



Thornden School Newsletter

16th January 2026



Welcome - Ms Lowing (Headteacher)



Dear Families,
Happy New Year! The Christmas break feels like a distant memory now but I hope that you had a lovely time.

We are back with a bang at Thornden. Year 11 have received their **Trial exam grades** and are using this to really maximise the time that they have left before their actual exams start in Spring.

We are super excited about our **House System!** All of the planning and organising behind the scenes is done and now we just have the launch. We are so excited to share the House names as well as our Heads of House with students. Hopefully they will come home, wearing their House badges proudly so please ask them about this. We plan to have lots of House competitions as well as House assemblies and Sports Day will be like no other at Thornden.

I was privileged to present **assembly** with our Head students last week. I talked about changing habits rather than New Years' resolutions and shared some of my woes with them on this topic. The Head students gave some brilliant tips on how to beat those Winter blues.

Thank you to everyone who attended **Options Evening** on Tuesday. It was great to see such a good turn out and such brilliant feedback about the options available to our students and the quality of the presentations. If you need any further help regarding Options, then please get in touch.

Speaking of the future, thank you to all of the parents who signed up to present during **Careers Week**. We had a really good response. If you still want to sign up then there is time to do so, details below. A member of staff will be in touch soon to arrange your visit - it may be that we do not take up your kind offer this year but we will definitely be in touch in the future as we plan to do this every year.

Finally, thank you to parents who signed up for the **LOKT app**. There were some minor teething troubles, but these have been ironed out quickly. Again, there is still time to take part in this so please sign up if you are interested (again, see below).

Lastly, it is the time of year - **Parent Survey** time. Please [click here](#) to respond to the survey. Your feedback is really important so please take the time to complete this. It should only take about 5 minutes.

Have a great fortnight,
Caroline

Dates for you Diary

Event	Date	Information
Year 11 Poetry Live Trip	20/01/2026	
Year 11 Parent and Carer Evening	21/01/2026	
Year 11 Information Evening	27/01/2026	This is for parents only, a short information session to help you to support your children through this important year.
Teen Booster Vaccination	27/01/2026 and 29/01/2026	Please see email sent
Winter Production Rehearsals	02/02/2026-04/02/2026	
Winter Production	05/02/2025-06/02/2026	
New York Trip	Departs 13/02/2026	
Austria Ski Trip	Departs 14/02/2026	

Inset Days 2025-2026

30/06/2026

08/07/2026

Non-uniform days 2025-2026

Friday 13th February (TBA)

Friday 27th March (Teenage Cancer Trust)

Friday 17th July (PROM)



Extracurricular Timetables and Updates

Please follow this [link](#) to our Extracurricular timetables.

Extra-Curricular PE Timetable Half Term 3

(*Each half term there will be a new timetable that may have slight changes)



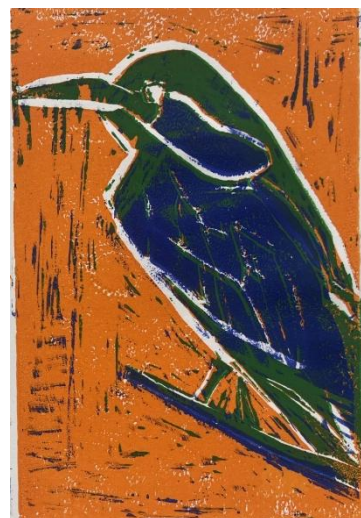
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime					
Sports Hall	All Years Basketball Mr Hall	All Years Badminton Miss Hall	All Years Basketball Mr Hall	All Years Basketball Mr Hall	GCSE PE Trampoline Mr Hall
Gym		All Years Table Tennis Mr Lax			
After School (3:00pm – 4:00pm)					
Field					Staff Sport
Astro	Year 7/8 Boys Rugby Mr Hall 9 Football Mr Osben	All Years Girls Football Miss Jones, Ms Beard, Mr Lax	All Years Girls Rugby Mr Hall Year 7 & 8 Boys Football Mr Osben	Year 9/10/11 Boys Rugby Mr Hall All years Boys & Girls Hockey Miss Jones & Mr Lax	
Sports Hall	Year 7 Girls Netball Miss Hall	Badminton Mr Osben		Year 8/9/10/11 Girls Netball Miss Hall	
Courts					

Artist of the week



Abi W, Year 9 was artist of the week with another amazing mixed media portrait. A careful use of collage, watercolour and pen has produced a stunning portrait. Well done Abi!

