

# The Thornton Times



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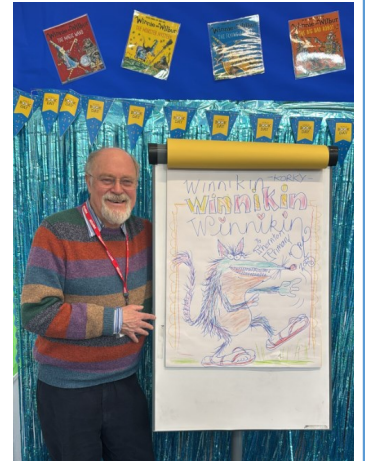
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14/03/2025

Hello everyone

We have a bumper newsletter for you this week as we share with you our **World Book Day celebrations!** The icing on the cake was welcoming the world famous illustrator **K0rky Paul** back to Thornton today! Year 3 had the absolute pleasure of taking part in **creative workshops** with K0rky throughout the day, with some lucky parents and children being able to join K0rky for a special session at the start of the day. **A very BIG thank you to K0rky for being the perfect star guest for this year's World Book Day!** Please read on in the newsletter to find out more about our celebrations and to see some of our prize winners...

**Thank you too to the Year 3 parents who were able to join their child for the parents' 'Reading for Pleasure' workshop on Wednesday**—it was really lovely to see you and to share our love of reading. If you would like to accompany your child to the **Scholastic Book Fair after school next week, the book fair will be open from 3.30pm until 4pm in the School Hall.** You can come to the book fair on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week to browse and purchase any books that tempt you! Why not pop along and take a look and bring your £1 book token to help ease the cost!



**4TW and 4AA were great ambassadors for Thornton today on their trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery,** and I know both 4SH and 4NG are looking forward to their trip next Friday.

**Year 6 are busy preparing for their KS2 SATs** in May and will be having a practice at experiencing the tests next week as they take part in a mock week. It is really important that all our **Year 6 pupils arrive on time, from 8.30am and by 8.45am** at the very latest, next week so they are fully ready to try their best. Thank you for your support.

**Please take a moment to check these important dates and find out what is coming up in the next few weeks:**

<b>Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th March 3.30-4pm</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair in the School Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th March</b>	<b>Letter Press workshop (love of reading) for 4NG &amp; 4SH in school</b>
<b>Friday 21st March</b>	<b>Year 4 trip to Birmingham Museum &amp; Art Gallery for 4SH &amp; 4NG &amp; World Poetry Day!</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th March</b>	<b>Letter Press workshop (love of reading) for 4AA &amp; 4TW in school</b>
<b>Wednesday 26th March</b>	<b>Villa Vision Parent workshop for Year 6 parents/carers</b> <b>Year 6 Villa Vision class workshop—6NI, 6HB &amp; 6MF and vision screening for 6NI &amp; 6HB</b>
<b>Thursday 27th March</b>	<b>Year 6 Villa Vision class workshop—6ZB and vision screening for 6MF &amp; 6ZB</b>
<b>Monday 31st March</b>	<b>Children celebrating Eid will have one day authorized absence</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd April</b>	<b>Ward End Library Trip for 4AA and 4NG</b>
<b>Thursday 3rd April</b>	<b>Ward End Library Trip for 4SH and 4TW</b>
<b>Friday 4th April</b>	<b>Spring Fair to celebrate Eid 1.30-3pm for all parents/carers and children</b>
<b>Monday 7th April</b>	<b>'Time to Talk' coffee morning 8.45-9.30am in the dining hall</b>
<b>Thursday 10th April</b>	<b>Year 5 Easter Assembly for all Year 5 parents/carers</b>
<b>Friday 11th April</b>	<b>Silver Attendance Award Reward (afternoon) for all pupils with 98% or more in Spring Term</b> <b>Break up for the TWO week Easter holidays at the normal time, 3.30pm</b>

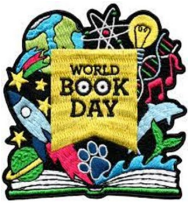
Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

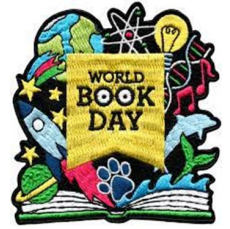
Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace  
Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason  
Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle-Rawbone and Mrs Mazar  
Chair of Governors - Mr Subat Ali



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# World Book Day



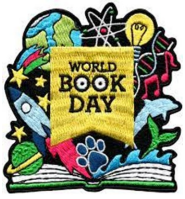
World Book Day was celebrated last Friday 7th March 2025.

