



Thornden Wood BULLETIN



Headteacher's Message

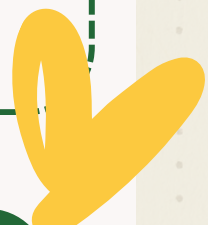
As we reach the end of our fourth week at Thornden Wood Primary School, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of all our children. They have returned to school with enthusiasm, determination and a wonderful attitude towards learning. Classrooms have been buzzing with excitement, pupils have settled quickly into new routines, and it has been fantastic to see so many children embracing new challenges and opportunities. Our new pupils have made a superb start and have already become valued members of our school community. Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive parents and carers, and of course our amazing children, for helping to make the start of this academic year such a positive and successful one. We look forward to building on this momentum and achieving even more together in the weeks ahead.

Mrs K. Espley - Headteacher



Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week has been **ELM CLASS** with an amazing **98.3%** attendance!!! They will be rewarded with a special treat one day next week.



Upcoming Events

- ★ Maple Class - Swimming 28th Sept
 - ★ Census Day Special Menu 1st Oct
 - ★ Individual School Photos 8th Oct
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OUR NEW YEAR R CHILDREN



Our Reception children have made us so proud!

We are delighted with how well our newest pupils in Reception have settled into school life and embraced every opportunity with such enthusiasm.

Over the past few weeks, our Acorns and Conkers classes have been busy exploring their new classrooms and discovering all the wonderful areas around school. They have quickly learned new routines, made new friends, and brought smiles to the faces of everyone they meet.

So far, the children have enjoyed playing games, listening to sounds, visiting Forest School, becoming witches and wizards in PE, and singing lots of songs together.

We can't wait to see what exciting adventures, discoveries, and achievements the rest of this term and beyond will bring as our Acorns and Conkers continue to grow and flourish at Thornden Wood!



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF THORNDEN WOOD! 🐔 🐢

We are delighted to introduce the newest members of the Thornden Wood family: Herman the tortoise and our six new chickens!

The children have been incredibly excited to welcome our new arrivals and are already enjoying learning about how to care for them. Herman has quickly become a favourite with pupils, while our chickens have been busy settling into their new home and delighting everyone with their friendly personalities. Having animals in school provides wonderful opportunities for children to develop responsibility, compassion and an understanding of the natural world. We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on our school community and can't wait to share more updates about their adventures throughout the year.

Be sure to say hello to Herman and our feathered friends when you visit Thornden Wood! 🐢 🐔 💚



LET'S CELEBRATE!!!

Pointillism Art Gallery

Last week, our families were invited into school to visit our wonderful Art Gallery and admire the fantastic artwork created by our children, all inspired by the artistic technique of pointillism.

Each year group explored the work of a different artist:

Year 1 studied Vincent van Gogh

Year 2 studied Jo Kosta

Year 3 studied Georges Seurat

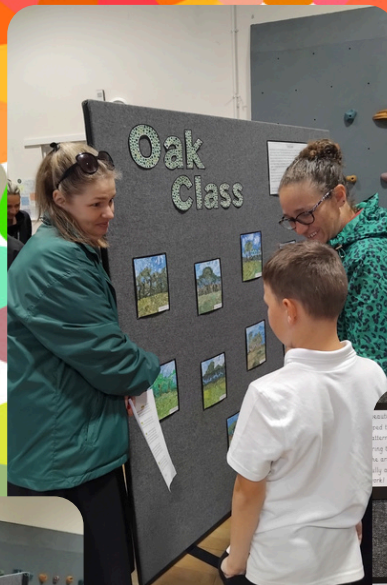
Year 4 studied Paul Signac

Year 5 studied Jerry Wilkerson

Year 6 studied Catherine Bath

The artwork on display was truly impressive, showcasing the children's creativity, attention to detail and developing artistic skills. We were especially proud of how confidently each class spoke to their visitors, explaining their chosen artist, the techniques they had learned and the inspiration behind their work.

A huge thank you to all the families who attended and helped make the event such a success. It was wonderful to see our children sharing their achievements with such pride and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of every pupil who contributed to this fantastic celebration of art.



LETS CELEBRATE!!!



Bravo Equestrian - Theatre Visit

Some of our children recently enjoyed a fantastic day out at the award-winning Bravo Equestrian Theatre at White Horse Farm Equestrian Centre in Meopham, Kent.

The children were captivated by the live family show, which combined horses, music, storytelling and spectacular performances. The heart-warming story followed one little horse with a very big dream, keeping everyone entertained from start to finish.

The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience a unique theatre production and create some very special memories together. It was lovely to see their excitement and enthusiasm throughout the day, and they thoroughly enjoyed meeting the horses and watching the talented performers in action.