Jonah S, Year 8 created this excellent lino print. A bold use of contrasting colours and great use of the medium have produced an effective and engaging print, well done Jonah.



Brickfilms Club - Do you have any old Lego bricks?

Since starting in September, Year 7-9 students have used stop motion software to create fantastic short films with Lego bricks - we have seen rivalries, romances, and even a to scale chess set built and filmed! As you can imagine, with so many fantastic sets being created, we are running a little short on bricks. If you have any spare bricks or mini figures that are no longer being used at home, please donate them to our club. They can be dropped at reception or delivered to C3 by a student.

Thank you!
Ms Jeffries





Anti Bullying- Mrs Kehoe (Assistant Headteacher)

Thornden's approach to bullying

Anti-Bullying Assembly: Our Commitment to a Safe and Supportive School

Last half term, I delivered assemblies focused on anti-bullying, personal responsibility, and how we all contribute to making Thornden a safe, respectful and inclusive community.

What is Bullying?

We shared a simple definition with students: Bullying is repeated, negative behaviour intended to make someone feel upset, uncomfortable or unsafe. The assembly also reminded students that anyone can be bullied, often because of a perceived difference that makes them stand out.

What the Data Tells Us

We firmly believe that openness about our processes helps students to trust the system and encourages a culture of reporting. Over the last academic year:

- 168 incidents of unkind behaviour were reported and logged.
- Thornden responded through restorative conversations, 80 detentions, 24 internal exclusions, and where appropriate, student contracts.
- 93% of students report feeling safe in school.
- 844 students reported a concern last year, and 342 students have already done so this year.

These figures reflect both the challenges young people face and the confidence many students have in sharing concerns with staff.

Improved Processes: Closing the Loop

This year, we have strengthened our pastoral systems to ensure that students who experience unkind behaviour are fully supported—not just at the point of reporting, but long after.

We now have processes that allow pastoral teams to identify victims of bullying or unkind behaviour and check in with them weeks, and sometimes months, later. This follow-up is an important part of closing the loop, helping students to feel valued, heard, and reassured that their wellbeing matters. It also enables us, as a school, to be confident that any issues have been resolved and that no further incidents have taken place.

Becoming an Upstander

An important message shared with students was the power of being an **upstander** rather than a bystander. We explored simple but meaningful ways students can take positive action when they witness unkind behaviour, including:

- **Speaking up** in the moment if it is safe to do so
- **Checking in** with the person who has been affected
- **Reporting concerns** to a trusted adult or via Satchel
- **Including others** who may be feeling isolated
- **Setting a positive example** through kindness and respect

We are pleased to report that in recent weeks we have seen a noticeable increase in students choosing to be upstanders. Many have supported their peers by reporting concerns, stepping in to offer reassurance, or simply showing compassion when it is needed most. Their actions are helping to build a culture where everyone feels responsible for the wellbeing of others. We are proud of the caring and responsible way our students engage with this topic. As always, if parents/carers have any concerns about their child's wellbeing, please do get in touch—we are here to help.

LOKT



LOKT are proud to be launching their first full-school trial of the LOKT app with Thornden school — a school that truly puts pupil wellbeing and focus first. This marks an important milestone for LOKT — bringing school and home together to help young people build healthier digital habits in a positive, practical way. Please follow this [link](#) to view a video from Andrew co-founder of LOKT.

There is still time to sign up for the trial. Please see letters sent to you with a specific code to join your child's year group. There is a prize for all students who are signed up to the winning tutor!

['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Careers Week

We would like to try something new this Careers Week - 2nd - 6th March 2026. We would love for parents to sign up to deliver a talk to students about their roles - either face-to-face or via video call - sometime during the week. Departments will be tasked with organising this with you, but we would like to see who would be interested in doing this now. It is unlikely that you would be presenting to your own child's class but we will clarify this closer to the time.

Please can you complete this the form if you would be willing to take part. We would like a wide range of careers to be covered so please do consider it and let us know if you have any questions. We would ask you to devote at least **2 hours** and you would be presenting for **15 - 30 minutes per talk** to **multiple classes** in that time.

We are particularly looking for members of our community who studied Religious Studies at GCSE/ A-level or degree but work in different areas such as the medical field, police, law etc. Please do get in touch.

Please fill in this [form](#) by Sunday 1st February.

Thank you so much, in advance - we hope that this will be a very special week for the school and it would not be possible without you.





