

Thurcroft Junior Academy— October 2023 (1)



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Term dates for 23/24

Term	Start Date	Finish Date
Autumn 1 st half term	Monday 4 th September	Friday 20 th October
Autumn 2 nd half term	Monday 30 th October	Friday 22 nd December
Spring 1 st half term	Monday 8 th January	Friday 9 th February
Spring 2 nd half term	Monday 19 th February	Thursday 28 th March
Summer 1 st half term	Monday 15 th April	Friday 24 th May
Summer 2 nd half term	Monday 3 rd June	Tuesday 23 rd July

Bank Holidays Academic Year 2023-2024

Christmas Day: Monday 25th December 2023
 Boxing Day: Tuesday 26th December 2023
 New Year's Day: Monday 1st January 2024
 Good Friday: Friday 29th March 2024
 Easter Monday: Monday 1st April 2024
 May Day: Monday 6th May 2024
 Spring

Inset days Academic Year 2023-2024

Monday 4th September 2023
 Tuesday 5th September 2023
 Friday 22nd December 2023
 Monday 22nd July 2024
 Tuesday 23rd July 2024



Head lice

CHECK

- Your child's hair once a week.
- Use a proper detection comb to trap head lice.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice immediately.
- If head lice are spotted, take a close look at all the family.

TREAT

- Please treat your child with a clinically proven treatment.
- Leave the treatment on for the recommended time for maximum effect.
- Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the original treatment to kill any eggs that may hatch after the first treatment.
- Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.

Children who are being treated for head lice can still attend school.

Whenever possible, long hair should be tied up.

Useful advice and information on identifying lice, wet combing and the use of medicated lotions and sprays can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>.

Whole school pantomime—Cinderella



We are really excited this year as it is our intention for ALL pupils (including our nursery) to attend Rotherham Civic Theatre on Thursday 30th November. Letters have been sent home, please can you ensure if you would like your child to attend that consents and contributions are returned by Monday 30th October. Thank you.

Dangerous behavior

Unfortunately we have had reports of children throwing sticks into the Conker tree which is on/overhanging school grounds when school is closed. Children have also been stepping into road while doing this which has resulted in drivers having to take evasive action.

Can we please ask that you speak to your children about the dangers of this.



Stranger Danger

There has been a recent report of a lady approaching some of our pupils outside school hours on Thurcroft park, this incident was quickly reported to the police and thankfully we have had no further reports of this.

However it is very important that children know how to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations, not just with strangers.

Rather than giving warnings about certain types of people, teach them how to identify and respond to threatening situations. Children need to understand the difference between strangers who could hurt them and strangers who may help them.

Let them know who they can trust if they need help - such as a uniformed police officer or a teacher. Explain they must tell a trusted adult if they have been approached by a stranger or if they feel uncomfortable about a situation.

Help your child learn to be aware of their surroundings; encourage them to trust their instincts if they have a bad feeling about a place or person; and encourage them to be assertive.

Tips when talking to your child about staying safe not scared

Try using language like this when talking to your child about staying safe:

Staying safe - "Pay attention to what people do. Tell me right away if anyone asks you to keep a secret, makes you feel uncomfortable, or tries to get you to go with them."

Going somewhere with someone - "It's important for you to ask me and get my permission before going anywhere with anyone."

If you have a problem - "Don't approach just anyone - if you need help, look for a uniformed police officer, a store clerk with a nametag, or a parent with children."

(https://www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/learning_resource/stranger-danger/)

Parents/Carers email addresses

As an Academy we try to reduce our use of paper as much as possible, we rely heavily on email to communicate with our Parents/Carers.

Emails groups have been set up and are now being used regularly, if you are not receiving emails from our info@thucroftacademy.org email please inform the school office and they will ensure your email is correct on system/ add you to the email groups. (please do check your spam/junk folders too).

#HelloYellow

This year, Thurcroft Junior Academy will be taking part in [#HelloYellow](#) in support of Young Minds for World Mental Health Day. Together, we can look out for each other and feel hopeful about the future.

To help support Young Minds, we ask that on Tuesday 10th October your child wears a yellow item of clothing or accessory to school, along with their school uniform.

In return for wearing yellow, we ask you to support Young Minds by bringing in a £1 donation. Whether it's a scarf, hat, hair bobble or socks, wear that yellow with pride in support for [#HelloYellow!](#)

