



# Thornden School Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> July 2026



Welcome - Ms Lowing (Headteacher)



Hello Families,

Well - what a year! Thank you all so much for your support over this time. Hopefully you have seen my email regarding Thornden's Ofsted report and have had time to read this. Thank you to those who have sent congratulation emails in response to this.

A big thank you to our wonderful staff. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that the students thrive. I am very proud to work with them.

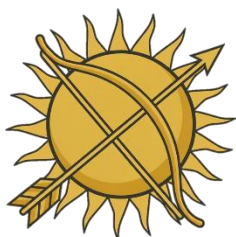
We are saying goodbye to a few staff this year, mostly due to retirement. We would like to thank Mrs Mills and Mrs Herridge in English for their service. We also say goodbye to Mr Barton-Hide, who is retiring to build his house! We say farewell to Mr Vickerage in Maths and also Mrs Stocks in Maths, who has been with the school for 9 years. Mrs Bridgeman in MFL is leaving after 17 and a half years but will be an LSA with us part-time. Mrs Beckingham in our SEND department is retiring after 21 years at the school and Ms Reid, Head of Business Studies, is retiring after an impressive 24 years at Thornden. A huge thank you to all of them - they will be sorely missed. I will introduce the new staff in September.

Please do take the time to watch our Sports Day video - thank you to the PE department for a superb day and to Mr Woods for making the fab video.

I hope that you have a wonderful Summer. Please do rest and stay safe.

Regards,

Caroline



## Dates for you Diary

| Event                      | Date                  | Information                    |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Activities Day             | 20/07/2026            | All years                      |
| Last Day-all years         | 22/07/2026            | Timetable below                |
| Inset Day                  | 01/09/2026            | Closed to students             |
| Year 7 first day           | 02/09/2026            |                                |
| Year 8-11 return           | 03/09/2026            |                                |
| Year 11 Work Experience    | 07/09/2026-11/09/2026 |                                |
| Year 7 and 11 Group Photos | 15/09/2026            | Year 7 and 11 only             |
| School Photos              | 18/09/2026            | Whole school individual photos |

### Inset Days 2026-2027-full list

|            |
|------------|
| 01/09/2026 |
| 09/10/2026 |
| 02/11/2026 |
| 15/01/2027 |
| 29/06/2027 |
| 09/07/2027 |

### Non-uniform days 2026-2027

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| TBC |
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### Last day of term plan-Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

| Activity     | Time        | Event                                                 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Registration | 8:35-8:50   | Tutor                                                 |
| Lesson 1     | 8:50-9:25   | Year 7 Celebration Assembly                           |
| Lesson 2     | 9:25-10:00  |                                                       |
| Break        | 10:00-10:30 |                                                       |
| Lesson 3     | 10:30-11:05 | Year 9 Celebration Assembly                           |
| Lesson 4     | 11:05-11:55 | Year 10 Enterprise Assembly                           |
| End of day   | 11.50       | Lower School                                          |
| End of day   | 11.55       | Upper School-Enterprise assembly may go on until 12pm |

## Extracurricular Timetables and Updates

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

Clubs for the new year are announced early in September. We will attach the new timetable to the newsletter and add it to our website. Please keep an eye out for this when we return.

Just a reminder that you do not need to book onto any of our clubs, and they are all free to attend.

## Artist of the week



This week's Artist of the Week is Nathan, Year 9, for his painted board inspired by a famous artist. Nathan chose the artist Paul Klee and created his own artwork using acrylics. A colourful and well painted result, well done Nathan!

This week's Artist of the Week is Katie, Year 9, for her amazing Jomon pot. These pots are hand built using coils and Katie has blended these to make a beautifully smooth surface. She has then decorated it with an octopus design. Excellent work Katie!



## Student Leaders Parliament Trip

Miss Lowing and Miss Georgiou visited the Houses of Parliament for an insiders' tour with our outgoing Student Leadership team. What an inspirational visit!