We were especially proud of how well-behaved the children were throughout the visit. They represented Thornden Wood brilliantly, demonstrating excellent manners, respect and enthusiasm at all times. Staff were extremely impressed with the way they conducted themselves and were a real credit to both our school and their families.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this memorable experience possible. It was a truly wonderful day that will be remembered for a long time to come.

REMINDERS

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES



-  PACK A COLOURFUL VARIETY
-  INCLUDE FRUIT OR VEGETABLES
-  CHOOSE A FILLING OPTION
-  ADD WATER TO DRINK



**WE ARE A
NUT-FREE SCHOOL**

**NO NUTS, PEANUT
BUTTER OR NUTELLA.**

NO SWEETS OR HIGH-SUGAR ITEMS.

Thank you for helping keeping every child safe and healthy.

Pirate Day Lunch



Thursday 1st October 2026

~ MENU ~

- Crispy Coated Chicken or Veggie Dippers
- Chips, Baked Beans, Peas & Tomato Ketchup
- Mini Doughnuts & Fruit

Also available: Jacket Potato with Fillings, Salad Bar, Homemade Bread & Yoghurt

caterlink
feeding the imagination

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP



THURSDAY • 3PM

MAIN OFFICE

ITEMS FROM £1

**LOTS OF BRANDED
CARDIGANS & JUMPERS**



COME AND HAVE A LOOK

Thornden Wood Primary A Quick Reminder for Parents



To help keep our school safe, happy and friendly for everyone, please remember to:

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| 1 Be kind and polite to children, staff and other parents. ✓ | 6 Do not take photos or videos of other children. ✓ |
| 2 Use calm and respectful language at all times. ✓ | 7 Speak to a member of staff if you have a concern, rather than discussing it on the playground. ✓ |
| 3 Follow all instructions from school staff, particularly regarding safeguarding and health and safety. ✓ | 8 Do not smoke or vape on the school site. ✓ |
| 4 Keep younger brothers and sisters with you and supervised. ✓ | 9 Be a positive role model for all children. ✓ |
| 5 Park safely and be considerate of our neighbours. ✓ | |



INFORMATION

ONE WEEK OF FUN, SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES!

ADFA

OCTOBER SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES HALF TERM CAMP

AGES 5-14

£18 PER DAY

£80 FOR THE WEEK!

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026

9AM - 3PM

**AT THE SCOUT HUT
HERNE DRIVE
CT6 7SH**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
ANTHONY ON 07900 897873
OR ADFOOTBALLACADEMY@GMAIL.COM**

WWW.ADFOOTBALLACADEMY.CO.UK

EKC Schools Trust

THORNDEN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please call the office on 01227 373095 to book your place today!

**DISCOVER OUR SCHOOL
FOR SEPTEMBER 2027 ADMISSIONS**

"A school where children excel in classrooms made of more than four walls"

Monday 12th October 9.30am & 10.30am
Monday 19th October 9.30am & 10.30am
Tuesday 3rd November 9.30am & 10.30am
Monday 9th November 9.30am & 10.30am
Monday 9th November 6pm EVENING MEETING
Tuesday 10th November 9.30am & 10.30am
Monday 16th November 9.30am & 10.30am
Tuesday 17th November 9.30am & 10.30am

**Location Greenhill Road
Herne Bay
CT6 7RS**

Ofsted Good Provider

Gold Award

**Admission to
Secondary school
in Kent 2027**

**KCC residents apply online at
kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions**

Opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026

For children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, Transferring to Secondary school in September 2027

What to do

Choose a school	Apply for a school place	Receiving your offer
It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form. Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions . You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.	A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026. Other LA deadlines may differ. If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details. You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it. You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.	On offer day (Monday 1 March 2027) an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Monday 15 March 2027. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email. If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentsecondaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk .
Monday 1 st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15 th March 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 13 th April 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?
Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions
Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.
The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email - please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.
Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address.

Kent County Council

Kent Community NHS Foundation Trust

Kent Family

is here for your child's growth, happiness and health.

family.kentcht.nhs.uk



Term Dates 2026/27

Term 1 - 2026	Thursday 3rd September – Thursday 22nd October
Half Term Break	Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Term 2 - 2026	Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December
Winter Break	Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January
Term 3 - 2027	Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February
Half Term Break	Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February
Term 4 - 2027	Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March
Spring Break	Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April
Term 5 - 2027	Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May
Half Term Break	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Term 6 - 2027	Tuesday 8th June – Tuesday 20th July

Staff Development Days

School is not open for children to attend

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 7th June 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Bank Holidays (School Closed)

Friday 26th March 2027

Monday 3rd May 2027