Safeguarding-Mr Thomas (Deputy Headteacher and DSL)

Keeping Safe Online Day

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and supporting students' wellbeing, we will be recognising *Keeping Safe Online Day*. This provides an opportunity to reinforce important messages with students about staying safe, respectful and informed when using the internet, social media and online gaming platforms.

We know that families play a crucial role in supporting young people to navigate the online world confidently and safely. Below, we have included a range of helpful links and guidance to support parents and carers in continuing these conversations at home and accessing advice if concerns arise. We will also be conducting some student voice to see if there is anything else we can do to support them.

Online safety guidance for parents and carers:

- NSPCC - You can use this link to help get nudes removed - [Report Remove | NSPCC](#)
- Childline – Information about why children sext and send nudes [Sexting and sending nudes | Childline](#)
- Safe4me – Hampshire Constabulary website supplying advice and resources for carers and professionals. [Safe4Me – Hampshire Police's free education resource programme for schools, colleges and partners in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight](#)
- Parental Controls – Guidance on how to put parental controls onto your young persons apps/games. [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#)
- Appropriate ages – Check the games and apps your children are watching are age appropriate. [Common Sense Media: Age-Based Media Reviews for Families | Common Sense Media](#)
- Information about online exploitation - [CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)
- Link for selfies videos – set of 4 videos to help you talk to your children about nudes. [Nude Selfies- Film 1 of 4 \(youtube.com\)](#)
- Roblox – From speaking with your children we know that Roblox is very popular. By selecting settings – privacy please check your child's security settings to check they have an under 13yrs account. This will assist in blocking out inappropriate games and content. You can also control who follows your child on Roblox and we recommend using the 'friends only' setting. Here is a short intro video which explains the safety features <https://youtu.be/pWzhE8fUi7E>. There is also further information here [Is Roblox safe for my child? | NSPCC](#)
- Discord – This is a popular messaging app for those who are gamers. The age limit is 13yrs, but it is made for adults meaning there is a risk of adult content and chat. Please see the link that shows how to put safety settings in place for your child [Internet-Matters-Discord-Guide-1.pdf](#)



School Nursing Support

We work closely with the Hampshire School Nursing Service to support the health and wellbeing of our students as part of the Healthy Child Programme (ages 5–19). The School Nursing Team provides advice, guidance and short-term support around areas such as emotional wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, transitions through school, relationships and general health concerns. Parents and students can also access confidential support via the ChatHealth text service: parents/carers of children aged 0–5 can text 07520 615720, parents/carers of children aged 5–19 can text 07507 332417, and young people aged 11–19 can text 07507 332160.

Where appropriate, the School Nursing Team can offer an individualised episode of care (up to four sessions), particularly to support emerging emotional health needs where school-based strategies have not been sufficient, working in partnership with families, school and other professionals.

We are lucky enough to have our first clinic at Thornden on 21st January. If you feel that one of these sessions could be useful for your child, please can you contact a.thomas@thornden.hants.sch.uk.



Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

HOW TO COPE WHEN YOUR CHILD CANT

A one-day event focused on parents/carers understanding their own needs, and learning strategies to look after themselves as they support a young person with their own mental health needs.

The sessions will include looking at guilt/responsibility and acceptance and how to be compassionate with yourself.
Led by Hampshire CAMHS.

The afternoon will focus on
How to Feel Better as a Parent in Burnout
Exploring what burnout is, what contributes to it, the signs and avoiding repeating cycle. An immersive workshop including self-care & nervous system regulation practices you can try. Led by Courtney Freedman-Thompson - coach and wellbeing practitioner with lived experience.

For more information and to book a place go to:
<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>



Some events have a small charge to allow us to cover costs, some discretionary free tickets are available

Thurs, 22 January 2026 9.30am - 3.15pm
**St Peter's Church, Jewry Street,
Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8RY**

Tickets £25
Tea, coffee and lunch included

Thornden's Parent
Teacher Association



Supporting Thornden's children ... beyond the curriculum *with Waitrose green tokens!*

Please make sure that you put your green tokens in our box!