## Year 10 College Taster Days – Miss Stickland (BTEC Enterprise and Careers Lead)

June and July bring our annual trips to three local colleges with Year 10. Students get to go to two out of three colleges and experience their grounds, facilities and of course the lessons/subjects themselves.



We started at **Peter Symonds** on one of the hottest days of the year! The college had closed to their own students which meant we (along with some other local schools) had the run of the place. Students were fantastic, despite the heat, and really made the most of the day. They have fed back that they enjoyed the campus, found the lessons interesting and particularly enjoyed the free lunch – the chicken being a real highlight!



Our second trip, on a day only a few degrees cooler than PSC, was to **Eastleigh College** (part of the South Hampshire College Group) where students got to experience more vocational courses including bricklaying, plumbing, carpentry, catering, electrics, travel and tourism, business, beauty and hairdressing. We have such a range of fantastic options for the students in this area and it is important that students research all of the options available to them rather than just following the crowd.





Our third and final trip was to **Barton Peveril**. You guessed it, another hot one!

This was a really good opportunity for students to directly compare the 2 main local destinations for our students but also for students who had been to Eastleigh College to compare their vocational options with the more traditional academic routes. Students had a great day exploring the campus together, trying out subjects and living the life of a college student. The food was once again a highlight!

College taster days are a really important part of the decision making process, they help students test whether the college/course is what they thought it would be, try out the daily journey and also make comparisons to establish which college feels right for them (this is often the deciding factor when comparing so many excellent options).

The students were an absolute pleasure on each trip and represented Thornden beautifully, well done Year 10!







## Year 6 to Year 7 Transition 2026-Miss Parker (HOY)



Over the past term, the Transition Team at Thornden have been working together to ensure the smooth transition of 296 students from their primary and junior schools to Thornden in September. Although this is a process that we do every year and that as part of the Thornden Community you have all experienced too, there is no denying that this is a process that many young people and parents and carers alike feel daunted due to the amount of change, as well as a combination of nerves and excitement of the new chapter that is about to begin in their lives.

As always at Thornden I have been out to visit the Year 6s at our main feeder schools and took many of our current Year 7s with me to speak to the new cohort about how Year 7 has been for them. In addition, there have also been many individual and small group visits that have taken place which have been facilitated by the Pastoral and learning support teams.



We have held two transition days. Our first, for students who are coming to Thornden from non-feeder schools who often do not know anyone at Thornden, and also those who have additional needs and it was felt an extra day at Thornden may help, was held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of June. Despite the heat and our day having to finish slightly earlier, the Year 6 students had a lot of fun playing getting to know you games and activities such as an 'Egg Drop' challenge and a 'Trashion Show'. They were also ably assisted by current Year 7s who had volunteered to help knowing that this time last year they were also 'lone starters'. They were able to share their experiences and offer reassurance to the Year 6s that Thornden is a great place to attend!

Our second transition day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July was a much busier affair! All 296 new starters were invited to spend the day at Thornden. They gathered in the drama courtyard before heading to Thornden Hall for their Welcome Assembly. They then found out their new tutor groups, got to meet their new tutors and had a day getting to know the school. A highlight for many was the science lesson in the afternoon where they got to use the Bunsen burners! 66 current Year 7s also offered to help and were a great asset to the day answering lots of questions and helping with the team building activities.

We have had a fantastic few days getting to know the new year group and I am looking forward to getting to know them more in September when they join us on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.





## Intergenerational Art Project- Mrs Kehoe (Assistant Headteacher)



### Thornden School and Brendoncare, Otterbourne



This term, a small group of Year 8 and Year 9 students have taken part in a truly special Intergenerational Art Project with residents at Brendoncare Care Home in Otterbourne. Over ten weeks, students worked alongside residents to design and create artwork for the home's sensory space, building meaningful relationships while exploring the positive impact that creativity can have on wellbeing.

What began with introductions, conversation and simple creative activities quickly developed into something much more significant. As the weeks progressed, our students grew enormously in confidence and independence. They became familiar and welcomed faces within the care home, taking initiative by greeting residents, offering tea and coffee, helping with aprons, preparing materials and supporting residents throughout the creative sessions.