We had a fantastic day at Thornton. Thank you to all a parents/carers who supported their child/ren with creating some amazing 3D projects and designing some amazing costumes. We have some incredibly talented parents/ carers. Take a look at some of the pictures from our World Book Day celebrations. Unfortunately, due to GDPR we are unable to share the photos, names and classes of all children. All children who created a 3D project or created a World Book Day costume received a certificate of participation. The selected WINNERS were invited to a Celebration Assembly on Thursday where they showcased their work and received a certificate and a prize.

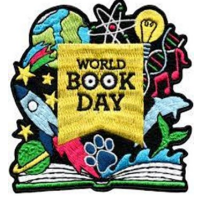
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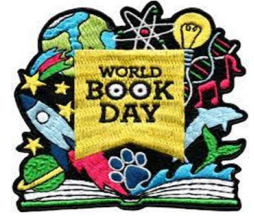
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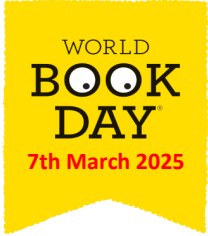
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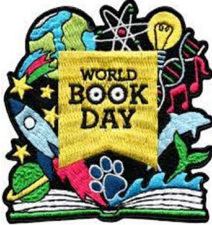
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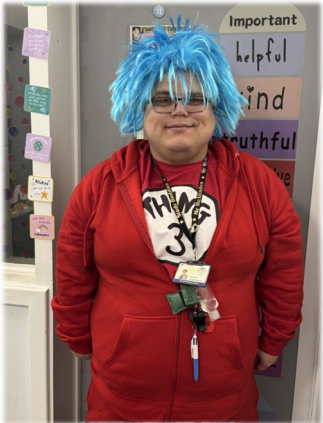
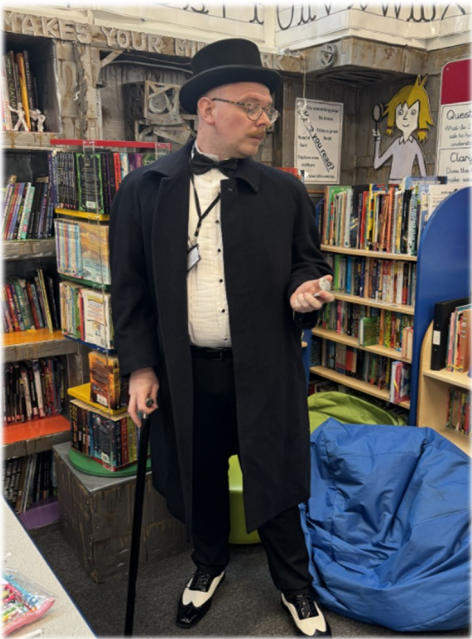
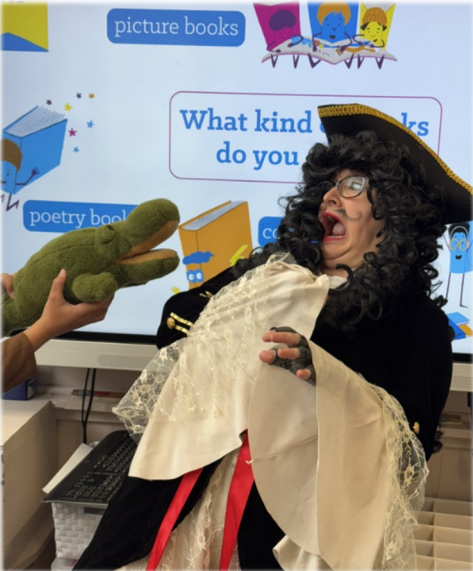




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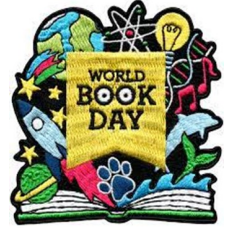
Thornton staff dressed up for World Book Day.



