



**THURGOLAND**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Class 5's Summer 2 Newsletter

We are the 'Terrific Tigers'

A very warm welcome to this week's newsletter.

### Talk for life and learning!

Attached with this newsletter is all of the key words we will be seeing, saying, learning and using in class. It would be great, if you could use these words at home.

Here are a few key words to get you started:

1. emitted
2. incredulous
3. unauthorised
4. spindly
5. precise

### Class Attendance Update

Each half term, we will update you on how our class attendance is looking compared to the other classes in school. As a school we are aiming high for 98% attendance this year and we have a saying in school, **'The best ability is availability.'**

Class 5's attendance: 98.8%      School attendance: 98.4%



*"Children at Thurgoland CE Primary are encouraged to see that everyone is special and unique and, in this way, gain a sense of ourselves as a unique individual – that true self, or best self, God has created us to be."*

### Class Specific Events and Information

Below is a list of events and important information specific to our class. For a comprehensive view of whole school events, please refer to the school's website or Mr. Jordan's weekly newsletter.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2026 – Castleton Trip  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 – Sports Day  
Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Bikeability

#### Important Information

##### Homework Policy

Homework is assigned every half term. The children should complete each task (reading, TT Rockstars, a choice of topic and spellings) weekly and send it in on dojo or bring it to school to share with the class. Please encourage your child to manage their time effectively and complete as many tasks as possible each week.

##### PE Kit

On our PE days, please could parents ensure pupils are wearing appropriate PE uniform, this consists of:

- The new PE Team T-Shirt in Navy Blue
- Plain navy or dark coloured jogging bottoms or leggings;
- Plain, dark shorts
- Appropriate trainers for sport

We kindly ask for all jewellery to be removed before school and long hair is tied up.



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For any questions or additional details, please feel free to reach out to the Class Teacher, who will be on the door every morning or email your enquiry to [office@thurgolandprimary.org](mailto:office@thurgolandprimary.org) and we will get back to you within 48 hours. Anything urgent please phone or catch us face to face. We look forward to an exciting and productive half term!

*As educators we are all passionate about the way children are formed by the environment in which they grow. To become our best self we will need the environment that enables this.*



## What are we learning about this half term?

This half term, Class 5 will embark on an exciting journey of discovery across various subjects. Our goal is to provide a well-rounded educational experience that fosters children to love to learn, give things a go, be resilient, show respect and aim high. Below is an overview of the topics we will explore.

### Reading:

In Reading, we will be reading the book *The Kid Who Came from Space* by Ross Welford

### Writing:

In writing we will be exploring non chronological reports about alien planets, newspapers perfecting the use of indirect speech and then explanation texts about how machines work.

### Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will cover foundational concepts, including: decimals, negative numbers, converting units and volume

### Science:

In science, we will focus on: *The Art of Living* learning about lifecycles of animals and plants

### Physical Education:

In PE children will be improving their skills in rounders and athletics.

### PHSE/RSE:

This half term, children will be looking at First Aid

### Art / DT:

In DT, children will be learning about cam toys and creating their own in small groups

### Music:

Children will be learning about musical theatre and children will have a go at writing and performing their own musical!

### Geography / History:

This half term, Y5 will be learning about National Parks around Britain and making comparisons to American National Parks.

### French:

Children will be learning about French families.

This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all students in Class 5. We look forward to a season filled with learning, growth, and fun!

**You can find more detailed information about the knowledge and skills your child will be learning in our curriculum documents, which can be found on the school website: <https://thurgolandprimary.org/curriculum-statement/>**



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Please encourage your child to complete their homework weekly on Class Dojo's and if you want to spend a little more time on home learning, why don't you try an activity from our half term bingo boards. You can find these on the school website and this half terms bingo board is attached with this newsletter. <https://thurgolandprimary.org/students/>  
The bingo boards can be downloaded from the tabs, which are located on the left hand side of the webpage.

Chris Kirby  
Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive



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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Important Water Safety Notice

With several schools in our area located near bodies of water, we're reaching out to partner with you in protecting children's safety. Whether during winter when ice forms or in warmer months when swimming seems inviting, bodies of open water can pose serious risks to young people.

We kindly ask all parents/carers to have a crucial conversation with their children about water safety. Please discuss the following safety information with your family to help prevent accidents and ensure everyone stays safe around water throughout the year.

- Attempting to walk on frozen lakes, canals and reservoirs is dangerous and can be fatal.
- Whilst it may be tempting to walk on frozen water, the ice could be unstable and can easily break.
- The temperature of the water is so cold that it can take your breath away which can lead to panic and result in drowning.
- Even during the summer months, water is still cold beneath the surface so entering the water can result in cold water shock.
- The RNLI's "Float to Live" advice is to **resist the instinct to swim hard to safety if you find yourself unexpectedly in the water. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs, and float.** Tilt your head back with ears submerged, relax, and control your breathing. Use your hands to help you stay afloat and call for help or swim to safety if possible.

Please also see below link to our water safety video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4oMsu1z17o>

Yours faithfully  
Jessica Grayson  
Station Manager  
Community Safety, Prevention and Education



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**BARNSELEY**  
Metropolitan Borough Council

# Local Offer Live 2026

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June
- 10am - 6pm
- Barnsley Metrodome



### Meet SEND Services

Meet a range of stall holders from across Education, Health, Leisure and Social Care.



### Find the right support

Find services to support you. From the Early Years to Post-16 - with or without a diagnosis.



### Have your voice heard

Find out about Participation Opportunities Help shape SEND services in Barnsley



**Even more opportunities to explore Post 16 options.**



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**Have your say on childcare in Barnsley**

Enter your email for a chance to win one of ten £50 Barnsley Gift Cards.

Scan the QR code to take the survey.

Share your experiences and help shape the future of childcare across the borough. The survey closes on Friday 19 June 2026.

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