



West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

22nd May 2026

It has been a sunny and successful half term here at West Thornton! The brighter weather has brought a wonderful energy to our classrooms, and we are so proud of everything our students have achieved.

Celebrating Our Diversity: Culture Day

Yesterday, our school community came together for a fantastic Culture Day! It was absolutely wonderful to see everyone proudly supporting, sharing, and celebrating their unique cultural traditions. The vibrant outfits, stories, and shared experiences truly highlighted the beautiful diversity that makes West Thornton so special. Thank you to everyone who made it such a memorable day!

We would really value your feedback to help us improve and develop future Culture Days. You can support us by completing this short form, which should only take around 5 minutes to complete: <https://forms.gle/bdkqt9YBxtLjUXJc8>

Many thanks for your time and support.





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Break the Rules Day - Teacher Edition

If you noticed a bit of extra chaos and laughter at Rosecourt Road today, it wasn't just the children! Following the massive success of our pupil event, today we hosted our first-ever Break the Rules Day: Teacher Edition and the adults certainly made the most of it!

Our staff took the opportunity to completely ditch their professional attire and came to school rocking super casual clothes, hoodies, and loungewear. But the real fun started when the traditional school routines were flipped upside down.

During break time, the teachers totally took over the playground, showing off their cricket skills, much to the amusement of our pupils.

Meanwhile, the children stepped up to become the bosses for the day! We had fantastic student leaders bravely running the assemblies, while others took the whiteboard pens to plan and teach the lessons in class. It was incredible to see our West Thornton pupils display such confidence, leadership, and public speaking skills (though we think a few teachers quite enjoyed sitting at the children's desks for a change!).

It has been a day filled with brilliant memories, mutual respect, and a lot of shared laughter. Thank you to all the staff and children for being such fantastic sports and making the day so unforgettable!



Learning Beyond the Classroom

The children have truly embraced the sunshine this term. From engaging outdoor learning sessions to wonderful trips into our local community, our pupils have been making the most of the great outdoors. We also loved welcoming special visitors into the school, including the brilliant SPLATT Theatre, whose interactive session brought plenty of smiles and creativity to our classrooms.



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Getting Ready for Sports Day!

The excitement is building as we prepare for Sports Day. Our PE sessions are currently buzzing with energy as students practice their events, hone their skills, and get ready for some friendly competition.

Looking Ahead

It is hard to believe we are already heading into the final half term of the 2025/2026 school year! Time has flown, but we still have plenty of learning and fun packed into the weeks ahead.

Key Date: School reopens for the final half term on Monday, June 1.

We wish all of our families a safe, restful, and sun-drenched half-term break. Enjoy the sunshine, and we will see you all back at school to finish the year on a high!

Attendance

Well done to all these classes with Attendance over 97%

An extra well done to RR Year 4 Acacia with **100%** attendance

CR - Year 3 Cherry Class

CR - Year 3 Chestnut Class

CR - Year 6 Holly Class

CR - Year 6 Acer Class

RR - Year 3 Cedar Class

RR - Year 4 Beech Class

RR - Year 5 Silver Birch Class

RR - Year 5 Magnolia Class

RR - Year 6 Eucalyptus Class

RR - Year 6 Juniper Class

Not sure if they should come in? If your child has a **cold, cough, or sore throat**, please send them in. We can administer medication at school to help them through the day. If they have a high temperature or are truly too unwell to be in class, we will call you.

Thank you for your continued support in helping them arrive on time and ready to learn.



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Curriculum Focus

Reception



We have had a wonderfully busy final week of term! The children have been working incredibly hard on their writing, creating brilliant captions about what they can see. They did a fantastic job of applying their phase 4 phonics knowledge, while carefully remembering to include capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops in their work.

In maths, we have been exploring geometry and discovering the differences between 2D and 3D shapes. We had great fun getting creative to make our own shape pictures. The highlight of the week was playing a guessing game, where the children described a hidden 3D shape inside a bag for their friends to identify!

