

# Thurgoland

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## School News

What a fantastic term we've had. Here are some of the many highlights....

Class R,1 and 2 children wowed audiences with their wonderful nativity

Class 3 visited Cresswell Crags and started learning to swim

Class 4 learnt about the Romans and enjoyed a visit to the Royal Armouries

Year 5 pupils learnt about the Mayans through drama, art and cooking

Class 6 pupils visited Sheffield cathedral and Mosque, and became fantastic entrepreneurs

We thought about others, donating to Children in Need and the local foodbank, and holding a Macmillan coffee afternoon

Athletes from years 1 to 6 competed against other schools, sometimes won and always made us proud  
The choir performed alongside the community choir and brought tears to our eyes

We all wrote and performed wonderful poems for National Poetry Day

Our art work adorned church for Armistice Day

Some of our youngest pupils learnt to ride their bikes  
We enjoyed 2 led walks to school

Parents came in to school to learn about e-safety, how we teach reading and to work with the children  
.....and much much more!

**We couldn't have done so much without your support - thank you!**

## Nativity

We are so proud of our infant pupils, who danced, sang and narrated the Christmas story so well. Thank you for helping us to remember what Christmas is all about!

If you have ordered a DVD don't forget to collect it from the school office.

**Well done to all our pupils for a wonderful term.  
We would like to thank all our parents and friends for the support we have received this term, and we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year!**

## Autumn Term Attendance

**Whole School 96.9%**

Class R – 96.54%

Year 1 - 97.65%

Year 2 – 96.92%

Year 3 – 97.81%

Year 4 – 97.16%

Year 5 – 96.28%

Year 6 – 96.27%

64 children managed to come to school every day this term – well done to them. However, we do know that there have been a lot of unavoidable absences due to a range of unpleasant illnesses this term and understand that keeping children at home is the right decision when they are really poorly.

## Friday's Festivities

What a wonderful day we have had! Thank you to all the families who joined us on our festive walk to school this morning; the children looked splendid in their Christmas attire. We then enjoyed a visit from Charles Dickens who retold 'A Christmas Carol' – with the help of some of our talented pupils. Class R,1 and 2 loved their party and we finished the day by singing some of our favourite Christmas songs and watching a performance of the nativity by Class 6.

## Modeshift Stars Award

We are very proud to announce that Thurgoland School has achieved the Bronze Accreditation from Modeshift Stars. Modeshift STARS is the national schools awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. We are very proud to have achieved the award but will now press on with even more initiatives to achieve the Silver Level. Please support the school and where you can cycle or walk to and from school.

## Sheila's Sporting News

In this last sports letter before the end of term there is only one thing to say ...MERRY CHRISTMAS 🎄 and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our Superstars, their families and guardians. I hope you all have a peaceful Christmas and I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2019. GO TEAM THURGOLAND !

## Milk

Don't forget to order your milk for the new term if you haven't done so already.

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## Spring Term Dates

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – back to school
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices event at Sheffield Arena – year 6 pupils
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Governing Body meeting
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Bags to school
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February Class 2 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - parents evening for pupils in years R to 5
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February – break up for half term
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February In-service training day for teachers
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – back to school
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Mock SATs week for Year 6 pupils
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February – class photos
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – year 6 parents' evening
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - science week
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - South Yorkshire School Games final English Institute of Sport
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - class R trip to Wigfield Farm
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Mothers' Day performances
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – beginning of art week
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Governing Body meeting
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Crafts evening for parents and children
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – break up Easter holiday**