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Hello everyone,

A huge well done and **congratulations to Year 4 for a fantastic Chinese New Year Assembly** on Monday—it was a riot of colour, fun and entertainment! We are really proud of all the hard work that went into this great performance.



We are also really thankful to **Tesco** for another very **generous donation to school to support our children, as well as staff wellbeing**. Mrs Miah, the **Community Champion at Tesco's Hodge Hill Superstore**, visited school last week to present us with the much welcomed donations. We are looking forward to strengthening our terrific relationship with Tesco next week when some of our pupils will be helping to fund raise for charity in store.



Thank you to everyone who managed to attend our time to **talk coffee morning** this morning with **COMPASS** as special guests. It was lovely to see everyone and help support with making referrals for our children to try to get additional emotional wellbeing support from COMPASS.

And now for a really important date for your diary! On **Friday 4th April**, we will be holding our **Spring Fair!** This will involve lots of fun in school from **1-3pm**, with parents/ carers warmly invited to visit school and share in the wide range of different stalls and activities we are planning. Anyone wishing to hire a table in our school hall for the Spring Fair (£15 for a single table, £30 for a double table), needs to contact the School Office to make the necessary arrangements, thank you. More information next week...



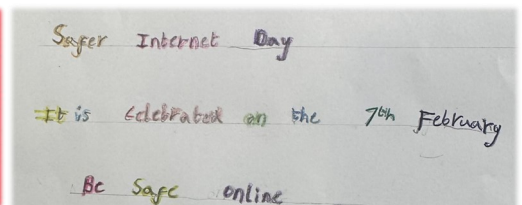
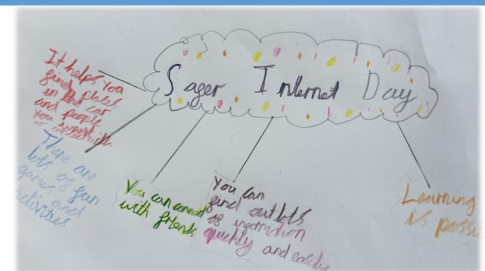
Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



This week, we're celebrating Safer Internet Day, which takes place on February 7th. Safer Internet Day is an annual event dedicated to promoting the safe, responsible, and positive use of the internet. In class, we discussed the many benefits of the online world, but also the importance of using it with care. While the internet offers incredible opportunities, it's crucial to navigate it responsibly to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. The children also created a mind map that highlights the various ways the internet can be used, showcasing its diverse and valuable applications.



Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace  
Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason  
Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Didi Rawbone and Mrs Mazar  
Chair of Governors—Mr Subat Khan

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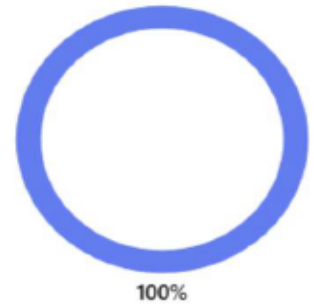
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## Thank you for coming to parents' evening, this is what you told us...

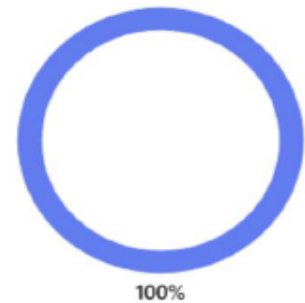
2. The school keeps my child safe

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| ● Agree    | 195 |
| ● Disagree | 0   |
| ● Not sure | 0   |



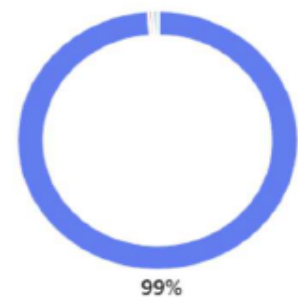
3. My child has been well supported in class.

