10 | 1/10 | 1/10 | 1/10 | 1/10 | 1/10 | 1/10 | 1/10 |
| 1/11 | 1/11 | 1/11 | 1/11 | 1/11 | 1/11 | 1/11 | 1/11 | 1/11 |
| 1/12 | 1/12 | 1/12 | 1/12 | 1/12 | 1/12 | 1/12 | 1/12 | 1/12 |



This week in Science, the children explored the different states of matter- gas, solid and liquid. Children investigated the process of evaporation, condensation, freezing and melting. and discussed reversible and irreversible changes of state.

### Year Six

What a busy and productive week it has been in Year 6! The children have worked incredibly hard and shown great focus and determination across all of their subjects.



# WEST THORNTON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week, they began their Autumn Assessments in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. We have been so impressed by their effort, resilience, and positive attitude towards these important tests.

In Maths, the children have continued to develop their understanding of adding and subtracting fractions, including mixed numbers. They have been using a range of strategies to solve problems and explain their reasoning clearly.

In English, they have been working on improving their setting descriptions by using Alan Peat sentence structures to make their writing more descriptive and engaging. Their creativity and use of ambitious vocabulary have really shone through!

During History, we continued our learning about the Bristol Bus Boycott, exploring the key figures who led the campaign. The children engaged in thoughtful discussions about fairness, equality and justice, showing great empathy and understanding of the importance of standing up for what is right.

### Phrases of the Week



**El valor del mes de West Thornton es el RESPETO** - West Thornton's termly value is RESPECT.

### Stars of the Week

| YR Ash      | YR Oak   | YR Pine     | YR Willow |
|-------------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Whole Class | Tihami   | Egra        | Valmika   |
|             | Jashvini | Charlie-Rae | Ali-Racim |
| Y1 Elm      | Y1 Fir   | Y1 Lime     | Y1 Maple  |
| Whole Class | Doresha  | Lacey       | Ziyaan    |
|             | Luca     | Jeriah      | Lois      |
| Y2 Aspen    | Y2 Palm  | Y2 Rowan    | Y2 Spruce |
| Kacie       | Alexis   | Haad        | Jayce     |
| Mateo       | Reece    | Asher       | Taliyah   |



# WEST THORNTON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

|               |               |             |                 |             |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Y3 Cedar      | Y3 Cherry     | Y3 Larch    | Y3 Chestnut     |             |
| Szymon        | Tracy         | Henrique    | Whole class     |             |
| Anika         | Yusuf         | Christaleen |                 |             |
| Y4 Acacia     | Y4 Beech      | Y4 Hornbeam | Y4 Olive        | Y4 Yew      |
| Shaina        | Jaanush       | Rebecca     | Leo             | Marianna    |
| Krish         | Adonia        | Kaiden      | Joshua          | Srishalini  |
| Y5 Cypress    | Y5 Hawthorn   | Y5 Magnolia | Y5 Silver Birch | Y5 Sycamore |
| Aiden         | Scarlet       | Whole Class | Dhanvi          | Ella-Mae    |
| Mya           | Sophia        |             | Veera           | Edwin       |
| Y6 Blackthorn | Y6 Eucalyptus | Y6 Juniper  | Y6 Holly        | Y6 Acer     |
| Nistha        | Alex S        | Mohamed     | Bliss           | Ismail      |
| Tayo          | Molly         | Kayan       | Amir            | Apsaran     |

## Community



### **Free football opportunities**

All sessions are entirely free thanks to funding from the Premier League, and open to all within the specified age groups, irrespective of ability:

#### **Monday**

Home School Football, 5-8 years / 9-13 years, 11.30-12.30pm, Selhurst Sports Arena SE25 5PH

#### **Tuesday**

Football, 5-13 years, 5:30 pm – 6:30pm, Archbishop Lanfranc School CR9 3AS

Football, 14-18 years, 6:00 pm -8:00pm, Archbishop Lanfranc School CR9 3AS

#### **Saturday**

Football, 5-13 years 9:00 pm – 10:00am, Archbishop Lanfranc School CR9 3AS

#### **Sunday**



# WEST THORNTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Football, 18+ 7:00pm – 10:00pm, Selhurst Sports Arena SE25 5PH

## Save the Date!

### West Thornton Winter Fair - Thursday 4th December 2025

Our Winter Fair will be taking place next month. This year, it will be based at Rosecourt Road. More information to follow.



**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

UC Universa Credit Childcare Vouchers\* Childcare Choices CGPS VISA MasterCard

**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**  
Ofsted CRB

[www.kgdoodles.co.uk](http://www.kgdoodles.co.uk)  
0117-3322-811

\* & C's apply for emergency sessions.