



# Thurcroft Junior Academy December 2024 - Issue 1



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## Term Dates for 2024-2025

Term	Start Date	Finish Date
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Spring Half Term 1	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Summer Half Term 2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

INSET Days  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Bank Holidays  
Good Friday  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
  
Easter Monday  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
  
May Day  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
  
Spring Bank Holiday  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May

## Important dates for Autumn Half Term 2

Date	Activity
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Learn with the Lords Day
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SEND Coffee Afternoon (1pm)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	INSET DAY
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Church Visits
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Performances (Y3/Y4 - 1:10pm) (Y5/Y6 - 2pm)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Performances (Y3/Y4 - 9:30am) (Y5/Y6 - 10:30am)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Foundations Christmas Crafts - 2pm to 3pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Pantomime Trip
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts - 9:30am to 11am
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts - 1:30pm to 3pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner (early 2pm finish)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	INSET DAY

## Upcoming dates for Spring Half Term 1

Date	Activity
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	BACK TO SCHOOL
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y6 WWII Workshops
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Rotherham Creative - Y6 WWII Afternoon

More exciting fun coming in 2025!

## 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

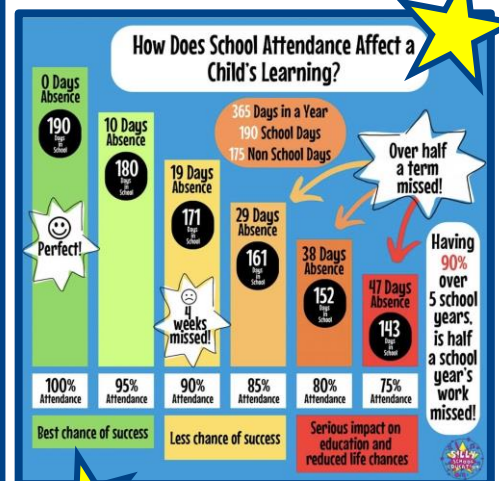
Whole School Attendance so far this half term:

**94.9%**

Best class so far this half term:

**Buzzards - 97.9%**

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





# Coffee Afternoon for SEND parents/carers

Informal help  
and support  
from local  
organisations

Discussions  
on everyday  
challenges



Which  
services are  
out there to  
support me?

Want to speak  
to other  
parents with  
SEND?

Come and join us for a coffee and a chat!

Miss Booker (SENDCO) • Wales High School  
Specialist Inclusion Team • Aspire  
Early Help • School Nursing Team

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 1pm  
at Thurcroft Junior Academy

# Thurcroft's

## Diwali Dance Workshops

To learn all about the festival of light, Diwali, all pupils took part in a special dance workshop! During these sessions, they learned traditional Indian dance moves while discovering the significance of this vibrant festival.

It was a fantastic way for the children to explore another culture, get active, and have lots of fun. The joy and energy in the hall was fantastic!



## Christmas Is Coming!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Thurcroft! Classrooms have been beautifully decorated, filling the school with festive cheer!

Not only that, but your generous donations have been used to create amazing hampers (all thanks to our special elves!) Thanks once again for your kindness to help raise money for our school.

Raffle tickets will be available from this week!



# Good News!



## VR Workshops

Earlier this month, our pupils took part in exciting virtual reality workshops that immersed them in their learning. With the help of the headsets, Y6 travelled back in time to explore ancient Maya civilization, experiencing their culture and landmarks in vivid detail.

Meanwhile, the Y3 classes used the headsets to observe volcanoes in different forms - from dormant giants to the dramatic eruptions.

The workshops were a thrilling way to bring our Geography and History learning to life!

## Royal Institute of Science

Last week, we were thrilled to welcome the Royal Institute of Science to our school! Every pupil took part in an engaging workshop all about germs and diseases. The children were fascinated by the interactive activities and learned so much about how germs spread and how we can protect ourselves.

In the afternoon, the excitement continued as pupils became scientists themselves! They conducted a variety of experiments, testing out their scientific skills and curiosity!

