

Thurcroft Junior Academy— February 2024

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Term dates for 23/24



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

Bank Holidays Academic Year 2023-2024)

Good Friday: Friday 29th March 2024
Easter Monday: Monday 1st April 2024
May Day: Monday 6th May 2024 Spring
Bank Holiday: Monday 27th May 2024

Inset days Academic Year 2023-2024

Monday 22nd July 2024
Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Important dates to remember

Date	Activity
Friday 9th February	School finishes for half term, pupils return to school on Monday 19th February.
Week commencing 19th February	No afterschool clubs on this week.
Thursday 7th March	Word book day (please note pupils will not be wearing fancy dress costumes on this day) Further details to follow.
Thursday 14th March	Year 4 Visit to Perlethorpe Activity Centre
Week commencing 18th March	Parents evening week Y3 & Y6—Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th Y4 & Y5—Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st Further details to follow. No afterschool clubs this week.
Thursday 28th March	Church Visit (pupils only)
Thursday 28th March	School finishes for Easter half term at 2pm
Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May	Y6 SATS week
Friday 24th May	School finishes for May half term
Monday 3rd June—Friday 14th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables check (MTC)
Wednesday 19th June	Sports Day If the weather is inclement on Wednesday 19th June sports day will take place on Thursday 20th June. Further details to follow.
Week commencing 1st July	No afterschool clubs this week.
Monday 1st July	Y6 Graduation 1:30pm. Further details to follow.
Wednesday 3rd July—Friday 5th July	Y6 Peak Under bank residential
Thursday 11th July	Musical Theatre Club performance! Further details to follow.
Friday 12th July	Year 6 leavers assembly, 2:00pm. Further details to follow.
Week commencing 15th July	Whole school transition, pupils to spend time with their new teacher
Friday 19th July	School finishes for summer holidays at 2pm.

Important reminder

Please be reminded that under no circumstances will abuse be tolerated towards any member of staff in our Academy.

When speaking to staff on the yard can we ask that you are also mindful there are other pupils around.

After school clubs

The current afterschool clubs we offer will continue running after the February half term up until the Easter holidays.

Please note that Monday well-being colouring club run by Miss McDonald will be swapping days to a Thursday and will be run by Miss Scrivens after the February half term.

Reporting absences

Please be reminded you must ring in each day of your child's absence from school. You can do this by either ringing the school office on 01709 543194 or leaving a message on the absence line.

We ask that you please contact school before 9am.

Carpark

Can we please ask that Parents/Carers and/or pupils do no enter or exit the school grounds via the gate from the school carpark.

This is to ensure the safety of everyone.

What a wonderful half term! The pupils have been absolutely fantastic.

We have had some really exciting activities take place this half term including Y3 Matball tournaments, Young voices, Mental Health workshops and even a visit from the Mayor of Rotherham.

I hope all of our families have a brilliant half term and we will welcome pupils back on Monday 19th February.



NEW!




THURCROFT PARISH CHURCH

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST CLUB!

FREE BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN AND CARERS

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 13TH
9.30-11.30

SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR BOOKING INFORMATION

THURCROFTCHURCH.CO.UK




On Tuesday 6th February, it was Safer Internet Day.. Safer Internet Day takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. As part of this annual celebration, we encourage everyone - including children and young people, parents and caregivers, teachers and educators, policymakers, industry and others - to join "Together for a better internet".

Useful links for parents/carers:

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<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

TOP TEN TIPS TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

- 1 Don't share your personal information
- 2 Only talk to people that you know
- 3 Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online
- 4 Only accept friend requests from people you know personally
- 5 Always think carefully about what you post
- 6 Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts
- 7 Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8 Report inappropriate content immediately
- 9 Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing
- 10 Never share your passwords

My VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

10 WAYS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Here are some brilliant tips from young people just like you on how you can look after your mental health.

- 1 Don't keep it all to yourself and spend too much time in your own head. This can sometimes make it keep piling up, and make you feel worse.
- 2 Talk to someone you trust and feel comfortable with – a teacher, parent, sibling, cousin, friend... If you can't think of anyone and need to talk, try talking to someone like Shout by texting SHOUT to 85258 for free.
- 3 Write your thoughts and feelings down.
- 4 Keep in contact with people, don't isolate yourself.
- 5 Don't dismiss your feelings because you think they aren't valid. Everything you feel is valid and important to you.
- 6 Focus on the good parts of your life and doing what you love, rather than the negative.
- 7 If you feel like harming yourself then tell someone you trust and distract yourself in the meanwhile.
- 8 Do something you enjoy to help you relax and have a break – watch a film, play a game, watch your favourite YouTube, listen to music.
- 9 Be your own best friend because at the end of the day, you're stuck with you – so look after yourself!
- 10 Remember that you're not alone, even if it sometimes feels like you are.

*With thanks to students at Stewards Academy and Ark Globe Academy

ASK FOR HELP

Let your family, friends, and teachers know if you are struggling so that they can support you.

If you're feeling overwhelmed and need to talk:

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- Call 0800 1111 to speak to Childline, or visit childline.org.uk for their free online chat
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CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK

Attendance week commencing 29th January 2024

Attendance at TJA

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

100% attendance: Best chance of success

95% attendance: Less chance of success

90% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

85% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

80% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

75% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

70% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

65% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

60% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

55% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

50% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

45% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

40% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

35% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

30% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

25% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

20% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

15% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

10% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

5% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

0% attendance: School impact on education and attainment

Over half a term missed: Having 50% Over 5 school years, to half a school year's work missed.

A 7 week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 91.2%

Best class this year: Puffins with 96.7%

Best class last week: Goldcreaks with 97.6%

School attendance this year is: 94.8%

School attendance for last week was: 94.4%

Can we beat our school target of 96.6%?