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| ● Agree    | 195 |
| ● Disagree | 0   |
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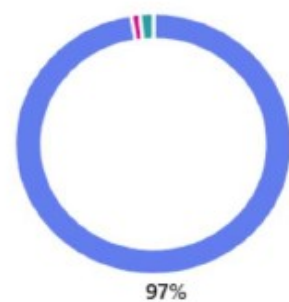
4. My child is taught well at this school

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| ● Agree    | 193 |
| ● Disagree | 1   |
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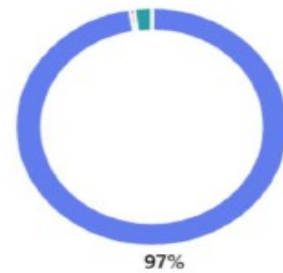
5. The school responds well if I have any concerns

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| ● Agree    | 190 |
| ● Disagree | 2   |
| ● Not sure | 3   |

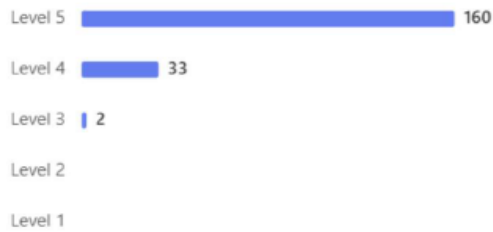


6. I am kept well informed about what is happening in school (newsletters/letters/texts/emails/website/school planners)

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| ● Agree    | 190 |
| ● Disagree | 1   |
| ● Not sure | 4   |



7. How would you rate this school? 5 stars = top rating!



8. What are the best things about Thornton Primary School?

169 Responses

Latest Responses  
 "Safe, friendly environment"  
 "The teachers"  
 "Every body is supportive ."  
 ...

41 respondents (25%) answered Teachers for this question.

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9. What one wish do you have to make our school even better?

144 Responses

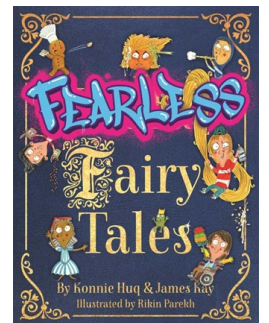
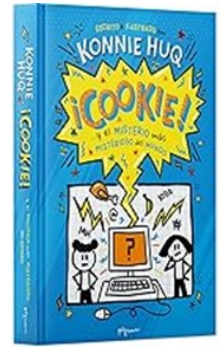
Latest Responses  
 "More language lesson options, eg. Arabic"  
 "Having more books for kids"  
 ...

20 respondents (14%) answered school for this question.

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# 'Author of the Month' February



## Konnie Huq

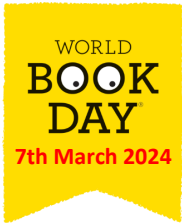
Konnie Huq is an Konnie Huq is a British television and radio presenter, screenwriter and children's author from the UK.

Her book series Cookie is inspired by Konnie's own London Bangladeshi background, her love of science and her unashamed nerdiness!

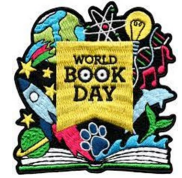


Scan the QR code below to watch Konnie Huq discuss her Fearless Fairy Tales

On the Fun Kids Book Club



# World Book Day



World Book Day will be celebrated nationally on Thursday 6th March.

We have a number of activities planned for the children in school, but we also have activities you can join in at home with your child. Carry on reading to find out all about what we have planned for World Book Day!

## Homework project

We would like you to work with your child over the next few weeks to create a 3D model of a significant object or character from a book they have read. Below are examples of projects from last year. You will find some of the projects displayed in our school's reception area. The **deadline** for all projects to be brought into class is **Friday 7th March 2025**. All entrants will receive a certificate and a prize.



## National Book Tokens' design a gift card competition!

Children of all ages to get creative and share their love for books and reading by **designing their own fabulous gift cards!** The winning entrants will receive HUNDREDS of pounds worth of National Book Tokens for their schools and themselves. PLUS the **overall winner will get a £10 National Book Token in their winning design for every child in their class...** and the opportunity to spend them in a visit to a local bookshop!

## HOW TO ENTER

All entries should be produced on A4 paper using the template provided. Please ensure you state your child's name, age, and your contact details, on the back of the template. Templates will be handed out by your child's class teacher.

This year's theme is 'Read Your Way'. Every reader is different, and there's no right or wrong way to enjoy reading. Encourage children to think about what reading looks like for them, and what it can look like for others.

