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Thurton CE Primary School News

Friday 16th October 2026

An MP…ortant Visitor!

We were delighted to welcome our local MP, Ben Goldsborough to join us in school for the morning today! Ben joined in with our whole school celebration assembly before being given a comprehensive tour of the school by the Ambassadors of Green and Blue Class. After that he led a session with Blue Class where they learnt about Parliament, voting, his role as an MP and how to debate by 'disagreeing agreeably'! Iris also learnt that Ben was a friend of her Nana Pat! It was a super morning and thank you to our Governors for organising.

It's Harvest Time

The children will be going to St Ethelbert's Church in Thurton to celebrate Harvest Festival on Tuesday 20th October at 10.00 am. Parents and family members are very welcome to attend. We would be grateful for donations which will go to the Norwich Foodbank. Packets and tins and other non-perishable goods are ideal. Please bring in your donations on the day. Thank you for your support.

Blooming Marvellous

We received a wonderful donation of plants and seeds from Green Pastures this week. Heather from Yellow Class felt that the school grounds could do with a little brightening up, so she telephoned the garden centre to ask whether they had any plants they would be willing to donate.

We are delighted to say that they did! A huge thank you to Green Pastures for their generosity, and an equally big thank you to Heather for taking the initiative and making it happen.

Once Upon a Tune…

We were visited by violinist Carolina Speca and author and illustrator James Mayhew this week. The children were entertained by James Mayhew's live painting, accompanied by Carolina Speca's violin playing. The performance inspired the children to create their own pieces of work. Thank you to our PTA for organising this wonderful event!

Stars of the Week

Rec – Lenny & Mollie

Year 1 / 2 – Frank, Alfie & Theo

Year 3/4 – Archie

Year 5/6 – Sam & Finnley

Thurton Wellbeing Service

Making changes as a family works best when everyone has a voice.

Whether you're changing a morning routine, introducing new boundaries or trying a different approach to managing tricky moments, it can be tempting for adults to decide what needs to change and how it should happen.

However, when all family members are encouraged to share their thoughts, feelings and ideas, they are more likely to feel heard, valued and involved. Children, in particular, may have ideas or concerns that adults haven't considered.

Try approaching change as a team. Explain what you'd like to change and why, invite everyone to share their ideas, and work together to explore possible solutions.
For example, if mornings are becoming stressful, rather than simply telling your child what needs to happen differently, sit down together and ask, *"What do you think would help our mornings feel calmer? Is there anything we could do differently to make things easier for everyone?"* You might discover that choosing clothes the night before, creating a simple checklist or allowing a little extra time makes all the difference.

Remember: We don't need to have all the answers ourselves. Sometimes, the best solutions come from when everyone has a part to play in making a change. We're not just improving the situation - we're also helping our children develop valuable problem-solving, communication and teamwork skills for life.

Best wishes,
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Birthdays
This week our Birthday wishes go to **Ella** - Happy Birthday to you!

Week Commencing Monday 19th October 2026

	In School	After School
Mon	• PE • Lauren Talford Music Lessons	• No Clubs
Tue	• Harvest Service	• No Clubs • PTA Bake Sale
Wed	•	• No Clubs
Thu	• **RED** Team Hurrah! (Non-School uniform) • Bandwagon Music Lessons • NCMP – Reception & Year 6	• No Clubs
Fri	• SCHOOL CLOSED	

Dates for your Diary

PLEASE NOTE: children finish for Half Term on Thursday 22nd October, not Friday 23rd October

Tue 20/10/26	• Harvest Festival: 10am, St Ethelbert's Church • PTA Autumn Bake Sale
Wed 21/10/26	• Individual & Sibling School Photos (9am)
Thu 22/10/26	• NCMP: Rec/Yr6 (am) • Red Team Hurrah! (Non-uniform) • Last Day of Term
Fri 23/10/26 - Fri 30/10/26	• Half Term

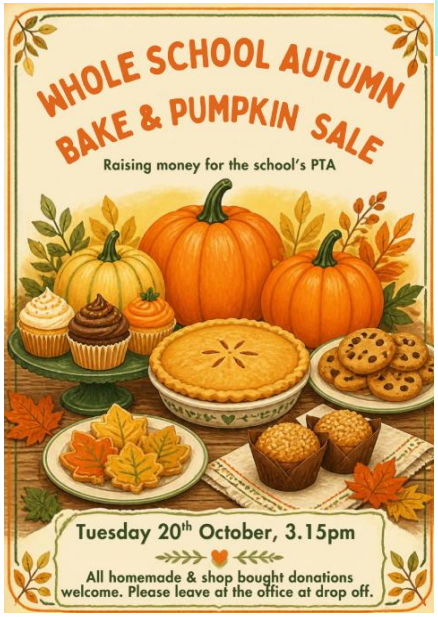
PTA Points

Allergy Safety In School

Our PTA events are a valued part of school life, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributes food and helps make them such a success. To ensure that all children can take part safely, the following arrangements will apply for bake sales and other events involving food brought into school:

- Shop-bought items must be provided in their original packaging so that ingredient and allergen information can be checked and shared with anyone wishing to view it before purchase.
- Homemade items must be accompanied by a completed Allergen Information Sheet (available from the school office), listing all ingredients used and identifying any relevant allergens.
- Food will only be made available once the relevant allergen information has been checked.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, inclusive and caring environment for all children.



Bergh Apton Conservation Trust

Fungus Foray

on our Nature Reserve on

Sunday 18th October

Led by Dr Tony Leech

Public event – all welcome!

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Meet and park at Church Field (beside Bergh Apton Church)

From 1.30pm

For more information telephone 0790 954 0672