



Class R's Summer 2 Newsletter

We are the 'Brilliant Blue Whales.'

A very warm welcome to this half term' 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. Place of worship
2. Forces (float and sink)
3. Emotions
4. Community

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 R's attendance: 98.4%

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.

Upcoming Class Events

Poetry performance

- Date: Friday 19th June 2026
- Time: 9:00am
- Details: Children will perform a selection of poems in their classroom to male relatives

Sports Day

- Date: Monday 22nd June 2026
- Time: 1.30pm-2.00pm
- Details: Join us on the field to see super sportspeople in action!

Trip to Whistlestop Valley

- Date: Wednesday 24th June 2026
- Time : Normal school hours
- Details: A journey on a steam train; a ride on a miniature train; a visit to the engine shed and play areas.

We make learning fun and memorable by baking, using manipulatives (such as playdough). As you can appreciate, all these resources incur a cost so we are hugely grateful for any donations made **half-termly**. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **£5.00** per half term that can be put into the purple piggy bank on the window sill by the classroom door. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**



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Don't forget

Please hand in **wow moments or **home learning photographs** to any member of the EYFS team. Thank you. We really value your contribution to your child's learning.

Homework Policy

Homework is assigned every Friday and is due the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to do a little and often in preparation for future years. Each week there will be: reading; handwriting; spelling; maths. Optional extra wider curriculum activities are also available.

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 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 R will embark on an exciting learning question "Where in the world shall we go?" We will continue to provide educational experiences that foster our children to love to learn, give things a go, be resilient, show respect and aim high.

Reading:

In Reading, we will read and enjoy listening to many texts including 'The journey'; 'The train ride'; 'Mr Gumpy's outing'; 'Mr Gumpy's motor car'; 'Chapatti moon' and 'The runaway Chapati'.

Writing:

We will continue to apply phonics knowledge and spell some common exception words correctly through writing dictated sentences.

Our focus will be on correct spelling of common exception words from RWINc red and green bookmarks, and punctuation-starting a sentence with a capital letter, finger spaces and ending a sentence with a full stop.

Mathematics

We will be building numbers beyond 10; doubling; halving; sharing; learning odd and even numbers; spatial reasoning; adding more; taking away and consolidation of numbers beyond 10. We will learn how to use a Rekenrek frame.

Science

We will learn about floating and sinking and investigate the best material to make a boat that will be tested at a local stream.

We will continue to learn about the weather and Seasons, studying the changing seasons and weather patterns by completing our daily calendar and weather chart.

Physical Education

Our first Sports day! We will take part in a competition and prior to it have learned skills for fluid running. Our REAL PE focus is Unit 6-ball chasing/ static balance floor work when I will balance on the floor by reaching round and pointing to the ceiling.

PHSE/RSE

We will talk about moving to year 1; visit the new classroom and meet the year 1 teaching team. We will learn and talk about feeling worried, uncertain and excited.

R.E.

We will visit Thurgoland Church and learn about special places, including a mosque.



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Art / DT

We will use and join materials together using different methods/fasteners. We will create paper aeroplanes; model boats and use a knife safely and independently to create a fruit boat. We will sew a patch for a collaborative Muslim prayer mat.

Music

We will talk about pulse, rhythm, pitch and tempo of music as well as dance to different music from around the world.

Geography

We will go on a local area walk to know that Thurgoland has different types of homes and Thurgoland has old and new buildings. We will create maps; following maps and use basic orienteering skills to use a map of the school and grounds.

This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all students in Class R. 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/>

**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.**



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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
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Local Offer Live 2026




- Monday 8th 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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