Most importantly, students developed a genuine understanding of the importance of ensuring every resident had someone to talk to and work alongside. They recognised the value of residents having a person to "go to" and worked thoughtfully to make everyone feel included, listened to and supported.



The artwork itself was the result of a true collaboration. Residents shared memories, favourite colours, places and sensory experiences, which inspired the designs and creative decisions made throughout the project. Together, students and residents painted, experimented with textures and contributed ideas that helped shape the final sensory space.

The relationships that developed over the course of the project have been amazing. It was wonderful to see conversations become easier; friendships form and confidence grow on both sides. Students showed exceptional empathy, patience and maturity, while residents clearly enjoyed the companionship, creativity and sense of connection that the sessions provided.



This project has been a powerful reminder of how much different generations can learn from one another. Our students should be incredibly proud of the kindness, respect and enthusiasm they demonstrated each week. They have not only helped create a beautiful sensory environment but have also made a lasting difference to the residents they worked alongside.

A huge thank you to the staff and residents at Brendoncare for welcoming our students so warmly, and congratulations to all of the students involved for representing the school so brilliantly throughout this rewarding and memorable experience.







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



### Miss Parker - Child Development



The current Child Development course has grown from strength to strength with just 6 students in its first year to now over 50! This is a course that is taught in Years 10 and 11 and is aimed at students who would like to develop the knowledge, understanding and practical skills that would be used for employment or further study in the childcare sector. Although this is a Cambridge National and not a GCSE, it is a Level 2 qualification (so equivalent to a GCSE) and in the last year alone several students have achieved a Distinction Star (D2\*) which is in line with a grade 9 at GCSE. 60% of the course is completed through NEAs with an exam at the end of year 11 worth 40%.

Alumni have included students who have gone on to college to study BTEC Health and Social Care or Child Care or A-Levels in Sociology, Psychology and Biology. These students have thrived as they already know how to complete NEA (Non examined Assessments) and have had experience at competing their own research to support their coursework. We have also had students who are completing work-based apprenticeships at local nurseries after finishing Thornden and beyond that we now have ex-students who are training to become primary school teachers or are studying for their midwifery or nursing degrees.



The course itself is a mix of practical activities and theory. In Year 10 students complete their first NEA which focuses on how children from birth to five years can be kept safe. We visit a childcare setting that has been used in the NEA scenario so that students get practical experience of the childcare provision they need to write about. In the past we have visited local nurseries and pre-schools and in November this year we visited a Forest School at a New Forest primary school.

In Year 11 the students complete their second NEA. They are required to observe a child and consider how they are meeting their developmental norms and then need to design a play activity to help develop their social or physical skills further. We have developed a working partnership with Ampfield Childcare Hub who have welcomed us back each year to complete our observations and even offered some of our Thornden Students work experience placements and an opportunity to volunteer in the holidays.

In addition, we study a range of topics in our theory lessons. We look at preconception health and safe pregnancy, antenatal care and giving birth as well as looking after and support the development of a child from birth to five years. Some examples of the in-class activities have involved designing activities to support fine and gross motor skill development, designing and preparing a healthy meal for a child, learning breastfeeding positions and making up a bottle fed. We have also completed lessons on basic paediatric first aid, Makaton and even creating menstrual cycle tracking bracelets! We have had another great year in Child Development, not only working hard, but having fun and I look forward to welcoming the new Year 10 cohort in September.







## UKMT Maths Challenge 2026 Successes- Mrs Davis (Teacher in Maths)

A total of 146 students across Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 have taken part in this year's UKMT Junior, Intermediate & Senior Maths Challenges. We have had a great year with some particularly notable results and below are the stories of our successes...

### Junior Maths Challenge

This year 39 Year 7 & 8 students took part in the Junior Maths Challenge.

We had 11 GOLD awards with the top three performances from Alana W, Gaurav M & Hugo W, 16 SILVER and 8 BRONZE awards – Well done everyone!

Following on from this 7 of our very highest performing students were selected for the follow-on round, the Junior Kangaroo and Alana & Gaurav in Year 8 qualified for the Junior Olympiad!