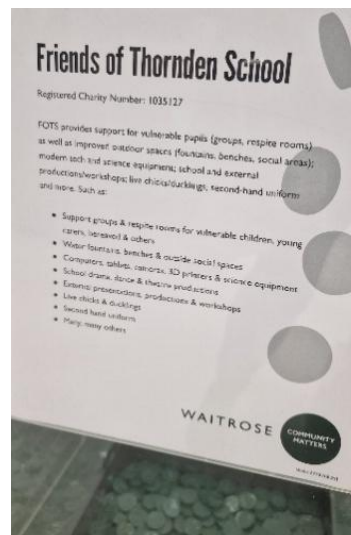
Don't forget how we help:

- Support groups & respite rooms for vulnerable children, young carers, bereaved & others
- Water fountains, benches & outside social spaces
- Computers, tablets, cameras, 3D printers & science equipment
- School drama, dance & theatre productions
- External presentations, productions & workshops
- Live chicks & ducklings
- Second hand uniform
- Many, many others

Your school, your PTA!

FOTS- your PTA supports the school in a huge range of ways! They help keep after-school clubs free while providing water fountains and books, benches, sports kits, trampolines & 3D printers... plus many pastoral and support groups for young carers, bereaved students and others.

Don't forget, **without our donation scheme, none of this would be possible!** As one year group moves on, we lose their donations, so **now is the time to take action** and **SIGN UP TO DONATE** - it only takes a few minutes. Even the mere price of a coffee, once a month, makes a real difference!



Eastleigh Food Bank and Scratch donations



Lost Property

Over the next week, students will be asked to check the lost property area. If your child has lost something, please encourage them to come and see if their item has been handed in. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of or donated to charity on Monday 2nd February.

We also have various items of jewellery, watches/smartwatches and pencil cases (see photos on Instagram). If you recognise any of these items, please ask your son/daughter to collect from the admin office.

Changes to reporting student absences

Many of you have already been using the Arbor Portal to report absences, and from the beginning of February we request all absences, except for future dated absences, eg medical appointment, are submitted via the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App. The absence reporting form on the School website will be removed at the end of January.

Absences can be reported in the attendance section in the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App - please input the absence details and submit the request. Further details can be found here: [Logging absences on the Parent Portal and Arbor App](#)

Parents/carers must ensure that a reason for absence is reported to school every day.

- Please log same day absences using the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App.
- Complete the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App and submit on each subsequent day of absence.
- For students who are late in, please complete the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App and ensure the student signs in at reception.
- As a Safeguarding procedure we will text parents/carers requesting an update if a student does not register in the morning and we have not received an absence notification.
- A medical note is required from a registered Medical Practitioner upon regular or lengthy absence from school due to illness or surgery.

Reporting Absences

As a school, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of students.

- Please complete the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App and submit before 8:35am every day that the student is absent.
- For students who are going to be late, please also report this on the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App before 8:35am.
- For students who have not registered and for whom we have not been notified of an absence, you will receive the following text message: "Please can you let the attendance team know why <Firstname> is absent from school today by updating the Arbor Parent Portal or call 02380 246577."
- Please respond to this text message straight away. If we have not received a response by lunchtime, we will contact you by telephone.
- For students leaving school early, please complete the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App and make sure that they sign out at reception when you pick them up.
- Please email the attendance team (attendance@thornden.hants.sch.uk) to advise of a planned absence for a future date, e.g. for a medical appointment or report it on the Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App on the day.
- Please also remind students that they must go to the School Nurse if they feel unwell. Students should not contact parents/carers directly.

HISP Parent Trustee Role

There are currently vacancies for parent trustees. If you would like to know more, or apply, please see the attached information.



Careers – Miss Stickland (BTEC Enterprise and Careers Lead) & Miss Quinn (Careers Coordinator)

Click [here](#) for all the latest careers news, events and opportunities.

British Army Insights: A Guide for Parents/Guardians and Students

Join us for informative sessions designed to give clarity and confidence about the opportunities the British Army offers young people.

[Meet British Army Representatives - Army Events | Army Jobs](#)

Amazing Apprenticeships

'This Is My Day' are resources that have been created to help students visualise different apprenticeship workplace settings.

Starting with Aaron, a chef, and Sarah, a teaching assistant, each resource follows a day in the life of an apprentice using clear and engaging images and wording.

[This Is My Day - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Apprenticeship opportunity with Dunelm

Please click on the below link for information regarding apprenticeships with Dunelm.

[Dunelm - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

February half term - Remote work experience

Futures For All are offering remote work experience opportunities during February half term along with a range of other remote placements during term time (please note, for any year 10 students, this would be in addition to your placement in September).

