



January 2025

The Thurleigh Times

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to school for the Spring Term. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. All classes are working hard on their new topics, please refer to our website, under the 'Curriculum' section, for further details of our current topics/curriculum maps.



Children's Mental Health Week

We will be marking Children's Mental Health week, which this year falls on 3rd to 7th February. Children in all classes will do activities in their lessons to mark this special week.

This year, we would like to help raise some money for CHUMS. CHUMS support children and young people with all sorts of mental health difficulties and issues, including bereavement. In Bedfordshire and Luton alone in 2023, they supported more than 3500 children, including some in our own school. We would like to invite children to SHINE BRIGHT, WEAR BRIGHT on Friday 7th February. This can be anything they like, such as brightly coloured clothing, wigs, glitter etc. As always, please ensure that whatever your child chooses is appropriate for a day at school and that they will be warm enough on the playground. A suggested donation of at least £1 will enable CHUMS to support even more children in the future. Thank you.



Steel pans

As part of our music curriculum, we offer whole school experiences to children in Year 3 and 4. As we have mixed age classes, we do this on a two year rolling programme. One year, they have a series of specialist singing lessons, which culminate in a wonderful concert at the Bedford Corn Exchange. This is called Sing On and we took part in this last year. On the alternate years, we invest in whole class specialist instrumental lessons over a 10-week block. Our Year 3 and 4 children have had their first lessons on steel pans. They made a brilliant start and will learn so much in the next 8 weeks. Parents are invited to a short concert at the end of the project on 2nd April.

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Monday 27th January	Workshop session for Y5/6 on our 'Zero Carbon Schools' project. This is a year-long project which Y5/6 are leading on for the school. More on this soon!
Mon 3rd to Fri 7th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4th February	Workshop session for Y5/6 pupils on VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls). This links to our PSHE work.
Friday 7th February	Shine Bright, Wear Bright day for CHUMS (see separate item)
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	Back to school
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day. More details to follow.
Thursday 13th March	Year 3 and 4 Multi-sports event at Lincroft Academy
Monday 17th March	Parent/teacher consultation- booking details to follow
Tuesday 18th March	Parent/teacher consultation
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day- more details to follow
Friday 21st March	Year 5 and 6 will be attending a concert given by the Philharmonia Orchestra at Bedford Corn Exchange, as part of a project called Orchestra Unwrapped. Further details to follow.
Thursday 27th March	Year 1 and 2 Multi-sports event at Sharnbrook Academy
Wednesday 2nd April	9.15am Steel pan concert for parents/carers of Y3/4 children
Friday 4th April	BREAK UP FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS. Please note that After School Club will finish at 4pm today.
Tuesday 22nd April	Children back to school
Tuesday 29th April	Year 5 and 6 Multi-sports event at Sharnbrook Academy
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wednesday 7th May	Year 3 and 4 Multi-sports event at Harrold Primary School
Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May	SATs week for our Y6 pupils. Further details to follow.
Friday 23rd May	BREAK UP FOR MAY HALF TERM

