

Nursery News



July 2025



Goodbye

It has been a very busy term, the highlight for the children and staff has got to be the ducklings hatching, which everyone absolutely loved. Many of the staff wanted to keep them and create a duck pond at the end of the garden, but unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to them after 10 days.

We have had sports day and a graduation party, which was great fun. The children that took part in sports day were amazing and put their all into the races. So did the parents that took part in the piggyback races.

Thank you to the staff for organising a great morning for the children and parents.

We will be saying a sad goodbye to 21 children this week. Aiden, Charlotte, Poppy, Percy, Freddie, Osian, Oscar, Rosabella, Leni, Frankie, Bella, Millie, Reuben, Shania, Gabriel, Noah, Theo and Jessica are all off to big school. 15 of the children will be going to Thorney Island Primary school and 3 of them are off to other schools in the area. Lilly, Avery and Ariyah are also leaving us to move to other nurseries. They have all been a pleasure and we wish them the best of luck at their new setting or big school and look forward to hearing all the news when some of them come to breakfast and after school club in September.

Term dates 2025/2026

- ✓ 3rd September – 19th December – Autumn term
- ✓ 27th October – 31st October – half term
- ✓ 19th December – end of term
- ✓ 5th January – Start of Spring term
- ✓ 16th – 20th February – half term
- ✓ 27th March – End of Spring term (Easter holidays)
- ✓ 13th April 2026 – Start of Summer term
- ✓ 25th May – 29th May – half term
- ✓ 22nd July 2026 – end of Summer term



Inset days

- ✓ Friday 24th October 2025
- ✓ Monday 3rd November 2025
- ✓ Monday 23rd February 2026
- ✓ Friday 22nd May 2026
- ✓ Monday 22nd June 2026

Staffing

The staff have all worked hard this term, settling in new children, providing a variety of amazing activities for all children, as well as working with the children that are going to school to ensure that they are as school ready as they can be.

Over the summer we will be recruiting for another Qualified Nursery Practitioner, so if anyone knows anyone then please send them the following link.

<https://uk.indeed.com/cmp/Thorney-Island-Nursery-2?campaignid=mobvjcmp&from=mobvi-ewjob&tk=1j0k5jgilhpng800&fromjk=35e884aeed078374>

Thank you

URGENT REMINDER

Can we please ask that you return the change of details form to the nursery ASAP so we can be up to date with any allergies, change of addresses and permissions etc for September. Thanks

Refer a friend!

We would like to offer a £50 credit on your invoice for anyone that recommends a friend to the nursery. Once they are signed up and have been with us for 3 months then the credit will be applied.



Tapestry



We use tapestry to log your child's progress and development during their time at the nursery. We also use it to produce the monthly invoices, so all parents **must activate** their account once they have received an email link. The invoices are not payable via tapestry, you must still pay via online banking, tax free childcare or childcare vouchers. As a reminder, all invoices must be paid and cleared by the 7th of the month, otherwise a late payment fee will be incurred.

Don't forget to upload any photos or videos of fun activities you do at home.

Thank you

Reminders

Please name all personal items

Please name ALL items that you send into nursery. This will help to prevent any mix up of items and lost property. **Items you**

need to bring with you

Please ensure your child has the following on them each day:

- ✓ nappies
- ✓ wipes
- ✓ Named water bottle/beaker – NO JUICE OR FLAVOURED WATER
- ✓ 2 sets of clothes (don't forget socks)
- ✓ Welly boots named
- ✓ Waterproof coat
- ✓ Appropriate clothing and footwear
- ✓ Suncream
- ✓ Hat

Thank you

Free childcare offer

The nursery accepts government funding (15 or 30 hours) for children aged from 9 months to 4-years-old. If you would like to access this funding, then please visit www.gov.uk for how to apply or speak to someone in the office.

If you know anyone that would like to join the nursery, please signpost them to our website www.thorneyislandnursery.co.uk or ask them to email manager@thorneyislandnursery.co.uk

Nursery improvements

Many of you will have noticed the digging work going on in the garden last month. The patio/paved areas are now all completed, and the children have been enjoying the flat, mud free areas to play with water and sand. Over the coming weeks there will be a reading shed going up on the larger paved area and we also plan to create a quiet reading area/chill out zone next to it. We also have some plans to improve other areas of the main garden as well, watch this space.

If anyone has any time on their hands and would like to volunteer to help with any gardening, then please let me know.

We are also after borrowing a wheelbarrow this week if anyone has one.



Reminder of contact details

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Visit our website for further information and to keep up to date with regular blogs.

www.thorneyislandnursery.co.uk

We also have a facebook page: Thorney Island nursery, so please request to join, and we will add you as soon as we can.

Thank you