

Thurcroft Junior Academy October 2024



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Term Dates for 2024-2025

Term	Start Date	Finish Date
Autumn Half Term 1	Tuesday 3 rd September	Friday 25 th October
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 4 th November	Thursday 19 th December
Spring Half Term 1	Monday 6 th January	Friday 14 th February
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 24 th February	Friday 28 th March
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 14 th April	Friday 23 rd May
Summer Half Term 2	Monday 2 nd June	Wednesday 23 rd July

INSET Days
Friday 6th December
Friday 20th December

Bank Holidays
Good Friday
Friday 18th April

Easter Monday
Monday 21st April

May Day
Monday 5th May

Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 26th May

Important dates for Autumn Half Term 2

Date	Activity
Mon 4 th Nov and Wed 6 th Nov	Parents Evening Appointments <i>No after school clubs this week.</i>
Tues 5 th Nov	Year 3 South Yorkshire Fire Rescue Play It Safe Workshop
Fri 8 th Nov	Year 5 Skipping Event
w/c Mon 11 th Nov	Year 6 Bikeability
Fri 15 th Nov	Children In Need Day - <i>£1 donation + Spotty / Colourful Dress Up</i>
w/c Mon 18 th Nov	Year 6 Bikeability
Wed 20 th Nov	Royal Institute of Science Day
Tues 26 th Nov	Foundations Literacy Stay & Play
w/c Mon 25 th Nov	UK Parliament Week
Wed 27 th Nov	Diwali Dance Workshops
Thurs 28 th Nov	Diwali Dance Workshops
Fri 29 th Nov	Wear What You Want Day - <i>Christmas Hamper Donations</i>
Mon 2 nd Dec	Learn with the Lords Day
Tues 10 th Dec	Christmas Church Visits
Thurs 12 th Dec	Foundations Christmas Crafts
Fri 13 th Dec	Christmas Pantomime Trip
Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas Dinner (early 2pm finish)

IMPORTANT

Please be reminded that you must ring in each day of your child's absence. You can do this by either ringing the school office on **01709 543194** or leaving a message on the absence line. Please ensure to contact school before 9am.



Uniform orders

If you wish to order a new uniform package for your child(ren), please order directly from the uniform suppliers, Pinders. We also currently have a limited number of packages for sale from the school office.



The £25 package includes a blazer, jumper, rugby top and tie. Individual items can also be ordered, and all orders will be delivered directly to school.

Don't forget that we have a selection of pre-loved uniform. Please speak to a member of staff for more information.

Contact Details

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. This includes home address, emergency contact phone numbers and email address.

Please note that we can send emails to more than one Parent/Carer - please inform the school office if you would like adding to your child's email group.

Attendance at TJA

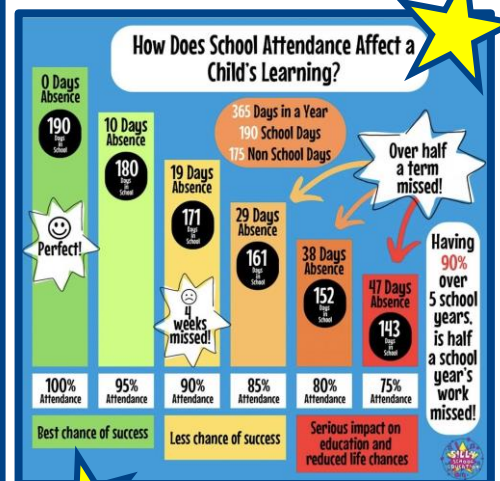
Whole School Attendance so far this year:

★ **93.9%** ★

Best class so far this year:

Puffins - 98%

Can we work together to beat our school target of 96.6%?





Remembrance Day Poppies

Poppies will be on sale in the school office after the half term break. We will have a Remembrance Day assembly on Monday 11th November.

Money raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Be Bright... Be Seen!

As the nights are drawing in, make sure that you stay safe and stay seen on the streets.

A variety of reflective items will be on sale in the school office after the half term break.



Children in Need 2024

On Friday 15th November, we will be joining in the celebrations and raising money for charity.

Wear something bright and colourful or spotty and bring your £1 donation for Children in Need!



Thurcroft's

Harvest Festival

This half term, TJA came together to celebrate the Harvest Festival with a heartwarming sense of community and generosity. Our celebration took place at Thurcroft St Simon and St Jude Church, where Reverend Hayes kindly led a special ceremony for the pupils. The children listened, sang, and reflected on the importance of giving and caring for others.

Your donations will make a big difference to many local families, and we are so proud of our school community for showing such compassion. Thank you all for your kindness! The food items will go a long way in supporting those in need.



Bowling Tournament

We are incredibly proud of the children who represented Thurcroft Junior Academy at a Rotherham-wide bowling tournament this October. They displayed fantastic teamwork and resilience and came second place out of the ten schools! Keep up the fantastic effort!



Good News!



#HelloYellow

Hello Yellow!

We recently celebrated Hello Yellow Day to raise awareness for mental health. We all took part in a creative art activity, using colors and drawings to show how feelings can be expressed.

Our Y5 and Y6 pupils also had a very special Zoom chat with Chelsea F.C. captain Reece James to discuss mental health in sport.

Thanks for your generous donations of £111.50, which has been sent to the Young Minds charity!



WOW! Walk To School

We kicked off our WOW! Walk to School initiative, and it has been amazing to see so many people taking part! Each class has been challenged to walk, cycle, or scoot to school as often as possible. At the end of each month, pupils who take part in active travel will earn a special badge as a reward for their efforts.

The class with the most active travelers will get to host the WOW! mascot in their classroom for the entire month. Well done to Merlins for being our September champions! Right now, our school is proudly in third place in the local area, but with a bit more walking, we can climb even higher!

