



**Thurlaston CE (Aided) Primary School**  
Teaching and Living the Christian Way of Life  
Building Our Lives on Jesus

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 6 pupils have their Bikeability training on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please ensure your child's bike is roadworthy and is brought to school for the start of school. It may be left at school overnight or until it can be collected but please bring a lock for it. (This is at your own risk.) Children will need a cycle helmet.

Tuesday is the last swimming session for Class 3. One of the groups has been asked to bring pyjamas (as well as their swimming kit). Please check with your child if they need to. The governors are changing the way school takes the children swimming. Class 3 will go swimming in the Spring term every other year from now on. The children will go swimming next in 2026. (This will be the current year 1 and year 2 when they will be year 3 and year 4.)

Class 1 and Class 2 are going to visit Glencroft Church, Glen Parva as part of their RE curriculum on Wednesday morning. Lunch arrangements will be as usual. The visit will be to see a Bible Story Exhibition including tasting food and trying clothes from bible times. (Please make staff aware of any allergies.) The trip is being fully funded by Glencroft Church including transport to and from the church.

You are all warmly invited to join us for our Easter Service in Church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm. Revd Sue Frost will be giving a short talk. There will be a collection box in church if you wish to give a small donation to the upkeep of the church and heating.

The PTFA Easter Bonnet and East Garden Competition entries need to be returned to school by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

We finish for the Easter holidays after the service in Church. Children can be collected from school following the Easter Service or left until normal collection time. We restart for the summer on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April with the doors opening at 8:45am for registration at 8.55am.

Thank you for your support of Red Nose Day. The school council will update you on the amount raised and the winners of the mask competition in due course.

Please note there is a change to the menu from School Food Services and also a change to the price from 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The menu can be found on Class Dojo.

Changes to Statutory Assessments- Year 6 continue to have their SATs tests each year. This year they are from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure your child is in school on time during this week. Year 4 take a Multiplication Tables Check in June; Year 1 complete a Phonics assessment in June; EYFS profile is completed by the end of the summer term and EYFS had the Baseline Assessment at the start of the school year. Year 2 will no longer have teacher assessments of their levels or take compulsory tests. All children will

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.  
(Matthew chapter 7 verse 24, NIV)

receive a report towards the end of the summer term which will include how your child is doing in each subject. School may take internal tests to help inform teacher judgements but these are internal tests and will not be reported to parents.

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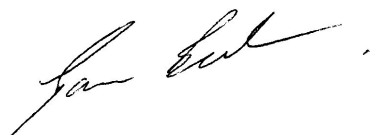
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Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham

### **Provisional Dates**

18-19/03/24 Bikeability Yr 6

13-16/05/24- KS2 SATS

03/07/24 – Whole School Trips

25&26/06/24- KS2 Production

2/07/24- Sports Afternoon

8/07/23 – Leavers' Tea

9/07/23 – Leavers' Assembly

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## **Term Dates 2023-24**

### **Spring**

Start 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Half Term – 17<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> February

Last Day 22<sup>nd</sup> March

### **Summer**

Start 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Last Day 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

*Note there is also a Bank Holiday on 6<sup>th</sup> May when school will be closed.*

**Please note when booking holidays for next year the last day is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024: the first day of the Autumn term is Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024**