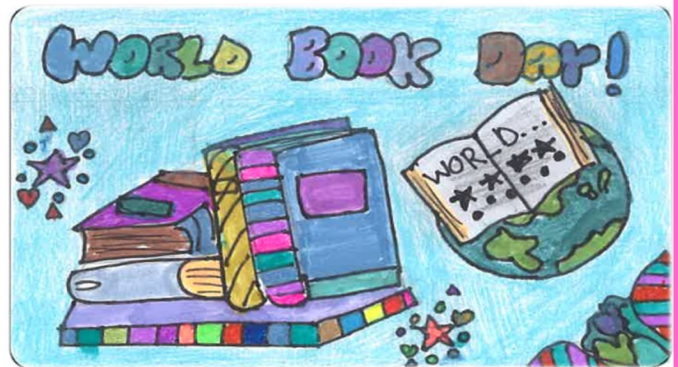
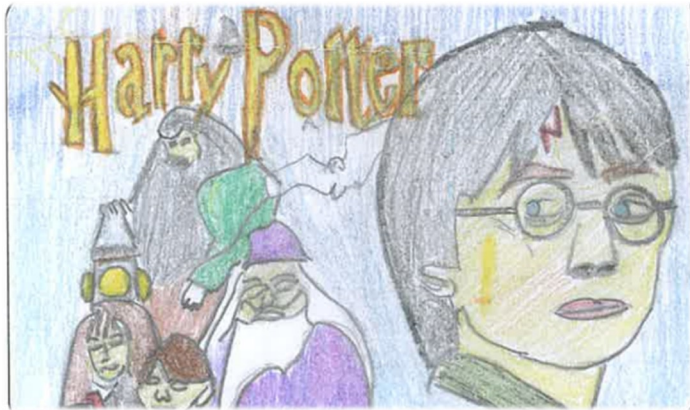


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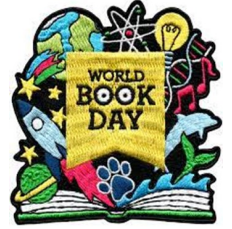
National World Book Day Design a Gift Card Competition entries. All entries will be entered into the official World Book Competition but here are some of our top picks at Thornton.





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# World Book Day



Activities children will be participating in school.

## Korky Paul – Illustrator of Winnie and Wilbur

A reminder for parents who managed to secure a place for the parent workshop with Korky Paul, this will take place on **Friday 14th March, at 9am**. Unfortunately all 20 places have been filled on a first come first serve basis however ALL our year 3 children will take part in a workshop with Korky Paul throughout the day.


## 'Plate up your Art Work Competition'



## Scholastic Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on **Monday 17th March– Wednesday 19th March**. 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 will be **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**. We look forward to seeing you there.





# **WORLD POETRY DAY 2025**

## **FRIDAY 21ST MARCH**

**Are you a future rap artist? Do you  
have mad skills with your quills?  
Is rhyme your pastime? Then it's your time  
to shine!**



**WANTED:**  
Aspiring poets  
from each year  
group!

## **EVENT RULES**

Write a short poem about this year's theme.  
Your entry can be any type of poem you  
like, and it doesn't have to rhyme. It must  
be at least four lines and at most ten lines  
long. Deadline: Friday 28th March. Hand in  
to Mrs Mazar or Mrs Tahir

## **THEME**

**Peace  
and  
Inclusion**

**PEACE IS A STATE OF CALM, SAFETY AND  
HARMONY. INCLUSION MEANS CREATING  
AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME AND VALUED.**

## **INFORMATION**

For more details ask: Mrs Mazar  
or Mrs Tahir.





