



Dear Parents

### Thurlby Stars Certificate Winners

We would like to congratulate our Thurlby Stars for demonstrating one of our Thurlby Values this week. Our winners are:

- Reception** - Sonny and Edith
- Year 1** - Daks and Phoebe
- Year 2** - Chloe and Lili
- Year 3** - Frankie W and Rosie
- Year 4** - Lydia and Maddie
- Year 5** - Charlie and Joseph
- Year 6** - Thomas and Lily-Rose

### Attendance

Our average attendance figure, for the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026, was 94.5%.

### Class Attendance Awards

1st	Year 5	99.3%
2nd	Year 1	97%
3rd	Reception	96.8%

### Year 1 - Forest School

Year 1 enjoyed a dry Forest School session this week. They started off by identifying the different sounds they could hear; birds, footsteps, a whistle, a car engine, the wind and people. Next, they thought about different ways they could make sounds. Their ideas included using their voice, stomping, clapping, and using sticks to tap on logs, trees and fences. The whole group then worked together to create the sounds of a rainstorm using some of the techniques they had come up with which sounded great! We were surprised to find some fairy houses had appeared in our garden over the last week. The children decided there needed to be more houses so that more fairies could come and visit us. So, for their last challenge they had to create Buckingham Palaces for all the fairies to stay in.

Miss Titman was impressed with the hard work and creativity they all showed. Well done Year 1.



## Mental Health Week - Year 1

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, with the theme of *belonging*, Year 1 took part in a creative activity focused on what makes them feel happy, safe and included. The children were challenged to design their own imaginary islands, filled with their favourite things and places that brought them joy. We were amazed by their imaginative ideas, which included chocolate lakes, chicken nugget shops and even singing pigs! To finish the activity, we used the power of AI to bring some of the children's island designs to life, allowing them to see their ideas transformed into images. It was a wonderful way to celebrate creativity, individuality and a sense of belonging.



## Year 2

For Children's Mental Health Week, Year 2 have looked at this year's theme of "This Is My Place", which focuses on the importance of belonging at home, in school and in our communities. In school, the children have been thinking about what makes them feel safe and valued, where they belong, and how they can help others feel included. They have been creating Personal Maps to show the places, people and activities that help them feel a sense of belonging. For ideas to support this at home, you can find free resources here:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

## Roots to Food

This week, we were delighted to welcome back Darren from Roots to Food to deliver a workshop for children across EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5. The children rolled up their sleeves and worked together to create a delicious sweet and sour chicken, Cantonese style.

They learned how to season the chicken, carefully chop the vegetables and cook everything as a team. They had to share jobs, help one another and build their confidence along the way. Everyone got to taste the finished dish, and it was a big thumbs up all round!

A huge thank you to Darren, who once again delivered a fantastic workshop. His kindness, patience and enthusiasm made the experience enjoyable and accessible for all the children. We're very grateful for the care and energy he brings to every session.



A copy of the Sweet and Sour, Cantonese Style recipe and method can be found at the end of this newsletter, should you wish to recreate this with your family. Happy cooking! 😊

## Year 5 - Bikeability Training

22 of our Year 5 children had a great week learning valuable cycling skills, such as road positions, passing and what to do at junctions.

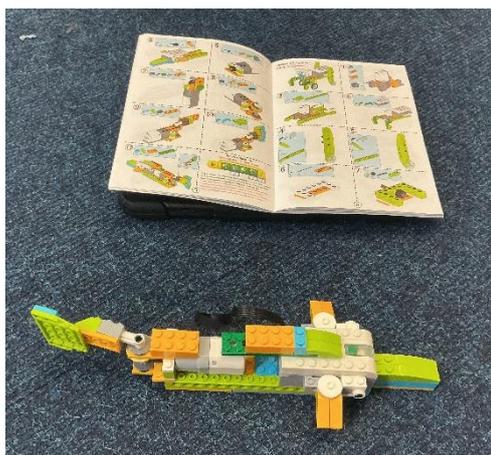
The instructors said how lovely the children had been and that they'd enjoyed their 4 days of training with them all. The children demonstrated several Thurlby values, working hard and co-operating well in a team.

Well done Year 5 we are very proud of you! 😊



## Lego Coding Club

It was the last session of the Lego Coding Club this week and all the children got stuck in to creating their projects. One group completed the giant they started last week and coded it so that the giant was lying down and snoring until a figure passed the light sensor and it got up and roared. Another group made a snapping crocodile and coded it to snap its mouth open and shut. Another group built Milo the robot and added a sensor that detected objects and showed a picture on the laptop screen. The last group built a dolphin that had a moving tail and colour changing, flashing light. Everyone did an amazing job and it has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence each week and start adjusting and creating their own coding. Well done to everyone.





