

Thurcroft Junior Academy

April 2026



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Term Dates for 2025-2026

Term	Start Date	Finish Date
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Summer Half Term 2	Monday 1 st June 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026

INSET Days 2025/26
Friday 19th June 2026
Monday 20th July 2026

Important dates for Summer Term 1

Date	Activity
Monday 04 May 2026	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 May – Thursday 14 May 2026	Y6 SAT's Testing Week
Wednesday 20 May 2026	Y6 Residential Meeting (3:30pm)
Friday 22 May 2026	Last day of term
Wednesday 10 June 2026	Sports Day (Timings TBC)
Week Beginning 15 June 2026	Y4 MTC
Wednesday 24 June – Friday 26 June 2026	Year 6 Residential to Gulliver's Valley
Monday 29 June 2026	PM Musical Theatre Show (Timings TBC)
Wednesday 01 July 2026	Summer Fayre
Thursday 02 July 2026	After School Musical Theatre Show (Timings TBC)
7 th July - Y4 York Trip	7 th July - Y4 York Trip
14 th July - Y6 Leavers Show (PM)	14 th July - Y6 Leavers Show (1:30PM)
17 th July - Break up (2pm)	17 th July - Break up (2pm) <i>Bank Holidays 2026</i>

May Day
Monday 4th May 2026

Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 25th May 2026



It has been a truly wonderful month here at Thurcroft Junior Academy, and it has been a pleasure to see the brighter, sunnier weather finally arriving. The children have been making the most of the longer days, bringing a lovely energy and enthusiasm to school life.

We are especially proud of our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils, who have recently begun their swimming lessons. It has been fantastic to see their growing confidence in the

and their beaming smiles on swimming days say it all. They have approached this new experience with courage and positivity, and we look forward to seeing their skills continue to develop over the coming weeks. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Ruth Stone - Principal

A reminder of key uniform updates from September:

- *Blazers and ties are no longer required*
- *Yellow polo shirts can be worn*
- *White t-shirt for indoor PE (non-branded)*
- *Black long-sleeved top or hoodie for outdoor PE (non-branded)*
- *Grey cardigan may be worn instead of a jumper.*



Please note that false nails are not permitted at our school and should be removed.



Attendance and Punctuality

A polite reminder that our school day begins when the gate opens at **8:30am**. Any pupil who arrives after **8:45am** will need to enter via the school reception.

Attendance at TJA

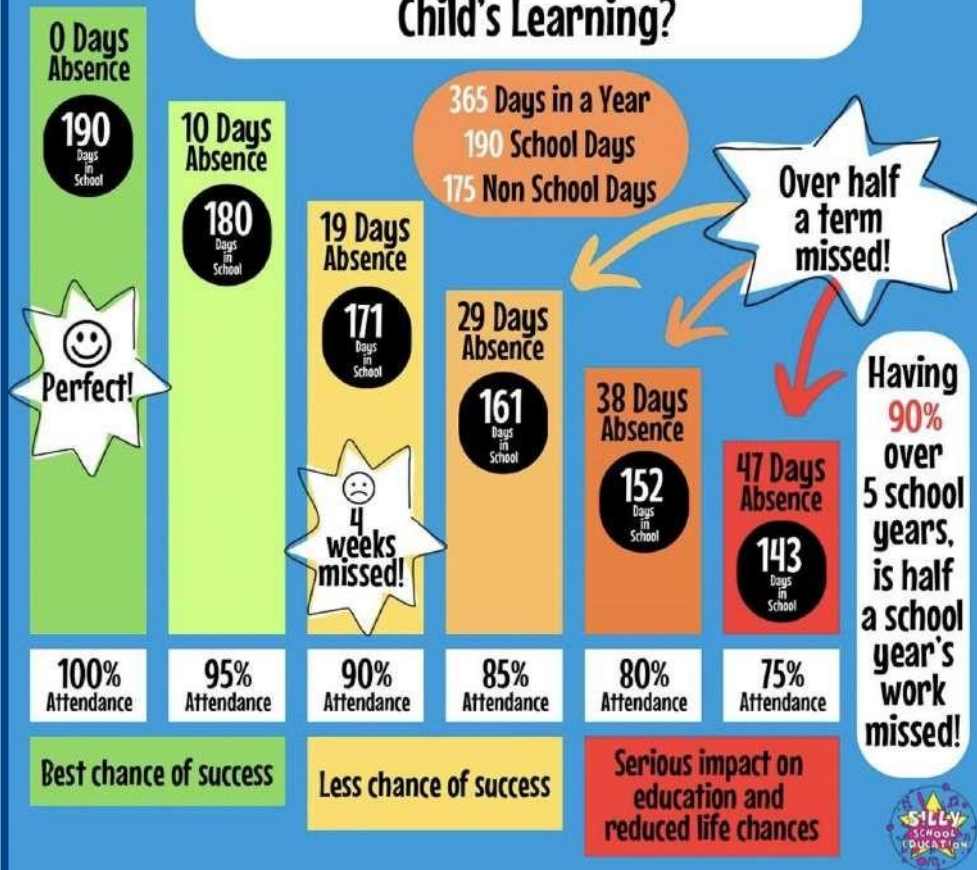
Whole School Attendance so far this half term:

