

Thurcroft Junior Academy

March 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 coming up!

Date	Activity
Wednesday 15 April 2026	Vicar – Visiting Year 3
Wednesday 15 April 2026	NSPCC Y5 & 6 Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops
Thursday 16 April 2026	Anti-bullying assemblies
Tuesday 21 April 2026	Foundations Open Event (3:30 PM)
Tuesday 28 April 2026	Oral Health Day
Tuesday 28 April 2026	Sheffield Library Service – Stone Age Workshop (Y3)
Monday 04 May 2026	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 May – Thursday 14 May 2026	Y6 SAT's Testing Week
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Rotherham Library Service – Greeks (Y5)
Friday 22 May 2026	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM



Bank Holidays 2026

May Day
Monday 4th May 2026

Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 25th May 2026

What a fantastic start we have had to this new month! Looking back, the children made some wonderful strides throughout February, showing great progress in their learning and a real commitment to our school values. It has been a joy to see that momentum carry forward into March. Our recent Science Week was a great success! It was a joy to see the children so enthusiastic and engaged in a wide range of hands-on experiments. A highlight of the week was when our pupils met a range of professionals with different jobs relating to science, giving them a real insight into where their studies can lead. From investigating chemical reactions to exploring the natural world, everyone took part exceptionally well, showing a real passion for discovery. A special word of praise goes to our Year 6 pupils, who are working incredibly hard in the run-up to their SAT's and preparing for KS3. We are so proud of the focus and resilience you show during your revision sessions. Keep up the amazing effort—you've got this! As we look ahead, we are excited for a month filled with more learning and achievements. Well done to everyone for their brilliant efforts. We would also like to warmly welcome Mrs Jarvis who will be our SEND teacher in the Aviary provision also to Mrs Moakes joining our office team - Ruth Stone

A reminder of key uniform expectations from:

- *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

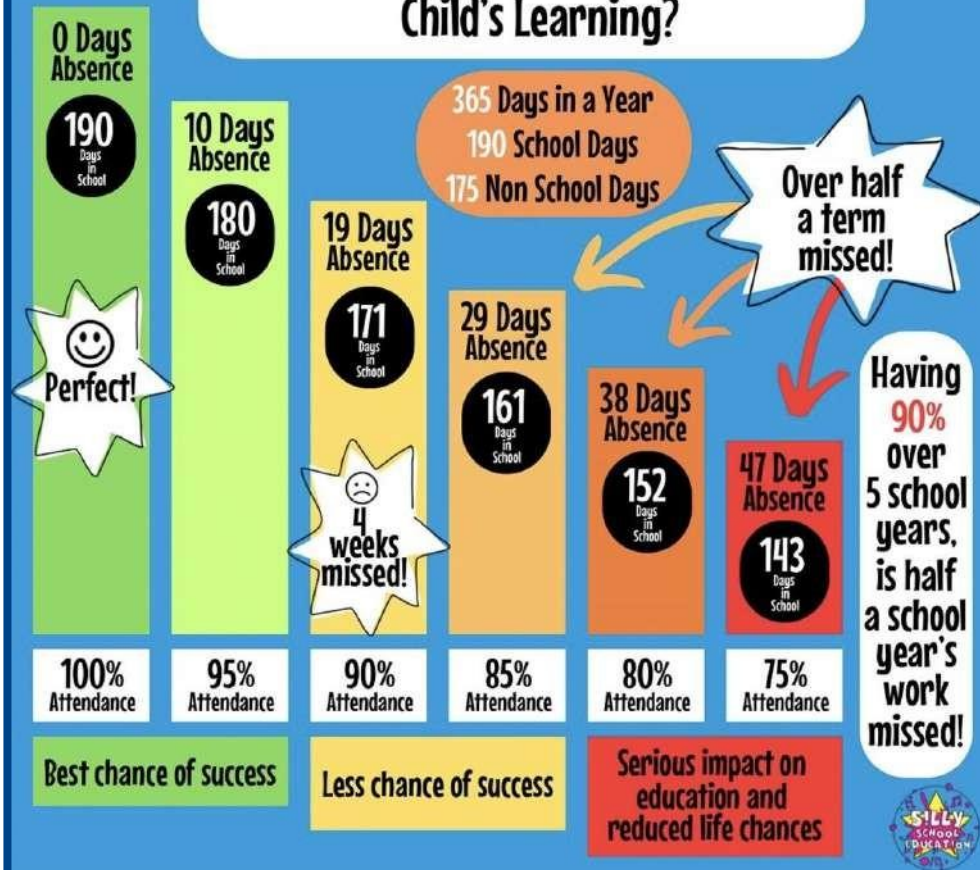
Whole School Attendance so far this half term:

96%

Best class this half term:
Penguins – 98.4%







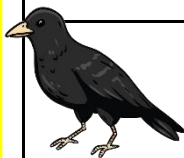

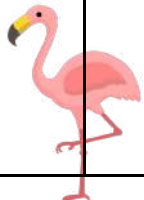
Can we work together to beat our school target of 96.6%?

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 few weeks 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

Y3 had the pleasure of doing some fantastic anti-bullying work with Anne Foxley-Johnson. The children demonstrated a clear understanding and thoroughly enjoyed the interactive session. The Year 3 team.



Year 4

Our Year 4 science investigation on tooth decay. The children observed the dramatic effects: drinks like coffee and fizzy pop severely stained the eggshells (mimicking tooth enamel), while the white vinegar dissolved the entire shell, leaving the egg rubbery. This powerful visual has reinforced the importance of good dental hygiene, and the children have promised to "brush them a little extra!"



Year 5

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, our Year 5 class showcased their literary enthusiasm! Each child shared a favorite book, describing what made it special. It was wonderful to see their genuine love of reading. Happy reading from the Year 5 class!



Year 6

Y6 was lucky enough to receive a fascinating visit from Mr Finch, ACET Deputy Network Leader, as part of Science Week. He provided a fascinating insight into our school's complex IT network and discussed what it takes to work in the field of IT. The children were captivated!



Thurcroft Champions

Last week, pupils spent some time learning about the four school rules, and people who represented them. Children debated before voting on the four champions who will serve as a reminder of how kindness, resilience, dedication and courage can help in our day-to-day lives inside and outside of school.

Be Kind



Be Resilient

Do As Adults Ask



Speak Up



Headlice and nits



Check everyone you live with

Check if it's head lice are small insect up to yet attached to the hair in your with.

Check if it's head lice are the lown of nits.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You your child off school.



Medicated lotions and sprays...

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray.



Wet combing
You can buy a special fine-toothed comb online or from pharmacies.



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JUNIOR ACADEMY

GREEN ARBOUR ROAD: IMPORTANT CROSSING UPDATE



ATTENTION:
Green Arbour Road
Crossing Guard Position
is Currently Vacant.

- We are without a guard for this vital school crossing.
- We need your help to keep our children safe.

**BE A
LOCAL
HERO**

Join us as a Crossing Guard
and become a vital part of the
Thurcroft Community.

Use your mornings and afternoons
to make a real difference and
protect our students.



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