Thursday brought lots of excitement as we celebrated Cultural Diversity Day. It was so lovely to see so many different cultures represented and celebrated within our school community. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about a variety of traditional clothing, colorful flags, and delicious foods from around the world.



Year One

Year one has had another busy last week of the half term. In writing the children have finished writing their sets of instructions explaining how to plant a seed. They have included so many features including adverbs, time adverbials and imperative verbs.

In maths they have been securing their knowledge of counting to 100 by finding one more and one less and then ended the week comparing numbers to 100. They have been able to recall the greater than, less than and equal signs and use these to compare the numbers.





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In the wider curriculum the children summarised their learning in science by creating a leaflet all about plants. In DT they ended their learning journey all about weaving by evaluating the projects that they had made. Finally in History they interviewed Mrs Little and found out about West Thornton in the past.

Year Two

Year Two have put all their skills and innovation practice to great use this week by producing their own set of fantastic instructions for making a carnival headdress. They thoroughly enjoyed making them last week and now because of this they were able to recall everything they had had done to write their own set of instructions. They used great expanded noun phrases to describe the materials used, adverbs and fronted adverbials to put together great writing pieces.

In maths, they have continued learning about fractions focusing on finding fractions of different amounts and how different fractions can add to a whole. Year Two have really enjoyed this unit and this has been shown in their secure knowledge of knowing how to find halves, quarters and thirds. Well done!

In their wider curriculum journey they are still being taught about the similarities and differences between Trinidad and the UK. The children have been fascinated about the island of Trinidad and they have really taken pleasure in learning about all the different facts that this beautiful island has. They were particularly shocked when they noticed just how small Trinidad was compared to the UK and how much people lived there.

Year Three



What a fantastic way to wrap up the half term! Year 3 have truly outdone themselves over the last few weeks, showing an incredible amount of dedication and enthusiasm across all their subjects. In English, the classroom has been buzzing with creativity as the children finalized their advertisements for scones and wallets/purses, alongside drafting their brilliant playscripts for *Oliver Twist*. The final pieces are a testament to their hard work; they came out so incredibly colorful,

eye-catching, and full of personality that it is impossible to walk past them without stopping to admire the effort put into every single page.

The amazing effort put into english lessons was also put into their maths lessons, where the children have been diving deeper into the concepts of time and duration. Year 3 confidently tackled



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complex time problems, putting their critical thinking skills to the test. They even had the brilliant opportunity to apply this knowledge practically by designing their very own school timetables. By calculating exactly how long different lessons should be, they successfully bridged the gap between abstract math and real-world application, proving just how much their confidence with the clock has grown.

Afternoons this half term have been equally packed with achievement and hands-on learning. The children have been putting the finishing touches on their Design and Technology (DT) projects, which are now fully ready to be proudly displayed on the school walls for all to see. In addition to their physical building skills, they took a deep dive back into their academic curriculum by recapping their science and history knowledge. To showcase this learning, they created stunning double-page spreads that beautifully consolidate everything they have discovered. Year 3 also enjoyed some lovely multicultural activities throughout Thursday afternoon. They should be immensely proud of how hard they have worked—they thoroughly deserve a relaxing and happy half term break!



Year Four

This week has been another exciting and productive one in Year 4, with the children showing fantastic effort and enthusiasm across all areas of learning.

In maths, the children have now completed their unit on money and time. They worked hard to solve problems involving converting amounts of money, calculating change, reading timetables and telling the time using both analogue and digital clocks. The children have shown great progress and confidence throughout the unit.

In English, the children completed their innovative piece of writing by creating a biography on either Marcus Rashford or Roald Dahl. They explored the key features of biography writing and used formal language, chronological order and relative clauses to present information clearly. The children enjoyed learning more about the lives and achievements of these inspiring individuals whilst developing their own writing skills.

