



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,

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey on school uniform. The governors will be considering all responses soon. They will need to balance the differing view and also take into account Health and Safety guidance and other guidance that the government has produced. The revised policy will not be available until after the full governing body meeting in June. The survey will close at midnight on Sunday 4th May.

The children seemed to really enjoy the mini-archery day on Wednesday. This was funded from the sport premium. It is unclear at the moment if sport premium will continue next year. The sport premium will also be funding the trip to Swadlincote for KS2 and to Riverside Hub for KS1.

The Gymnastics Club for KS1 recommenced on Tuesday. This will run until half term. After half term KS2 will have their chance but the exact dates will be confirmed nearer the time.

We have had the opportunity for children in Year 5 to have free taster lessons on the clarinet. It was short notice but we seized it. These taster lessons including loaning an instrument will be completely free for this half term. If you wish your child to continue it will be more cost effective if there is a group. Details will follow from the provider.

On Thursday 8th May we are holding a small street party in school to commemorate VE Day. School will be providing a snack of sandwiches, snacks and cake. The older children from Little Gems will be joining us for the afternoon.

The Village are holding a VE event in the evening to which you are warmly invited. School has been asked to join the Thurlaston Community Choir in singing "It's a long Way to Tipperary" at 7pm preceded by games. We have practised the song in school and will do so again next Thursday (so it is fresh). It would be great if as many as possible could join us for that.

We have the opportunity for the whole of KS2 to take part in a small schools' athletics competition on Monday 19th May at Saffron Lane Stadium. We are finalising arrangements. This will be for both Class 3 and Class 4 to experience a bigger sporting event. It will take place in school time in the morning but we will not be back in time for the children to have a school lunch. The children will need to come in PE kit and bring plenty of drinks. We are aiming to travel there and back by coach (funded by sports premium). Parents may be able to spectate but we are clarifying that.

Year 6 SATS take place between 12th and 16th May. The children will need to ensure that they are in school on time to enable the smooth running of the tests. The children have been working very hard. There is no booster lesson on Monday due to the Bank Holiday but there is still one on Wednesday afterschool.

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)

Children who are due to start school after the summer holidays for the first time should have received notification from County Hall of their allocated school. If we are the child's school you should also have received a letter from us (by email) with important dates on and a reply slip. (If you have not please check your junk mail and/or contact the office). If you know of anyone who has not been allocated a school or is unhappy we have space available if they would like to arrange a visit.

Thurlaston Carnival Committee are in the midst of making the final arrangements for the carnival in June. You will receive detailed information nearer the time regarding the parts that school (and your child) might be taking part in.

There are lots of things that happen in the summer term and it is a short term. Please keep an eye out for the various dates and the reminders on Classdojo. Please only refer to official communication for details to avoid confusion.

Reminder- The carpark is for staff. As a concession it was agreed that dropping off and picking up at Gems hub would be permitted within certain hours – Parents dropping off can do so before 8am and picking up after 4pm. For this to work these hours should be kept to and it must be remembered that staff should have priority. There have been some awkward moments.

PTFA

Sponsored Walk- The PTFA sponsored walk will be taking place during school time on Friday 16th May 2025. You will have received a sponsorship form in your child's book bag this week. The children will be walking around the perimeter of the Parish Playing Fields for varying amounts of time. Please get as many sponsors as you can. Thank you in advance.

Summer Fayre – The PTFA still need volunteers to help with setting up, manning stalls, glitter tattoos and clearing away. If you are able to volunteer to help please let the office know as we have only had one reply back. It will be greatly appreciated.

Often children grow out of school uniform at the end of a year. Rather than purchase new for just a short time- the PTFA can sell you good quality preloved uniform. Please contact them for details.

Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham

Provisional Dates

11/04/25 – Easter Service 2pm
Easter Break 14-25/04/25
5/05/25 – Bank Holiday
12-15/05/25 – KS2 SATS
Half Term – 26-30/05/25

24 & 25/06/25 – KS2 Performances

1/07/25 – Sports Day

2/07/25 – Leavers Assembly 9-10am ish (Note changed date due to transition days)

9/07/25 – School closed until 26/08/25