Congratulations go to Hugo & Lucy for achieving a SILVER award for their performances and Diana who earned a BRONZE – Well done!

In the Junior Olympiad we had outstanding results – Alana with a MERIT and Gaurav with not only a DISTINCTION but also a BRONZE MEDAL, putting him in the top 150 student in the country! Well done!

### JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE ~ 2026

#### Year 7 - Best in Year \* Hugo W \*

#### GOLD

|        |           |          |             |
|--------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Hugo W | William A | Everts P | Alexander F |
|--------|-----------|----------|-------------|

#### SILVER

|           |          |              |       |
|-----------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Jess T    | Elijah N | Khushbakht A | Ben H |
| Ibrahim S | Alexa A  | George P     |       |

#### BRONZE

|          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Radvin K | William W | Matthew R |
| Shiv P   | Jemeel S  |           |

#### Year 8 - Best in School \* Alana W \*

#### GOLD

|         |          |          |         |
|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| Alana W | Gaurav M | Lucy T   | Emily L |
| Diana P | Ewa W    | Binita N |         |

#### SILVER

|             |           |           |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Shivanshi U | Emma W    | Melek H   |
| Harry F     | Indy F    | Eleanor T |
| Isher V     | Jessica W | Zak A-D   |

#### BRONZE

|          |           |            |
|----------|-----------|------------|
| Satvik K | Steffan L | Anadhaya A |
|----------|-----------|------------|

Very WELL DONE to all this year's winners & participants!!!

## Intermediate Maths Challenge

We had 73 students taking part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge across years 9, 10 and 11 with 62 students earning themselves either a Bronze, Silver or Gold award – A wonderful percentage!

We had 17 GOLD awards with the top performances from Rhys B, Luisa M and Yixiang H in Years 9, 10 & 11 respectively, we also had 21 SILVER and 24 BRONZE – Well done everyone!

Following on from this 15 of our very highest performing students were selected for the follow-on round, the Grey Kangaroo for Year 9 and Pink Kangaroo for Year 10/11.

The Grey Kangaroo resulted in 2 SILVER and 1 BRONZE award and the Pink Kangaroo had a fabulous GOLD award from Laurence M in Year 11, along with 4 SILVERs and 1 BRONZE. Please see full list of winners in the table.

| INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE ~ 2026              |            |              |             |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Year 9 - Best in Year Group * Rhys B *</b>    |            |              |             |
| <b>GOLD</b>                                      |            |              |             |
| Rhys B                                           | Joshua W   | Yi C         | Rayyan P    |
| <b>SILVER</b>                                    |            |              |             |
| Yushan L                                         | Amelia B   | Jack P       | Ryan M      |
| Ram K                                            | Harry B    | Alexander M  |             |
| <b>BRONZE</b>                                    |            |              |             |
| Mahmoud E                                        | Andrew P   | Abdallah A   |             |
| Izzy T                                           | Isabelle H | Zack H       |             |
| <b>Year 10 - Best in Year *Luisa M*</b>          |            |              |             |
| <b>GOLD</b>                                      |            |              |             |
| Luisa M                                          | Oliver H   |              |             |
| <b>SILVER</b>                                    |            |              |             |
| Alzbeta S                                        | Oliver E   | Angus W      |             |
| Noah E                                           | Xander G   | Vitai G      |             |
| <b>BRONZE</b>                                    |            |              |             |
| Ethan M                                          | Joanna A-A | Isabella S   |             |
| Kevin T                                          | Rylan T    | Aadi A       | Adam S      |
| <b>YEAR 11 - Best in Year/School *Yixiang H*</b> |            |              |             |
| <b>GOLD</b>                                      |            |              |             |
| Yixiang H                                        | Freddie L  | Duncan C     |             |
| Amelia S                                         | Laurence M | Rupert E     | Charlie H   |
| Samuel H                                         | Alice H    | Lucas C      | Sargun K    |
| <b>SILVER</b>                                    |            |              |             |
| Reuben S                                         | Radu P     | Alessandro B | Joey C      |
| William H                                        | Cerys P    | Freyja S     | Elliot T-C  |
| <b>BRONZE</b>                                    |            |              |             |
| Oliver C                                         | Nathan F   | Hugo T       |             |
| Aki K                                            | Parthiv N  | Arran T      | Jasperine X |
| Alya N                                           | Johann F   | Anna W       | Henry C-O   |

