

Thurcroft Junior Academy

May 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

Date	Activity
Week Beginning 1 June 2026	Y4 MTC
Wednesday 10 June 2026	Sports Day Y3/Y4 10:00am - 11:30am Y5/Y6 1:20pm - 2:50pm
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)



May has been a busy and positive month here at Thurcroft Junior Academy, with pupils continuing to show fantastic attitudes to their learning as the school year moves forward. The improving weather has also brought a real sense of energy, with children enjoying their break times and outdoor activities even more. We are exceptionally proud of our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs. They approached the week with maturity, determination and resilience, supporting one another throughout what was a significant milestone in their primary school journey. As they begin to look ahead to Key Stage 3, they do so with confidence and a great deal to be proud of. A special mention also goes to their well-earned ice cream treat after a very busy week. Our Year 4 pupils continue to work incredibly hard as they prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check. Their commitment, perseverance, and focus in daily practice are really paying off, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow. Across the school, it has been excellent to see pupils consistently demonstrating our school values: speaking up, being kind, showing resilience, and following adult instructions. These values are clearly embedded in everyday school life and contribute to the calm, respectful atmosphere we are so proud of.

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

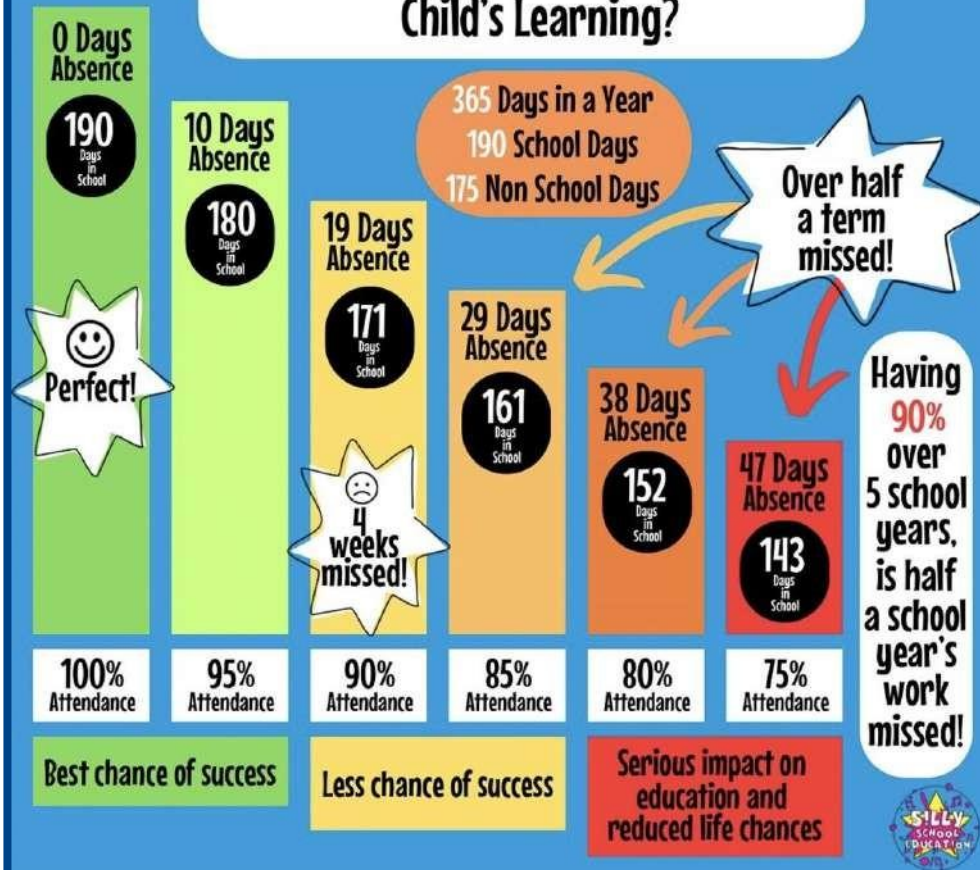
Whole School Attendance so far this half term:

96%

Best class this half term:
Canaries – 98.6%







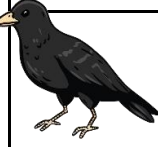


Can we work together to beat our school target of 96.6%?

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!

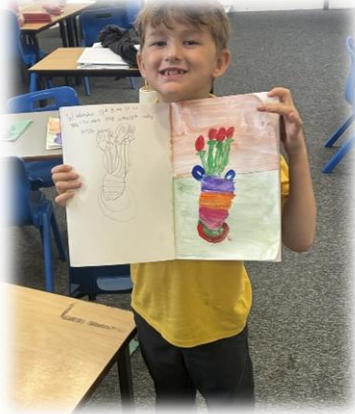
Foundations

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 had an amazing art session yesterday, recreating Vincent Van Gogh's Sunflower painting. They used bright colours to create their masterpieces.



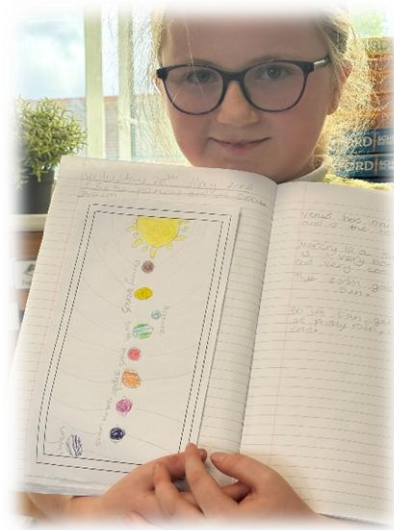
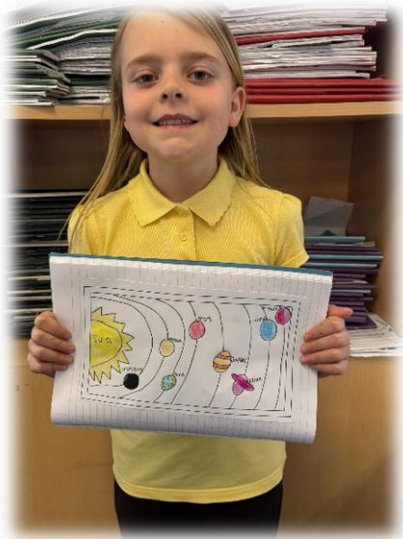
Year 4

Our Y4's were trying a variety of food to make our South American Salads as part of our DT project! Well done Y4!



Year 5

Year 5 blasted off into space as part of their learning about our Solar System! 🚀🌟 The children thoroughly enjoyed drawing the planets and showed fantastic creativity and imagination in their artwork. From fiery Mars to the rings of Saturn, their pictures were truly out of this world! 🌞🪐 Well done, Year 5 — future astronauts and astronomers in the making!



Year 6

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children for the determination, resilience and hard work they have shown throughout SATs week. We know just how special each and every one of our Year 6 thoroughly deserved celebrating with some fun on the field and a well-earned ice cream! 🍦



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





SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL UPDATE

We are pleased to let parents and carers know that our new School Crossing Patrol Warden,

Jill Thornton, started her role on **Monday 18th May 2026.**



Jill is covering the crossing point at **Green Arbour Road / Locksley Drive**



Jill will be on duty during the following times:

	MORNING 8:20am – 9:00am
	AFTERNOON 2:55pm – 3:30pm



We are sure you will join us in welcoming Jill to the school community and thank her for helping keep our children and families safe when travelling to and from school.

