



**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,

I trust you all found the parents evenings this week useful. Thank you for keeping to time, to the teachers for staying late and to the teachers that share a class coming in for them on days they do not usually work.

Our children have had the opportunity to take part in the local Cross Country League. Thank you to Mrs Bedford, (Jesse's mum) for organising the children at the event. We are so proud of how well you have done. The last race is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Yesterday, we celebrated World Poetry Day by exploring and writing poems. You will find some photographs of the things we have done on our Facebook page. Just to remind you we post lots of photographs on our Facebook page. If you do comment on the posts please remember not to add children's names.

This week, we had Derek from Blythswood Shoebox Appeal to give the children the latest presentation and details of this year's appeal. Today, we are sending home the leaflet explaining exactly what is needed if you would like to take part. They are requesting shoeboxes filled with small gifts to give out to people in eastern European countries who may not get Christmas presents because of their circumstances. We have lots of pre-wrapped shoeboxes if you need (please just ask for one or more) or you can wrap your own. The deadline for them being returned is early November.

Please ensure you return your photograph orders to school by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Red Apple Photography may take them later but there would be a surcharge for them.

Year 6 parents- I am sure you are aware that now is the time for you to apply for a place at your child's next school. We have been asked to send a reminder that applications must be received online by the Local Authority by 31<sup>st</sup> October. So far, four of you have applied.

The PTFA are running a Bake Sale after the Harvest service on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please look out for further information on Classdojo and the PTFA Facebook page.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Beetham

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)

## Provisional Dates for your Diary

14-10-25 – Cross Country  
16-10-25 – Football Match  
17-10-25 – Harvest Service  
17-10-25 - PTFA Bake Sale  
Half Term – 18-26<sup>th</sup> October  
27 to 31 October – Min-Y-Don  
November – Class 4 Enterprise  
Month  
08-12-25 – KS2 Pantomime  
10-12-25 – Nativity  
11-12-25 – Nativity  
16-12-25 – KS1 Party

18-12-25 – Christmas Dinner?  
19-12-25 – Carol Service  
Christmas Holiday – 20<sup>th</sup>  
December to 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term – 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>  
February 2026  
23-02-26 – Parents Eve  
26-02-26 – Parents Eve  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March – Book Week  
27-03-26 – Easter Service  
Easter Holiday – 28<sup>th</sup> March to  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

04-05-26 – Bank Holiday  
11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs  
Half Term – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May  
18-12-26 – KS2 Trips  
23-06-26 – KS2 Production  
24-06-26 – KS2 Production  
26-06-26 – Sports Day  
29-06-26 – KS1 Trips  
30-06-26 – Leavers Assembly  
and Tea  
Summer Holiday – 8<sup>th</sup> July to  
23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026