| KANGAROOS & OLYMPIADS<br>(Follow on Rounds)                         |                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Best in Year 7 &amp; 8 * Hugo W &amp; Lucy T *</b>               |                                                                                         |
| <b>Junior Kangaroo<br/>* (Year 7 &amp; 8) *</b>                     | <b>Junior Olympiad<br/>* (Year 8) *</b>                                                 |
| <b>SILVER</b><br>Hugo W<br>Lucy T                                   | <b>GAURAV M<br/>DISTINCTION &amp;<br/>BRONZE MEDAL!!!</b>                               |
| <b>BRONZE - Diana P</b>                                             | <b>Alana W</b>                                                                          |
| <b>QUALIFICATION</b><br>Emily L & Everts P                          | <b>MERIT</b>                                                                            |
| <b>Best in Year 9/10/11<br/>* Yi C, Oliver H &amp; Laurence M *</b> |                                                                                         |
| <b>Grey Kangaroo<br/>* (Year 9) *</b>                               | <b>Pink Kangaroo<br/>* (Year 10/11) *</b>                                               |
| <b>SILVER</b><br>Yi C<br>Rayyan P                                   | <b>GOLD</b><br>Laurence M (Y11)                                                         |
| <b>SILVER</b><br>Yi C<br>Rayyan P                                   | <b>SILVER</b><br>Oliver H (Y10)<br>Duncan C (Y11)<br>Freddie L (Y11)<br>Yixiang H (Y11) |
| <b>BRONZE</b><br>Rhys B<br>Joshua W                                 | <b>BRONZE</b><br>Samuel H (Y11)                                                         |
| <b>Pink Kangaroo Qualifiers:</b> Luisa M   Charlie H   Rupert E     |                                                                                         |



### Senior Maths Challenge

Finally, 34 of our Year 11s, took part in the Senior Maths Challenge for the first time. This is a tricky challenge aimed at students up to A Level.

Special Congratulations go to Freddie L for achieving a GOLD and also qualifying for the Senior Kangaroo follow on round. Plus, there were 13 SILVER awards and 13 BRONZE. What a fabulous set of results from our amazing Year 11s!!

Congratulations everyone for taking part this year, from the Maths Department.

**SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE 2026**  
**YEAR 11 WINNERS!!**

**Year 11 - Best in School ✨ Freddie L ✨**

**GOLD**



Freddie L



**SILVER**

|           |          |           |          |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Yixiang H | Radu P   | Reuben S  |          |
| Duncan C  | Amelia S | William H | Erin A   |
| Charlie H | Winona T | Joey C    | Rupert E |
| Samuel H  | Julian L |           |          |

**BRONZE**

|            |             |             |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sargun K   | Anna W      | Lucas C     |
| Laurence M | Alesandro B | Kea H       |
| Oliver C   | Aki K       | Cerys P     |
| Hamza K    | Vicky W     | Jasperine X |
| Alya N     |             |             |

**Very WELL DONE to all this  
year's winners & participants!!!**



## Year 11 Prom- Ms Georgiou (Head of Year 7/11)



## Chess Club Winner 2026-Josh!





## Thornden Sport- Miss Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> in PE)

### Sports Results

| Date       | Team  | Gender | Sport     |    | Opposition  | Fixture Type     | Result                                                                          | Player(s) of the Match |
|------------|-------|--------|-----------|----|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 01/07/2026 | U13   | Girls  | Rounders  | vs | Mountbatten | Friendly         | Won 7-4.5                                                                       | Genna                  |
| 01/07/2026 | U12   | Girls  | Athletics | vs | Various     | Track KO Final   | 2nd place                                                                       |                        |
| 01/07/2026 | U14   | Girls  | Athletics | vs | Various     | Track KO Final   | 1st place – County Champs!                                                      |                        |
| 07/07/2026 | U12   | Girls  | Rounders  | vs | Swanmore    | Friendly         | Drew 10-10 but won on no. of outs                                               | Matthew D              |
| 07/07/2026 | Mixed | Mixed  | Athletics | vs | Various     | County Athletics | Special congrats to: Eliana M - 100m 1st place, Harris M - shot putt 1st place. |                        |