[Future Finder - Futures For All](#)

Youth Impact Foundation Programme - February half term for years 7-9

The Youth Impact Foundation Programme is over four days and includes teamwork, challenges and learning new skills. There will be teambuilding activities, inflatables, lifesaving skills in a first aid workshop, how to manage money, social project, cooking session and a build confidence in debating workshop. There is a charge of £99 for all four days or £50 for any two days, however the course is free for students who receive free school meals. If you would like more information please follow the link below.

[Programme Details | Youth Impact](#)

Sparsholt Open Event - Year 10 & 11 - Saturday 7th February

Registrations are now open for Sparsholt College's next open event on **Saturday 7 February 2026**. These are on campus, in person events. To attend, students will need to register for the event, and book tours of the subject areas that they wish to see **as soon as possible** by visiting [Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire](#). Timings for the event depend on the tour/tours that the student has booked.





ADHD Information Evening-Mrs Locke (History Teacher, Complex Behaviour Lead and ADHD Coach)

Due to unprecedented demand, we are going to **repeat** our first ADHD information evening for parents on **Wednesday 28th January 6.30pm** in the Conference Room.

The session we ran before Christmas was well received and the feedback was positive. A big thank you to 'the tribe' who attended the evening on the 10th December.

'Just thank you. Thank you for caring enough to share your knowledge and helping to educate us parents. It was really nice to meet others and not feel so alone.'

'Really engaging and informative and the setting was really warm and welcoming.'

'I didn't expect to laugh and cry tonight. What a fantastic engaging presentation.'

'Absolutely brilliant session! Bells chiming with every sentence! An epiphany! Great tempo, engaging delivery super insightful. Excellent slides, probably one of the best life talks I have ever attended. Thank you so much.'

The details are as follows (**NB this event is for those who DID NOT attend the evening on the 10th December as it will be the same session. The next session will be on Wednesday 25th February and it will be on emotional regulation and parenting tips).**

This event:

When: Wednesday 28th January. Starting at 6.30pm but arrival from 6.15pm for refreshments and a chance to chat. The presentation will finish around 7.30pm and there will be an opportunity to ask questions, chat until 8pm should you wish to do so.

Where: Thornden School Conference Room. Please arrive via Thornden Hall and you will be directed to the venue.

What: this will be the first of several sessions that are designed to inform you about all things ADHD. This first event will be the foundation session. This will help to understand the complexities of an ADHD brain's neurology and focus on areas such as symptoms (obvious and more importantly, the lesser known), diagnosis pathways, treatments and further support.

Subsequent sessions will look at areas such as issues with sleep, emotional dysregulation and conflict, understanding and supporting executive function problems, time blindness and punctuality, exam revision. You will get to hear from some of the students I work with about their experiences of ADHD to get a real feel for what it is like to be a teenager with an ADHD brain. It will also be an opportunity to meet other parents who perhaps are in the same position as you if this is something you feel comfortable with. There is no pressure to participate or chat, just turn up, have a cuppa and take away from the evening what you wish.

These sessions are free but we have limited capacity in the Conference Room so can offer 50 spaces. We can only allow one space per family. Please use this [form](#) to register interest and we will confirm your space via email.





Department Spotlight- Each newsletter we will shine a spotlight on the work of one of our fantastic departments.

Mr Jones-Head of Extracurricular Music

Christmas Concert 2025

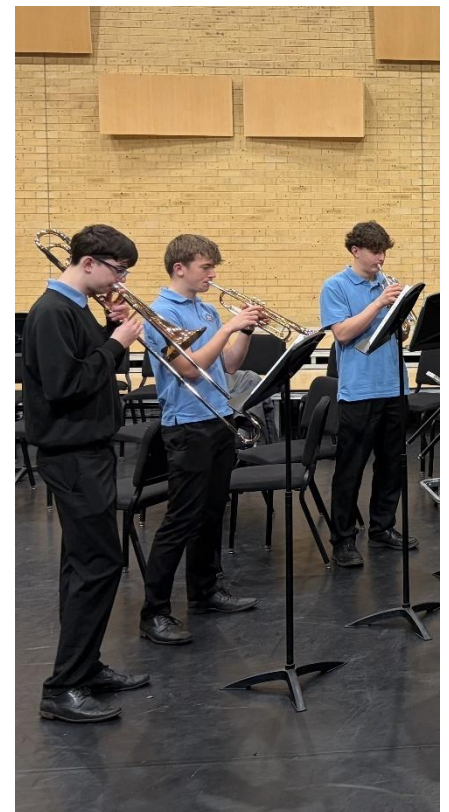
On Tuesday 16th December we had our Christmas Concert which involved over 200 students performing in our range of Music Dept Ensembles. The Concert was a sell out and Thornden Hall was full, with nearly 400 audience members. The hall was alive and vibrant as we entertained the audience putting them in the festive mood with a programme of Christmas themed Music.