**Year 3 and 4 - TTRS Champ!**

Congratulations, this week, go to Eli and Stefan for being our champions on Times Tables Rock Stars. Well done on your awards! 😊



## Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February was Safer Internet Day and all the classes this week have been doing activities to learn more about how to keep safe online. Reception listened to a Techosaurus story about staying safe and learnt to ask always tell a safe grown up if they see something scary or unknown. Year 1 have read Smartie the penguin and The troll stinks stories and completed a quiz today on keeping safe online. Year 3 have been learning about password and keeping their information safe. Year 6 have been learning about phishing and being aware of scams.

If you would like further information about how to keep safe online or have specific questions you would like help with then please take a look at the websites below.

Internet matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Internet matters age guides <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-age/> Guides for ages (0-5), (6-10), (11-13), (14-17).

UK safer Internet centre <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>

NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

BBC KS1 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zg96cxs>

BBC KS2 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zwhkp9q>



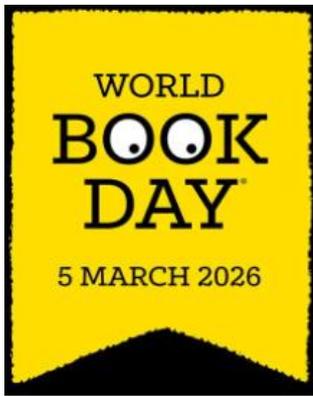
## Termly Overviews

Just a reminder that our curriculum overviews for the Spring Term are available to view on our website. Link below:

[Year Group Termly Overviews | Thurlby Primary School](#)

These outline the content and ley learning to be taught across each tern in every year group.





## World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026

As per our earlier MCAS message, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March and we are excited to enjoy another day celebrating books together.

Reading seriously improves lives. In fact, it is the biggest indicator that a child will grow up to enjoy a happier and more successful future. Currently, in the UK, only one in three children say they enjoy reading - by changing this, we can transform lives.

This year's World Book Day coincides with the National Year of Reading 2026. We want to use this opportunity to inspire families to become well-rounded readers with a lifelong passion for books.

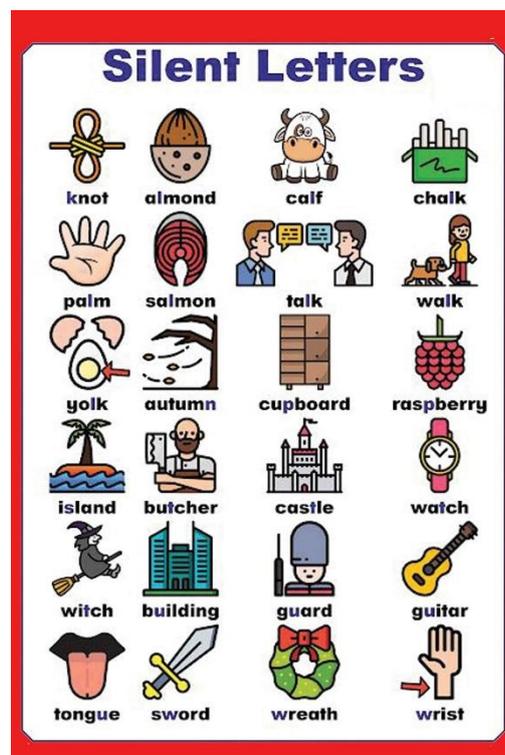
Your child is invited to come to school dressed as any book character they choose and bring a book featuring their character. Throughout the day, children will have the chance to share their books with classmates and with other classes. (Please ensure your child also brings sensible shoes and a coat for outdoor playtime.)

As an additional *optional* idea, children are welcome to come dressed to represent **a silent letter** in a word. This can be a fun way to explore how letters sometimes appear in words without making a sound - we sometimes call this the 'tricky part' in phonics lessons. Some examples include: *knight* (silent k), *gnome* (silent g), *lamb* (silent b), *witch* (silent t), *whale* (silent h). There will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes per key stage, for the best 'silent letter' children. We got this idea from a very comical sketch from Michael McIntyre and thought it emphasises how challenging the English language can be. Please feel free to watch this video with your children in Key Stage 2: [Silent Letter Day - YouTube](#)

If your child comes dressed as a silent letter, they can still bring their favourite book to share with their friends.

As always, your child will receive a FREE World Book Day book token. Simply take their £1.50 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1.50 book or use it to get £1.50 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day—it would not be possible without the support of our parents and carers. Thank you.



## Parents' Evenings: Reception, Years 1 to 6 3.30 to 6.30pm

Just a reminder that there are still slots available for parents' evening. Bookings to be made via MCAS.