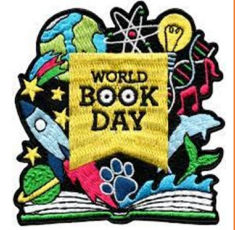
**The closing date for entries to be handed to Mrs Mazar (Assistant Headteacher) is Friday 7th March 2025.**

**Winners will be announced in May 2025.**





# World Book Day



## Dress up as your favourite book character

Children and staff are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character from a book they have read. There is no expectation to purchase a costume. We would love to see what you can create from the items you have at home already! Here are some of our teachers dressed up as their favorite book characters last year. Which character will visit your child's class this year?



## Korky Paul – Illustrator of Winnie and Wilbur

**EXCITING NEWS!** We have Korky Paul the illustrator of Winnie and Wilbur coming back to Thornton this year to work with our new **Year 3 children and their parents. The Parent workshop** will take place on World Book Day, **Friday 7th March, at 9.00am**. If you would like to attend the parent workshop with Korky Paul, look out for a letter with further details which will be sent home with your child. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Learn all about Korky Paul ahead of his visit by exploring his website <https://www.korkypaul.com/>

## **Plate up your ART work**

Create a piece of art inspired by Korky Paul's illustrations in the Winnie the Witch book series using a paper plate. The best entries will be displayed outside the SLT room ready to showcase to Korky Paul on his visit to Thornton on World Book Day. If your child has a Winnie the Witch book they would like signed by Korky Paul, they can bring this into school for World Book Day. The deadline for this art work to be handed to Mrs Mazar is **Monday 3rd March**.

## Scholastic Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on **Monday 17th March - Wednesday 19th March**. We will be selling some pre-loved books at the book fair. Children will be able to redeem their £1 world book day token at the fair. The value of the token will be deducted from the book purchased. Purchases can be made by **CARD ONLY**. A QR code will be available on the day for you to scan and make a payment supported by a member of staff from Thornton Primary School. **Only one token can be redeemed per child.**





### **Make a Splash this Half Term!**

This upcoming half term, why not dive into an exciting opportunity for your child to improve swimming skills in a fun and supportive environment?

Our **Intensive Swimming Lessons** are designed to accelerate learning, whether you're just starting out or looking to refine technique.

#### **What We Offer:**

- **Expert Coaches:** Highly qualified instructors with years of experience, ensuring safe and effective lessons.
- **Flexible Levels:** From beginners to advanced swimmers, we cater to all abilities.
- **Intensive Format:** Daily lessons over the half term, focusing on technique, stamina, and confidence-building.
- **Fun & Engaging:** Learn new skills while having a great time in the water!
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#### **Key Details:**

- **Dates:** Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
- **Location:** Erdington Leisure Centre
- **Times:** 9am - 12pm
- **Pricing:** From £29.60

Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your spot early!

#### **Sign Up Today!**

For more information or to book a place, visit [www.birminghamleisure.com](http://www.birminghamleisure.com) or call 0121 516 5650. We can't wait to see you in the pool!



## School Attendance



### Class Attendance

**Well Done to 4NG and 5ZY** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

**Our school attendance last week was 93.3%**

### Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call or leave a message on the school absence answering machine before 9am to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with a first aider please request a call back. Please ring the school office on **0121 327 0824** our lines are open from 8am. Thank you very much for your support.



### Important reminder

**Please remember to send your child to school with a waterproof coat that has their name written inside, thank you!**

**Names on jumpers and cardigans are also very helpful for reuniting these with their owners! Thank you!**



### School Meals

Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? Please make this change at the start of each term and not mid term. We would be very grateful if you could please call the office at the beginning of the term if you wish to change your child's dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen. Thank you.



### Parent Pay

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you need any support with payment please contact the school office for support. Thank you.

**Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.**

**Dinner money is £2.60 per day and £13 per week.**

**Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.**

**After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.**

**There is a late pickup charge (£4) for pupils picked up after 4pm.**



## PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 10th February**

**Year 4**

**Tuesday 11th February**  
Swimming for 4NG and 4AA.  
**4NG MUST** be in school for 8.25am

**Wednesday 12th February**

**Year 3**

**Thursday 13th February**

**Year 5**

**Friday 14th February**

**Year 6**



**Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025**

**Spring Term 2 starts: Monday 24 February 2025 until Friday 11 April 2025**

**Easter holidays Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Summer Term 1 Starts: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

**Teacher Training Day: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

**Bank Holiday School closed: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Half-Term holiday: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Teacher Training Day: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**Summer Term 2 Starts: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025**