The concert came to a close as all the singers came back onto stage and sang Shakin' Steven's 'Merry Christmas Everyone' with the school Wind Band accompanying and the audience also singing along. By the end all performers and audience members were all thoroughly in the Christmas mood!

Please see the programme below and pictures from the concert.

Christmas Concert Programme

ACT I	ACT II
<p>String Orchestra (Mrs. M. Gale) It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas March from The Nutcracker Winter Wonderland</p>	<p>Percussion Ensemble (Mr. M. Streater) La French Revolution Smooth</p>
<p>Brass Ensemble (Mr. A. Needham) Merry Christmas Everyone</p>	<p>Show Singers (Mrs. C. Rowcliffe) Let It Go We're All In This Together</p>
<p>Flute Choir (Mrs. S. Dodd) Steigh Ride</p>	<p>Advanced String Group (Mrs. M. Gale) Silent Night The Christmas Song</p>
<p>Jazz Band (Mr. R. Jones) Rest Ye Merry Samba Big Band Christmas</p>	<p>Senior Vocal Ensemble (Mrs. H. Bekker) The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy Happy Xmas (War is Over)</p>
<p>Recorder Consort (Mrs. A. Williams) Calypso Fanfare Ding Dong! Merrily on High</p>	<p>Wind Band (Mr. R. Jones) Hanukkah Holidays A Swingin' Christmas Variations On An English Carol Carol Of The Bell</p>
<p>Sax Mad & Friends (Mr. R. Jones) <i>Christmas Medley</i> Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town White Christmas When A Child Is Born</p>	<p>Finale with audience participation Merry Christmas Everyone</p>
<p>Thornden Singers (Mrs. H. Bekker) Mistletoe and Wine When you wish upon a star (<i>Pinocchio</i>) All alone at Christmas (<i>Home Alone 2</i>)</p>	



Extra-Curricular Music Groups

We have a broad range of Music groups that run each week either at lunchtime or after school. We are always looking for new members especially at the beginning of a new term when we are starting new music for our next concert.

If you son/daughter plays a Woodwind or Brass instrument they could join the School Wind Band that has been running since 1974! We are always looking for new members who play; flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, trumpet, trombone + any other brass instrument, as well as drum kit and percussion.

We have our newly formed 'Show Singers' open to all years, so if your child enjoys singing songs from Shows/Musicals please encourage them to come along to this on Tuesday lunchtime.

We also have The Thornden Singers that rehearse on a Wednesday after school, ran by Mrs Bekker, who are happy to accept new members.

Please contact r.jones@thornden.hants.sch.uk if you require any more info on any groups or would like your child to join one of our groups if they aren't already involved.

Follow this [link](#) to view the music department extracurricular timetable.

Reminder of our Concert dates

Please see below a list of our concert dates for this coming academic year. If your child is involved in any Extracurricular Music Ensemble, then they will be performing in the Spring Concert. Tickets are available on the door of the concert or online at www.thorndenhall.co.uk

Tuesday 24th March 7pm

(All Music Dept. Groups/Ensembles performing)

Spring Concert

Tuesday 23rd June

7,8 & 9 solos/duets)

Rising Stars Concert (Year

Thursday 16th - Saturday 18th July

School Musical Production

Chinese New Year Celebration

On Wednesday 25th February we will be holding our Chinese New Year Celebration. The event will start at 6pm and finish by 8pm. We welcome back the spectacular lion dance and we will have food to share.

Please complete this [form](#) by 30th January, if you wish to attend.

We look forward to celebrating with you!





Wellbeing Den-Mrs Kingsley-Smith (Safeguarding and Pastoral Manager)

Wellbeing Ambassador training with Solent Mind

Monday saw our first Wellbeing Ambassador training session. 14 students from a variety of year groups joined Abby and I. The course was so popular we have now established a waiting list and will run another course at a later date! Feedback from the students after the first session was fantastic. A huge thank you to Solent Mind for their support for this initiative.

