

# Thurcroft Junior Academy

## March 2025



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### Term Dates for 2024-2025

Term	Start Date	Finish Date
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

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 Spring Half Term 2

Date	Activity
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 Sheffield Library Service - Vikings
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y3 South Yorkshire Fire Rescue Workshop
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 Rotherham Creative Session
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	British Science Week Workshops
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 Design and Technology Day
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Foundations Open Day (from 3:30pm)
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Foundations Mothers' Day Breakfast
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Easter Church Visits
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	LAST DAY OF TERM - 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

In school we still have all uniform items available, but in limited sizes, please ask the admin team about availability. If your child's size is not available then please order directly from the uniform suppliers, Pinders, all orders can be delivered directly to school for no charge.



Don't forget that we have a selection of pre-loved uniform available in reception which is free. If you have unwanted items of uniform in good condition, please consider donating them to school so we can make them available to other families.

## 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

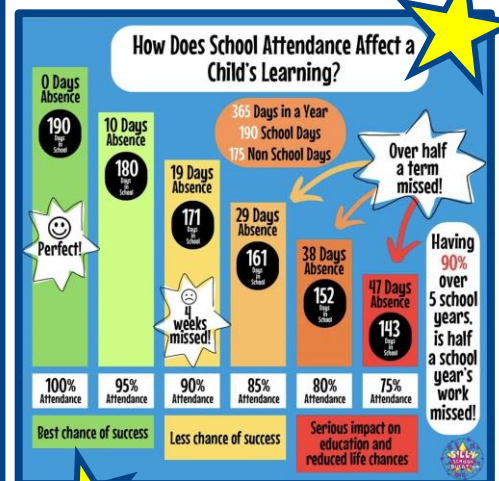
Whole School Attendance so far this half term:

93.8%

Best class this half term:

Puffins - 100%

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



# IMPORTANT NOTICE

It has been brought to the attention of our safeguarding team that some children have been using social media platforms and apps inappropriately.

Discuss online safety: Have open conversations with your child about the importance of privacy, respectful communication, and the potential risks of sharing personal information online.

Set boundaries: Establish clear rules about when and how your child can use social media, and ensure they understand the consequences of inappropriate use.

Stay informed: Regularly review your child's social media accounts and settings to ensure they are private and secure.

REMEMBER: The following sites and apps have a minimum age of 13 years old



X (formerly Twitter)



Facebook



Instagram



Pinterest



Messenger



TikTok



Discord



Snapchat



Twitch



Yubo



Reddit



YouTube

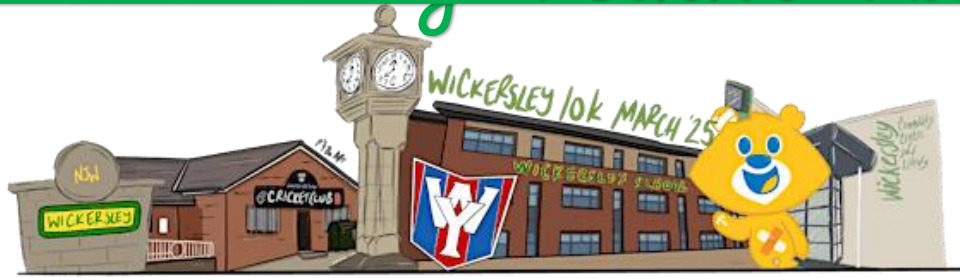


BeReal



WhatsApp

# Wickersley 10km Run!



We are excited to inform you about an upcoming event that's sure to bring our community together! On Sunday, 16th March, the Wickersley 10KM Run will take place, raising funds for Sheffield Children's Hospital. The race will begin at Wickersley School and Sports College and follow a scenic closed-circuit route, taking participants along Morthern Road, through to Thurcroft, and back up to the school. The route will pass by several well-known local landmarks.

We would love to see our students come out and show their support for the runners on the day! There will be a vibrant, fun atmosphere at the start and finish lines, featuring a live performance by the Trailblazer Allstars before the race and a variety of food and drink vendors. The event will also be supported by the Rotherham Radio breakfast show, broadcasting live from the event.

We are still looking for volunteers to help marshal along the route on the day.

For more information - including road closures, check out Wickersley10 on Facebook and Instagram or email us at [wickersley10k@gmail.com](mailto:wickersley10k@gmail.com).

# Foundations@Thurcroft

**THURCROFT**  
Junior Academy

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# NURSERY OPEN DAY

**PLACES  
AVAILABLE**  
from September  
2025

Come along and see our fabulous  
academy, meet our staff and have  
any questions answered.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
3:30pm - 4:15pm

Please scan the QR  
Code to add your child  
to our waiting list



**For more details**

**Tel: 01709 543194**

Email: [foundation@thurcroftacademy.org](mailto:foundation@thurcroftacademy.org)

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# DO YOU LIKE LEGO?

Our Kids with Bricks after-school club at Thurcroft Junior Academy is well under way this half term! This fun and educational club will run for five weeks, starting on every Tuesday 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](http://www.kidswithbricks.com)

to secure your place for next half term!



# Thurcroft

## Random Acts of Kindness!

In the Aviary we have had a brilliant start to the half term! We celebrated "Random Act of Kindness Day" by passing out thoughtful kindness cards to staff with a little treat attached!



## Handa's Surprise!

In Foundations, independently chose a variety of fruits and threaded them onto their skewers. This activity promoted independence and problem solving. Children were extremely careful with the skewers and followed instructions well to keep themselves and others safe!



## Dogs Trust Workshops

Last week, we were delighted to welcome the Dogs Trust Charity, who led sessions with every class to teach pupils how to recognise when a dog is distressed and the best ways to show kindness to our furry friends.

Each child also completed a 'promise' card, pledging something they will do to care for and respect dogs in the future. A huge thank you to Amy for delivering such engaging and informative sessions!



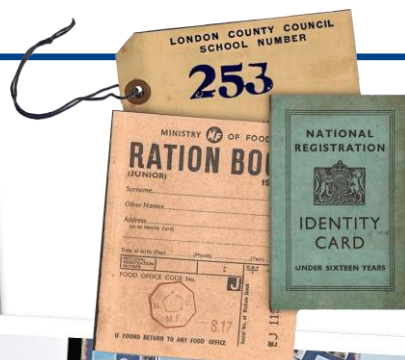
# Junior Academy's

## History Day

History came to life as staff and pupils dressed up and dived into their exciting history topics for the day! Each class explored different periods of the past, bringing their learning to life in fun and exciting ways.

Pupils also took a closer look at the history of Thurcroft village, with a special Q&A session with Mrs. Walker, who shared fascinating stories about the local area.

To end the day, the whole school gathered to share their learning, celebrating a fantastic day of discovery and historical fun!



# Good News!

## Young Voices 2025

Our pupils had an amazing time performing at the Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Utilita Arena last month! Singing alongside thousands of other children in such a huge venue was an unforgettable experience.

The energy, excitement, and fantastic performances made it a truly special day. Well done to all our singers - you were all absolutely incredible!

Thanks so much to the adults who came to support our school!

