



Thornford CE Primary School
NEWSLETTER – June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a restful break and the children are full of energy for the exciting and fun-filled second half of the summer term. We welcome our new Head of School, Kirsty Blencowe, who is visiting this week from Sherborne Abbey School, where she is assistant head and Y2 teacher. She worked with Rachel Saunders, Sam Hallmark and Caroline Norris- giving the children a taste of what next term will be like for them.

Our first major event in June will be the Hudimesnil Visit on 13th and 14th June, when we welcome 60 French pupils all of whom will be working with their 'pen pal' over the two-day visit. There will be visits to Sherborne Abbey and Sherborne Old Castle and sporting and IT activities within school. The last time we held this trip, it was in 2019 and was a wonderful experience for all the children, who really found a purpose in interacting and communicating with children from another culture, which we hope will inspire our pupils to further their language skills and travel horizons.

On Friday 28th June we would like to invite parents to bring a picnic and join the children on the field for their lunch followed by our Olympic style sports day. If you would like to bring your picnic, please arrive at 12noon. If you are coming for the sports day activities, please arrive at 1.00pm. The FTS will be selling refreshments between 1-1.15pm. Let's hope the weather is kind to us.

Nature Explorers Club

Nature Explorers Club has had a great first year, we found all sorts of bugs, flowers and birds. We particularly enjoy exploring the Wildflower Meadow (also known as the "Buttercup Forest") near the polytunnel, which is home to many special plants. There are ancient Adder's tongue ferns and bee orchids which make it very special indeed.

The nature explorers have made homes for wildlife as well as seeking creatures out. We're looking forward to seeing what other creatures we can encourage in the school.

Some of the summer nature explorers had the following to say:

"I like finding out about bugs"

"I like to learn new species" & "...and learn things about nature"

Here are pictures of some of the plants and animals we found this year, all within the school grounds.



Reminder – Times Table Rockstars and Numbots

Please can parents encourage children to use TT Rockstars and Numbots at home as this will help increase their number fluency/accuracy and recall for their times tables. Class teachers can remind children of their logins.

School Nurse



Wraparound Care

- **Lower Covey** offer daily after school childcare at their site in Yetminster. Please contact them directly to book a space.
- **Breakfast Club** starts at 8am every school day and is booked via ParentPay. Please book by 12 noon on the Friday the week before a space is required.

Diary Dates	
Friday 7th June	Oak Class Swimming Year 5/6 5-a-side football at Sherborne Primary KS1 Parents Assembly
Thursday 13th June	French Visit – Hudimesnil School visiting Oak Class Trip to Sherborne Elm & Oak Cream Tea with French Visitors Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament at Sherborne Terraces
Friday 14th June	Oak Class Swimming French Visit – Hudimesnil School visiting Elm Class Trip to Sherborne KS2 Parents Assembly
Tuesday 19th June	Year 6 Parents information evening for Brenscombe at Buckland Newton Primary School 4.45pm
Wednesday 20th June	KS2 Athletics at the Gryphon

Friday 21st June	Oak Class Swimming
Wednesday 26th June	Acorn Class Trip Gryphon Orchestra Visiting
Friday 28th June	Oak Class Swimming Olympic Sports Day 12noon picnic on the field 1pm sports day begins
Tuesday 2nd July	Able Maths – Authors Abroad in New Hall Year 5/6 Rounders at Sherborne Terraces
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 6 Residential – Brenscombe Year 3, 4 & 5 – Leonardo visiting – STEM activities
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 Residential - Brenscombe
Friday 5th July	Year 6 Residential – Brenscombe Parents Assembly – Music (choir and recorders)
Tuesday 9th July	New Reception parents information evening 5pm
Thursday 11th July	Year 4/5/6 Swimming gala at Oxley
Friday 12th July	Oak Class Swimming KS2 – Summer play dress rehearsal KS1 Parents Assembly
Monday 15th July	KS2 Summer Play 1pm
Tuesday 16th July	KS2 Summer Play 6pm
Wednesday 17th July	KS2 Summer Play 6pm
Thursday 18th July	Bath Rugby – all classes
Friday 19th July	Oak Class Swimming KS2 Parents Assembly
Tuesday 23rd July	LAST DAY OF TERM Leavers Service in Thornford Church

Diary Dates Academic Year 2024/2025	
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th September	INSET DAYS
Thursday 5th September	TERM STARTS FOR PUPILS
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	HALF TERM
Friday 20th December	INSET DAY
Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

As always, if you have any issue to discuss, please contact me or my staff at the school.

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