



Thurcroft Junior Academy December 2024 - Issue 2



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Term Dates for 2024-2025

Term	Start Date	Finish Date
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 Day
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

I would like to take a moment to thank everybody in our school community for their incredible hard work and dedication this term. From the staff who go above and beyond every day, to the parents and carers who support our children so wonderfully, and of course, the children who never fail to make us proud - you are all what makes our school so special.

There are also some staff changes I need to make you aware of: We are very excited to welcome **Miss Nettleton** who will be joining our Year 3 teaching team from January. We also would like to give a warm welcome to **Miss El-Khatib** who recently joined our team, working in our school reception!

Sadly, we will be saying farewell to **Miss Craggs**. I know that she will be missed by both the children and adults at our school. She has given so much to our school family and will be sorely missed. I know you will join me in wishing Miss Craggs all the very best of luck for her future!

I wish you all a joyful and restful Christmas break, and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year, ready for another exciting term!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Ruth Stone



Upcoming dates for Spring Half Term 1

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

...plus even more exciting fun when we return 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.

Attendance and Punctuality

A polite reminder that our school day begins at 8:30am, and that registers are taken at 8:40am. Any pupil who arrives in class after 8:40am will be recorded as late.

Attendance at TJA

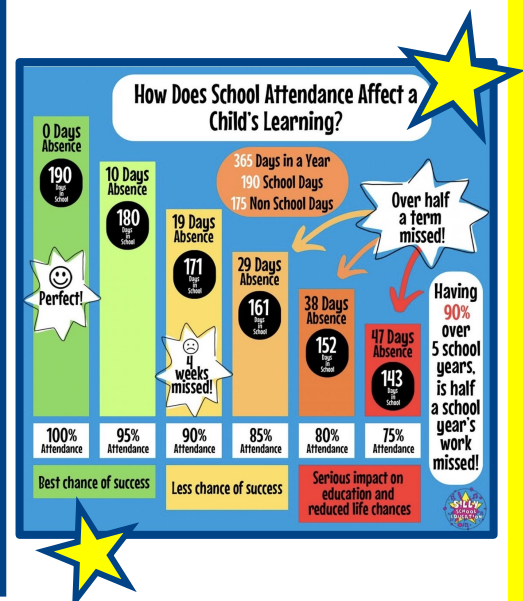
Whole School Attendance so far this half term:

94.6%

Best class this half term:

Buzzards - 97.3%

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





Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl
presenting our donations to
Rotherham NHS Trust

With your help, we supported
The Rotherham NHS Foundation
Trust this Christmas with their
fundraising efforts.

Hospitals treat a lot of patients
who are less fortunate and
have no access to the personal
hygiene supplies they need.

To show our support, we
collected items such as
shampoo, body wash,
deodorants and other toiletries
that a person may need.

Not only that, but our
Christmas Jumper Day last
Friday also raised a whopping
£183!

Thanks to everybody for their
generosity of spirit during the
festive period.

DO YOU LIKE LEGO?

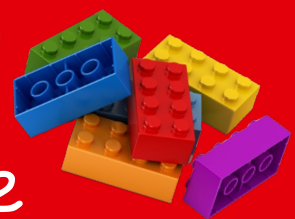
We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Kids with Bricks after-school club at Thurcroft Junior Academy from January 2025. This fun and educational club will run for six weeks, starting on Tuesday 7th January 2025 from 3:10pm until 4:10pm.

Children will have the opportunity to tackle exciting nationwide challenges both individually and as part of a team, sparking creativity and building essential problem-solving skills, all with the power of LEGO bricks! Bookings for the after-school club is now open on a first come first serve basis, as we have a limited number of spaces for this club.

This after school club costs £4.96 a week (including VAT), and will be need to be paid for in advance using the website below.



SOUNDS FUN?



Visit the website
www.kidswithbricks.com
to secure your place today!



Thurcroft

Learn with the Lords

Lord Philip Norton took part in an online question and answer sessions with pupils from Thurcroft Junior Academy as part of the popular 'Learn with the Lords' programme. During the event, Lord Norton talked about their role and work in the House of Lords before answering questions from students about his role in parliament, his job as a professor and his books. We learnt a lot about the interesting work the Lords and Baronesses do in our government.



ASDA Cash Pot for Schools

A HUGE thank you to everybody who added Thurcroft Junior Academy to their Asda Rewards Cash Pot for Schools. Every time you shopped, Asda added money to a pot for our school.

In total, you helped to raise **£297.77**, which will be used to help support our pupils!

ASDA



Junior Academy's

Christmas Performances

We have been spreading festive cheer with our fantastic Christmas concerts! Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 dazzled their audiences in both of their performances!

Following a month of rehearsals, children were thrilled to take to the stage to share their hard work. Their enthusiasm, talent and festive spirit shone through in every moment!

Thanks to all the adults for showing their support by attending our amazing shows!



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



Good News!

Christmas Church Services

Last week, we returned to St Simons and St Jude Church for a Christmas services. The children shared some learning about the meaning of Christmas, sang festive songs, and listened to the story of the birth of Jesus.

It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Thank you to Reverend Louise for welcoming us to the church and leading the service, and a huge thanks to our pupils for representing our school so well!



ROBIN HOOD



TJA Christmas Panto!

On Friday, the whole of TJA put on their Christmas jumpers and had a wonderful time on a festive trip to the Civic Theatre in Rotherham to watch the performance of Robin Hood!

The show was packed with laughter, songs and plenty of audience participation, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the magical performance. It was the perfect way for us to get into the Christmas spirit!

Thanks to all the children for their amazing behaviour!