Low Mood Workshop for Parents Thursday 5th February 2026 9.30am to 10.30 am

Our next parent coffee morning event is a low mood workshop. We are grateful to our Mental Health Support Team (MHST) who will be delivering this session to help parents recognise the signs of low mood in their children and explore practical ways to support them. They will introduce simple strategies like activity scheduling and value-based living to help break the cycle of low mood and encourage positive daily habits. The Wellbeing Den team will also be around to support, so we look forward to seeing you then.

Spaces will be limited and on a first come first serve basis. Please click [here](#) if you would like to book.

Children's Mental Health Week 9th February to 13th February 2026

We are excited for Children's Mental Health Week 2026 with the theme of 'This is my place'. We are looking forward to hosting a variety of activities during the week, across the school and in the Wellbeing Den. You may also want to take this opportunity to take part at home, their website has lots of tips, resources and activities, please visit [Resources and activities for Children's Mental Health Week](#).



Year 9 Parents/Carers

Your child's 3-in-1 Teenage Booster and Meningitis vaccinations are now due. These vaccines help protect against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis.

Follow the links below for the electronic form and information about the vaccines. Access to the form will close Friday 23rd January, the NHS Team will not accept late consent via email or phone.

School Code: SH136715

Session date: Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th January 2026

Year Group: Year 9

Link to form: <https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP>

For further information: <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/teenage-booster-tetanus-diphtheria-polio-meningitis/>

To choose YES or NO please complete the form to record your decision. Regular reminders will be sent to those that have not completed a form to ensure children do not miss their opportunity for vaccination.

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service



Thornden Sport- Miss Hall (2nd in PE)

Sports Results

Date	Team	Gender	Sport		Opposition	Fixture Type	Result	Player(s) of the match
11/12/2025	U14	Girls	Football	vs	Swanmore	League	Won 2-1	Laycie
15/12/2025	U12b	Girls	Netball	vs	Swanmore	League	Won	Charlie & Emily B
15/12/2025	U13b	Girls	Netball	vs	Swanmore	League	Won	Rita, Olive, Ella C
16/12/2025	U14	Girls	Rugby	vs	Kings	Friendly	Won	
17/12/2025	U14b	Girls	Netball	vs	Swanmore	League	Won 9-2	Tamsin & Elizabeth
17/12/2025	U16b	Girls	Netball	vs	Swanmore	Friendly	Lost 9-15	Erin & Holly
06/01/2026	U13B	Girls	Netball	vs	Crestwood	League	Won	Danielle & Genna
06/01/2026	U16B	Girls	Netball	vs	Crestwood	Friendly	Won 15-5	Elena & Nastya
07/01/2026	U14A	Girls	Netball	vs	Various	County Round Nationals Schools	Brookfield 3-12, Perins 10-3, Churches 10-7, Swithuns 8-11. KES 5-15	
07/01/2026	U14	Boys	Football	vs	Henry Beaufort	District Cup	Won	
12/01/2026	U12B	Girls	Netball	vs	Perins	League	Lost 7-9	Grace & Emily
12/01/2026	U13B	Girls	Netball	vs	Perins	League	Won 9-2	Ella & Rita
12/01/2026	U12&U13	Girls & Boys	Cross Country	vs	Various	District Championships	Special mentions to: Alex, Janson & Jacob (Y8), Nathan & Charlie (Y7) who all finished in the top 20. Rose 3 rd , Amelie 6 th , Amelia 7 th , Heidi 12 th . Well done to all who represented Thornden!	
12/01/2026	U16	Girls	Football	vs	Henry Beaufort	District Cup Quarter Final	Won 1-0 (Kirsty GS)	Millie R
14/01/2026	U12	Girls	Football	vs	Henry Beaufort	District Cup	Won	
14/01/2026	U12	Boys	Football	vs	John Hanson	District Cup	Lost 2-3	

Sporting Success

We are always keen to hear about success stories from our students outside of school, so please do get in touch if there is news we can share. For any sporting successes, please email Mr Hall, Head of PE: b.hall@thornden.hants.sch.uk

Social Media

We are now up and running with our Instagram page, which serves as a platform to enhance communication and celebrate achievements. This page highlights the dedication, success, and spirit of our students. We warmly invite parents to follow us: [Thornden Sport Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/thornden_sport).



@THORNDEN_SPORT

SAVE THE DATE – Sports Awards Evening Wednesday 29th April 2026

Parents and students from current Year 9, 10 and 11 who have represented Thornden Sport are invited to our Annual Sports Awards Evening. Please save the date for now, with full details to follow in the next few weeks. The evening will include BBQ style food, followed by the awards presentation.