★ A big well done to every student who has represented the school this academic year! ★

### Sports Day 2026!

On Friday 3rd July, we celebrated our annual Sports Day, and this year was extra special as it marked the first ever Sports Day under our new House system!

The day was packed with excitement, with students competing within their year groups across a range of events, including track races, football, bench netball, tennis, and tug of war. Participation was fantastic, with students embracing every opportunity to represent their House. Whilst competition was fierce, every event was still played in excellent spirit! School colours were proudly on display, with bright House T-shirts and colourful face paint.

The day concluded with the entire school gathering around the track for the relay races—the first time everyone had come together in this way. The excitement reached its peak with the always-popular staff relay, which brought plenty of cheers and laughter. It was a fantastic end to an unforgettable day, with every student showing incredible House spirit and cheering each other on from start to finish.

The PE Department would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff who gave their time and support throughout the day. An event of this scale simply would not be possible without the teamwork of the entire Thornden staff, and we are incredibly grateful for everyone's contribution in making the day such a success.







The final sports day results are as follows:

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Apollo
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Ares
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Artemis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Poseidon
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Athena

We also presented the cup for the overall house results. This includes the participation points and results from house competitions throughout the year, achievement points and sports day results. The overall house cup results are:

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Athena
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Apollo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Poseidon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Artemis
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ares



A big thank you to Mr Woods who put together a lovely montage video of the day.

Click the link below if you would like to see more!

[Thornden Sports Day 2026](#)



## Achievements

### Football

Well done to George, Year 8, who was awarded 3 trophies at St Mary's recently along with his U13 Jags teammates from the Hedge End Rangers FC, as they won the treble: the Hampshire Cup, the Tyro Cup and the Division 1 Tyro league! Well done!



### Tennis

Well done to both Freddie and Radvin in Year 7, who played in an U15 tennis tournament last Sunday. In a tight 3 set match- Radvin won the 1st set, Freddie won the 2nd and it was a tie breaker in the 3<sup>rd</sup> with Radvin taking the win and Freddie finishing runner up. Well done!



### Trampolining

Well done to Eleanor, Year 8, who recently competed in both the Inter Regional Challenge Cup Final at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham and the English Trampoline & DMT Championships in Telford.

Eleanor did fantastically and won a Gold at the IRCCF (representing the South Region) and Silver at the English Championships, both in Double Mini Trampoline. A fantastic way to end the competition season. Well done!



### 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](mailto: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)







## Year 10 Belong Event – Miss Jones (Head of Year 10)

Last Monday Year 10 had their belong event - an end of Trial Exam Celebration Picnic!

As part of the day each tutor group were given a set of clues to solve to lead to a code that would unlock a box full of edible treats! Some codes were cracked quicker than others, but all boxes were opened eventually!

Students in the year group organised a football match between themselves complete with a formal entrance to the pitch to the Champions League Music, and the singing of our National Anthem.

There were plenty of garden games for students to play with and a very welcome arrival of an ice cream van to bring some relief on such a hot day!

It was lovely to see the whole year group relax after what had been a fairly full on few weeks of trial exams.







## Year 7 Belong Event – Miss Parker (Head of Year 7)



Yesterday (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July) was our Year 7 Belong Event. Not only were students invited to Dress to Express (and they certainly did impress!) but we all spent the afternoon on the field enjoying games and snacks from around the World.

