



**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,

A [consultation on proposed school term dates](#) will run from Tuesday 5 May to Monday 15 June. The Local Authority are keen to hear your views on the proposals. The consultation includes two options for term dates for the academic years from Autumn 2027 to Summer 2032. Both options keep Leicestershire's early start to the summer holidays, around two weeks earlier than neighbouring local authorities.

- Option one is a continuation of the current term date pattern.
- Option two preserves the early summer break and includes an earlier start to the autumn term to accommodate a two-week October half term.

More information, and a link to the survey to have your say, can be found here: [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation).

Year 6 children will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests next week. We are sure the children are ready and will perform to the best of their ability. We recommend that the children have a restful weekend to help them be in the right frame of mind for the tests.

Various other year groups have tests and assessments during this term. In June year 4 are tested on their times tables with the Multiplication Tables Check and year 1 are tested on their phonics. Reception have their foundation stage profile completed. Year 2 will complete the optional KS1 SATs. These are all external tests. The other children will all complete various inhouse tests and assessments and you will receive your child's end of year report.

As our Year 6 children focus on their SATS next week, please note that there will be no Gold Award assembly. We look forward to celebrating our children's achievements again when the next assembly takes place on the morning of **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**.

We will be taking the whole of KS2 to the small schools athletics competition on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026** at Saffron Lane Stadium. (Please note the change of day). We have booked a coach to take us there and bring us back. There will be no cost to you as we are able to use some of our Sports Premium Grant to fund the coach. Children will need to arrive at school by 8:30am and bring a packed lunch on this day. Further details nearer the time.

You may have noticed on the advance notices we are having a church service on the last day of term. This is a first for us and ex pupils and friends from the village are welcome to join us. Directly after the service, pupils will be able to leave from school for the summer and friends and ex-pupils are welcome to pop in to see school staff.

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)

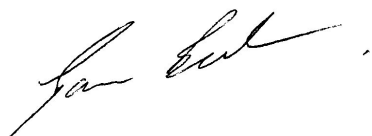
We have a number of ex-pupils joining us for work experience over the coming weeks. Next week Freddie Burdett will be joining us: week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June Nathan Harrison and Kayleigh Daines will be with us.

#### PTFA News

The PTFA will be holding a sponsored walk on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May this year. This is an important fundraising event for them. Please try to secure as many sponsors as you can. If each child managed to raise only £20 that would raise £1560 equivalent to about 4 new ipads.

The PTFA will be doing a clothing collection on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May to raise funds. If you have any items to donate, please drop them off at school any time before the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping us to raise funds for the school. For more details, please check out the poster we shared on Class Dojo!

Yours sincerely



Gavin Beetham

#### Provisional Dates for your Diary

11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs  
15-05-26 PTFA Sponsored Walk  
18-05-26 – KS2 Athletics  
Half Term – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May  
17-06-26 – KS2 Trips  
15-06-26 – New Parents Meet

19 and 22-06-26 – New  
Reception children induction  
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  
07-07-26 – End of year service  
2pm in the church.  
Summer Holiday – 8<sup>th</sup> July to  
23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026