Careers Week

2nd to 7th March 2026

We want our students to feel inspired, motivated and excited about the huge range of opportunities that exist within the world of sport. As part of Careers Week 2026, we are looking for parents or friends of Thornden who work in a sport related field and would be willing to come into school to speak to our students.

This could include careers in physiotherapy, sports science, sports technology, sports nutrition, coaching, performance analysis or any other area connected to sport. Hearing real experiences and career journeys makes a huge difference and helps bring these pathways to life.

If you are able to visit the school at any point between 2nd -6th March and are able to share your experience, we would love to hear from you. Please email Mr Hall at b.hall@thornden.hants.sch.uk for more information.



Achievements

Basketball

Thomas D, Year 11, plays basketball for Team Solent Kestrels U16s. In December, TSK travelled to Rome to compete in the European Youth Basketball League. They played some of the best sides on the continent and were the only English team competing. Thomas led his team in assists and ranked in the top 10% of assist providers in the tournament. TSK have a 100% record in the National League this season and are looking forward to play-offs in March. A fantastic achievement Thomas, well done!

Athletics

Toby G, Year 9, competed in the South of England Indoor Athletics Pentathlon recently. He won the event as well as securing Personal Best performances in all five events. Toby's success doesn't stop there! His Long Jump, High Jump and 60mH time met the qualifying standard to enter the British National competition in February 2026. A huge well-done Toby!



Student Achievements

We want to share with you the achievements of one of our Year 7 students, Chloe T. If you didn't already know, she is one of the UK's top dancers and a World Champion!

She has been involved in filming a BBC documentary and a news article has been written about her and her dance partner.

Last week, despite feeling poorly, she was interviewed on Radio Solent and may also be on South Today!

The links are here:

- Documentary on BBC iPlayer:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m002p0s0/access-all-areas-the-real-strictly-come-dancing>
- BBC news article:
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c8jwr4wr9eyo>



Barton Peveril Masterclass-Mrs Drabble (Head of Science)



David Cuthbert from Barton Peveril delivered an inspiring masterclass in Electrons and the Transition metals after school on Wednesday 14th January. About 30 budding Year 11 chemists stayed behind to find out about s,p and d orbitals; energy levels and how that explains the colours of transition metal compounds.

"We had a really interesting chemistry workshop that explained transition metals in a way that actually made sense and was fun to learn. It was really interactive doing the practical's and watching how the colours change, making us interested to look into A- level chemistry".

"It was amazing. Really interesting and informative, plus I loved getting involved. I can't wait to do Chemistry at A-Level".



Thornden Hall



Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera is Hamlet in this fearless, contemporary production



Re-screen of André Rieu's Christmas Concert



Join for an intimate night of Glitz in her first ever one woman show



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Step into the magic, follow the gleam - welcome to our midsummer dream. An Immersive re-imagining brought to life the talented students of Thornden School



Thornden Hall is located at the back of Thornden School and serves both the school and the wider community

A high-quality performing arts centre, hosting a variety of events including:

Live theatre performances

Concerts

Cinema screenings

Community and professional productions

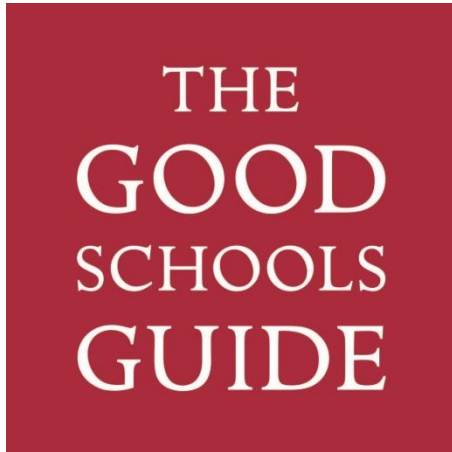
The venue is well-equipped and designed to support a wide range of artistic and cultural activities.

More information can be found at www.thorndenhall.co.uk

General Contact

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In an emergency, please contact the school during office hours on 023 8026 9722.

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SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAYS

Join an in-person school experience day to observe real classroom learning, meet pupils and staff, and explore what modern teaching looks like. It's a great way to discover if teaching is right for you - and boost your application.

To attend a school experience day at one of our partnership schools, scan the QR code below and visit our website.



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