96%

Best class this half term:
Canaries – 98.9%






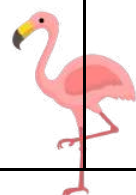
Can we work together to beat our school target of 96.6%?

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



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**.

*Our classes for the 2025/2026
academic year!*

<i>Y3 Parakeets</i>		<i>Mrs Booker</i>
<i>Y3 Canaries</i>		<i>Miss Cosford</i>
<i>Y3 Blue Jays</i>		<i>Miss Nettleton</i>
<i>Y4 Macaws</i>		<i>Mrs Frith and Miss Brooks</i>
 <i>Y4 Sunbirds</i>		<i>Mr Sharpley</i>
<i>Y5 Penguins</i>		<i>Miss Baldwin</i>
 <i>Y5 Ravens</i>		<i>Miss Pullinger</i>
 <i>Y6 Toucans</i>		<i>Mrs Moore</i>
<i>Y6 Flamingos</i>		<i>Miss Maloney</i>

Please see below the PE days for each year group. Children should bring their PE kit in and **leave it in school for the half term.** Thank you.

PE DAYS



Y3 Parakeets	Thursday
Y3 Canaries	Thursday
Y4 Macaws	Monday
Y4 Sunbirds	Monday
Y4 Swimming	Tuesday
Y5 Penguins	Tuesday
Y6 Penguins	Tuesday
Y6 Flamingos	Tuesday
Rotherham United After School Club	Wednesday



TJA's Good News!

Foundations

The children have had a great April in our Foundations setting. They have continued to enjoy exploring and becoming independent in the classroom. Take a look at what we have been up to!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a great time playing the djembes in drumming this month. They showed their super rhythm skills and were able to copy the beat.



Year 4

All year groups including nursery attended church on Wednesday afternoon this week for a special Easter service. As part of the service, some children from each year group shared their Easter or spring themed artwork, poetry or writing. Special thanks to Reverend Hayes and Reverend Dave for leading the service. Take a look at our year 4's in action.



Year 5

Year 5 created some wonderful Easter cards to celebrate the Spring season.



Year 6

In art, Year 6 have been looking at Pop Art – take a look at some of our final pieces!



Let's
stay safe
in the sun!



THE WEATHER IS GETTING HOTTER!

To keep everyone **safe and happy** during playtimes, please help your child come prepared for the sunshine.



SUN CREAM

Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school.
Long-lasting sun cream is recommended.



SUN HATS

Sun hats are encouraged to help protect faces and heads from the sun.



SUNGLASSES

Sunglasses can be brought to school for playtimes to protect eyes from bright sunlight.



LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP
OUR CHILDREN SAFE AND ENJOYING
THE SUNNY DAYS!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