At breaktime we held a 'Cultural Themed' cupcake Bake Off. There were flavours from around the world representing so many different cultures and we were really impressed with all of the ideas for decorating them. The winners from this will be announced during our celebration Assembly on Wednesday and any leftover cakes the judges didn't devour were sold at our Belong Event in the afternoon.

It was great to see the whole year group on the field taking part. Each tutor group had chosen a country to represent and then had a food/drinks stall and designed a game too. Whether they were 'manning' a stall, playing the games or being sponged in the stocks, a great time was had by all. There were delicious treats too with yummy samosas, donuts, cakes, mocktails and strawberry's as well as a visiting ice cream van. Ted played his guitar and some of the Year 7s had their first ever go on a Space Hooper!

We finished the afternoon with a Colour Run. The students who took part had an amazing time and were certainly super colourful by the end of it.

Our Belong Event has raised over £500 (the final amount is still to be confirmed) and in the coming days Year 7 will be invited to vote who they would like half of this money to be donated too with the other half being put away for their prom!





## Cultural Celebration Day







**Thornden School Productions present: Little Shop of Horrors!**

This fresh, imaginative production brings the beloved cult classic to life with a playful twist, bursting with color, energy, and unforgettable music. Follow Seymour, a shy florist, as he discovers a mysterious plant with a very unusual appetite - and a knack for changing his life in the most unexpected ways.

Packed with toe-tapping songs, quirky characters, and plenty of dark humor, this show promises laughs, surprises, and a touch of the delightfully bizarre.

Whether you're a longtime fan or discovering the story for the first time, this production is a joyful, feel-good theatrical experience you won't want to miss.

For tickets call the Box Office on 023 8024 6555



Thornden Hall is a high quality performing arts centre, located at the back of Thornden School  
Serving both the school and the wider community 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](http://www.thorndenhall.co.uk)

BIG MOUTH  
THEATRE

# MOVIE MAGIC

"It's-a me,  
Mario!"

## DRAMA CAMP!

"Ohana means  
family!"

- Step into iconic roles and recreate popular movie moments!
- Creative workshops with plenty of hands-on making!
- Action-packed games and dynamic group fun!

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July: Hanger Farm Arts, Totton  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August: Thornden School, Chandler's Ford

Get ready for an unforgettable Summer!

Optional early drop off & sibling discounts available.  
Facilitated by our Enhanced DBS Certified  
and First Aid Trained coaches.  
Book now with just a small deposit. For children aged 6+



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at Thornden Tennis Club, Thornden School, Chandlers Ford,  
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Come along for a fun pack day during the summer holidays for  
all children 5-16 years old

WEEK 1: 27 - 31 JULY

WEEK 2: 3 - 7 AUGUST

WEEK 3: 10 - 14 AUGUST

WEEK 4: 17 - 21 AUGUST

#### MONDAY - FRIDAY

(Age Guide: 5-16 years)

**HALF DAY** (Age guide 5-9)

1000 - 12.00 **£18.00**

**5 - DAY: £80.00 (£10.00 DISCOUNT)**

**FULL DAY** (Age guide: 8-16)

1000 - 1500 **£35.00**

**5 - DAY: £150.00 (£25.00 DISCOUNT)**

**10% discount** for more than 1 sibling (Full payment on 1st child  
Only)

For booking, simply email or Text your child's name and contact  
details:

**futuretennisps@gmail.com**

**07876 598777**



## General Contact

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

[info@thornden.hants.sch.uk/reception@thornden.hants.sch.uk](mailto:info@thornden.hants.sch.uk/reception@thornden.hants.sch.uk)

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THE  
GOOD  
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GUIDE

### Highlights from our Ofsted report:

"Pupil's achievement is exceptional ...Lesson are purposeful and highly effective. Pupils recognise the rapid progress they make. This motivates them to participate fully and benefit from the expert teaching they receive."

"Pupils recognise that they know and remember more over time. This success breeds a culture of excitement and pride around learning and achievement."

"Inclusion is at the heart of the school"

"Pupils describe the school as a friendly community and as a place where they belong"

"... it is now a place where individuals are nurtured, and ambition and kindness go hand in hand"