# SPRING FAIR!

HOSTED BY: THORNTON  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 4TH  
APRIL

FROM  
1:30 PM-3:00PM

TABLES ARE AVAILABLE TO RENT ( £15 PER  
TABLE, £30 FOR A DOUBLE TABLE).  
INTERESTED IN RENTING A TABLE? CONTACT  
THE ADMIN TEAM ON:  
0121 327 0824

GAMES ON THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:  
HOOK A DUCK  
DARTS  
SKITTLES AND MANY MORE !

WE ALSO HAVE A DJ BOOKED TO GET THE  
PARTY STARTED!





## School Attendance



### Class Attendance

Well done to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week:

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
4TW	5BA	6MF
4AA	5ST	6ZB
	5TR	

**Our school attendance last week was 95.7 %**

### The Magic 15 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

The Magic 15 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project will start on **Monday 17th March until Friday 4th April**. These projects will help the children to improve their attendance and punctuality this term. All the pupils who are part of the initiative have had an attendance assembly today explaining the initiative and a letter has been sent home.



## PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 17th March**  
**Year 4**

**Tuesday 18th March**  
Swimming for 4SH and 4TW.  
**4SH MUST** be in school for 8.25am

**Wednesday 19th March**  
**Year 3**

**Thursday 20th March**  
**Year 5**

**Friday 21st March**  
**Year 6**

## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

For the UNICEF article we looked at Article 17.

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Articles 29 and 31 are also linked to Article 17.



**Monday 14th April until**  
**Friday 25th April 2025**  
**Easter Holidays**

**Monday 28th April 2025 until**  
**Friday 23rd May 2025**  
**Summer Term 1 Start**

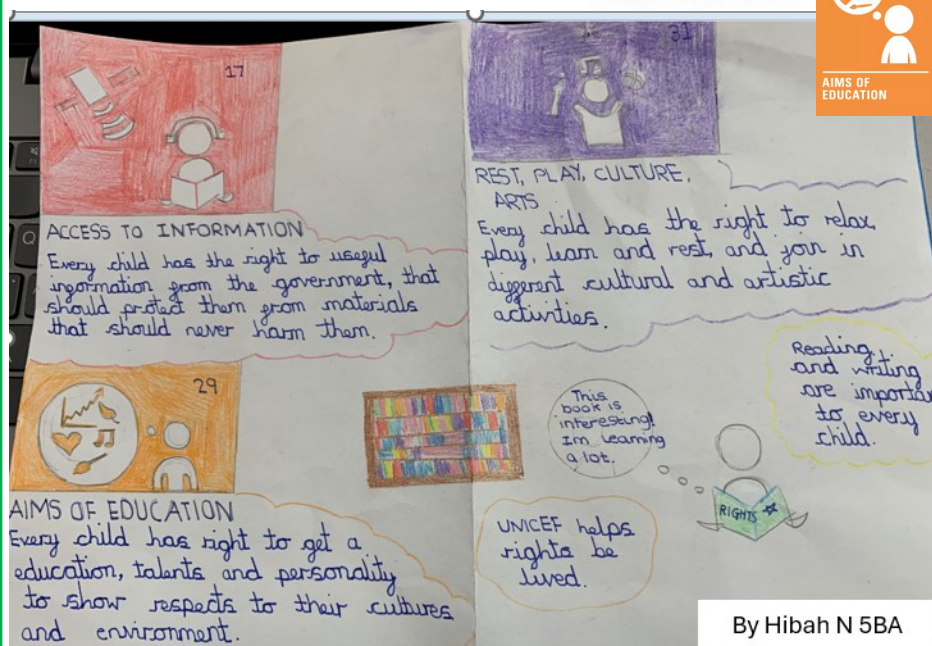
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**  
**Teacher Training Day-**  
**School closed for Pupils**

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

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

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

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



By Hibah N 5BA