NB. Deadline to book for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February has now passed but you can still book on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (Year 6 only) and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 6 only (DEADLINE TO BOOK 24<sup>TH</sup> FEB MIDDAY)**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - EYFS to Year 6 (DEADLINE TO BOOK 24<sup>TH</sup> FEB MIDDAY)**



As per our MCAS message earlier today, just a reminder of the PE and Forest School arrangements for Spring Term 4:

### Forest School

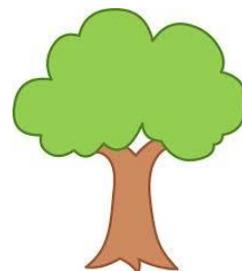
EYFS and Year 3 will be having Forest School on Thursday afternoons as detailed below.

EYFS: 26<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March (please note, this is a Tuesday due to Bikeability and World Book Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> March) and 12<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3: 19<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Please ensure your child has the following appropriate kit with them on the dates above.

- Waterproof coat
- T-shirt
- Jumper
- Jogging bottoms/old jeans/waterproof trousers
- Wellington boots (in a separate named carrier bag)



### PE

PE Kit days (starting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - the first day of term)

Reception - Wednesday and Thursday\*

Year 1 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Thursday\*

Year 4 - Monday and Friday

Year 5 - Monday and Friday

Year 6 - Tuesday and Thursday

\*Your child will need their PE kit on the following Thursdays when they have not got Forest School that week.

EYFS PE Thursdays - 19<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April Year 3 PE Thursday - 26<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> March

### Trip Payments

**Year 2 - Delaine Bus Depot -** £1.00 due by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 3 - Peterborough Cathedral** -£15.75 due by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March



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Headteacher

### Upcoming Calendar Dates

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February -  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February -  
  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February -  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February -  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February -  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March -  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March -  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March -  
  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March -  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March -  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March -  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March -  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March -  
  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March -  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March -  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March -  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April -  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April -  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday -  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May -  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May -  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May -  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

### Details to Follow

End of Term 3  
Start of Term 4  
Year 6 residential to Aylmerton Field Study Centre 9.15am depart  
Parents' evening 3.30 to 6.30pm for EYFS to Year 5  
Year 6 children home from residential  
Shakespeare School Workshop 1.15-4.30  
Parents' evening for Year 6 only 3.30-6.30  
Reception Balance Bike Training  
World Book Day  
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Parents' evening 3.30 to 6.30pm for EYFS to Year 6  
**Year 2 Multi Skills morning at Bourne Grammar School**  
Year 3 trip to Peterborough Cathedral  
**Year 1 visit to St Firmin's Church, Thurlby**  
Class Photographs  
Shakespeare Performance - Rehearsal @ The New Theatre 9.00-12.30pm approx  
Evening Performance - return to theatre for 5.45pm, performance starts @ 7pm until 10pm  
Year 2 trip to Delaine Bus Museum  
Rocksteady Concert 2.15pm for participating pupils  
**School Games Day**  
End of Term 4  
Training Day  
Start of Term 5  
Year 5 Class Assembly @ 9.45am  
Year 6 - National SATS week (Mon to Thurs)  
EYFS Class Assembly @ 9.30am  
End of Term 5



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## **Cantonese Sweet and Sour Chicken and Vegetables with a Five Spice Rice (serves 4)**

4 Small Chicken Breast diced or Quorn if vegetarian  
1tbls Light Soy Sauce  
2tbls Clear Honey  
175ml Malt Vinegar  
50g Granulated Sugar  
1 Tube Tomato Puree  
1 Small Red Onion thinly sliced  
4 Spring Onion thinly sliced  
50g Sugar Snap Peas chopped in half  
1 Whole Carrot peeled and sliced thinly  
½ tsp Chinese Five Spice  
1 Small Red Pepper sliced  
1 Small Yellow Pepper Sliced  
100g Easy Cooked Long Grain Rice  
30g Fresh Ginger finely chopped  
2 Garlic Cloves Crushed and Peeled  
Water for steaming

### **Method**

1. In a pan cook the rice with the Chinese five spice until cooked and keep hot.
2. Place the chicken or Quorn into a clean bowl add the ginger, garlic with the soy sauce and stir, mix and fold together to marinade.
3. With two tablespoons water heat a non-stick frying pan, saucepan or wok (with lid) until steaming.
4. Sear the chicken in the hot pan for two minutes on each side, add the thinly sliced red onion with the sliced carrots and place the lid on the pan and steam for 90 seconds. Remove the lid carefully
5. Add the red peppers, yellow peppers, spring onion and sugar snap peas to the chicken and steam for a further 1 minute with the lid on.
6. In a small saucepan boil the vinegar, sugar and honey, add enough tomato puree to thicken the sauce to lightly coat the back of a spoon.
7. Add the sweet and sour sauce to the chicken and vegetables and stir well
8. Place the hot rice into a mould and turn out onto a plate.
10. Serve the Sweet and Sour chicken next to the rice
11. Enjoy.