In history, the children thoroughly enjoyed the Splatt Theatre performance about the Ancient Romans. The interactive workshop





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brought history to life and helped the children deepen their understanding of Roman life, culture and achievements. They especially enjoyed taking part in the activities and acting alongside the performers.

It has been a wonderful end to the term in Year 4. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work, enthusiasm and progress this term, and we hope they all have a restful and enjoyable break.

Year Five

This week in maths, the children have been deepening their understanding of decimal numbers by learning how to sequence them, add them accurately. They have also learned how to multiply by 10, 100 and 1,000. Through a variety of engaging tasks and practical challenges, they explored how the place value of digits changes when multiplied by powers of ten. These activities encouraged them to think carefully about number patterns and to apply their skills in real-world contexts. They were also encouraged to explain their reasoning, justify their methods, and work collaboratively to solve problems. This has helped to strengthen both their mathematical fluency and their ability to communicate using precise mathematical language.

In English, the children have taken on the exciting challenge of becoming nature documentary narrators in the style of Sir David Attenborough. They began by analysing a range of his voiceovers, focusing on features such as tone, pace, descriptive language, and how he conveys wonder and curiosity about the natural world. Using these insights, the children planned, wrote, and performed their own scripts, choosing fascinating animals or environments to focus on. They rehearsed their delivery, paying close attention to intonation and expression, and then shared their performances with their peers. Each child received and gave thoughtful feedback, discussing ways to improve clarity, engagement, and style. This project was a fantastic way to build their speaking, listening, and creative writing skills.

In DT, the children have been busy designing and building their own working wind turbines using card, paper, and simple electric circuits. They learned about the importance of renewable energy and how wind power can be harnessed to produce electricity. The project involved careful measuring, cutting, and assembling of materials, as well as connecting basic electrical components to generate movement. Throughout the process, the children tested their turbines, identified problems, and made improvements to increase efficiency. This hands-on work not only brought their learning about energy sources to life but also encouraged teamwork, perseverance, and critical thinking.



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Year Six

After demonstrating their resilience, excellence and integrity in preparation for their SATs over the last few months, Year 6 had the opportunity to celebrate at Chessington this week. The day was packed full of fun and smiles from everyone as children took on the rides- from water rides to more relaxing animal watching, it was wonderful to see the children enjoy themselves after their hard work. There was so much excitement in the air all week and the children really supported each other as they faced their fears and took on the rollercoasters!



Back at school, we have delved into our theme of 'Power and Governance'; some classes have begun our history topic of Early Islamic Civilisation which they will continue after the half term holiday, and some have started our Geography topic- looking at the inequalities in Brazil based on our core text 'Trash'. Elsewhere, we have started looking at our topic of light in science, learning how light travels and how we see objects.

As we approach the end of year 6, children have been looking ahead to next year: our transition activities will support children as they move on to secondary school.

Phrases of the Week



¡Buenas vacaciones a todos! - Have a great half term everyone!

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow
Whole Class	Zaviyar	Isaiah	Uzayr
	Ethan	Ekam	Salaim
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple
Kamsi	Luca	Kalai	Vishesh



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Deevithyan	Niswarth	Fatoumata	Devarshi	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Carter	Naila	Whole Class	Jessica	
Aaira	Umair		Rizwan	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Chestnut	
Whole Class	Mahir	Whole Class	Whole Class	
	Khauban			
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Elena	Whole Class	Cassidy-Rayn	Joshua	Adhithii
Khaliyah	Class	Meryam	Romero	Joy
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Whole Class	Amaya	Whole Class	Oksanaa	Baillo
	Grace	Aarav	Luena	Johan
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Zaina	Ziana	Harini	Ibrahim	Whole Class
Sajoori	Bilian	Elijah Simms	Gio	

Community



We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our student, Sajoori, for a remarkable performance at Trafalgar Square. Sajoori performed on behalf of the British Tamil Forum to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the war in Sri Lanka. It is a privilege to see our students using their talents for such meaningful occasions.



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