

# Thorney Island Nursery News



## Autumn term 2026

Dear Parents

Welcome to the Autumn term, it has been a busy half term since returning from the summer holidays and although it has been a long one, the children have all been enjoying the continued mild weather, spending time outdoors going on nature walks to collect conkers and pinecones for our Autumn theme. The weather has certainly turned in the past few days and is not looking great for half term, but hopefully you will all enjoy the time with your children, and everyone will return on 3<sup>rd</sup> November refreshed and ready to tackle the 7 weeks before the Christmas break. 😊

We have welcomed new children this term, so a special hello to Avash, Ava D, Ava, E, Finley, Jasper, Lexie, Kurbaan, Sienna & Ohene. They have all settled well and are enjoying getting to know their key workers and peers. New friendships groups are being made, and the children's confidence is growing day by day.

### Dates for diary

#### Term dates

**Autumn term** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sept – 18<sup>th</sup> Dec '26

**Spring term** – 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – 25<sup>th</sup> March '27

**Summer term** – 12<sup>th</sup> Apr – 21<sup>st</sup> July '27

#### Holidays

**Oct half term** – 26<sup>th</sup> Oct – 30<sup>th</sup> Oct '26

**Xmas holiday** – 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan '27

**Feb half term** – 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb '27

**Easter hols** – 26<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> Apr '27

**May half term** – 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June '27

**Summer holiday starts** – 22<sup>nd</sup> July '27

#### Inset days

23<sup>rd</sup> October '26

2<sup>nd</sup> November '26

22<sup>nd</sup> February '27

28<sup>th</sup> May '27

21<sup>st</sup> June '27

### Staffing

We will be saying goodbye to Carla this week as she goes on Maternity leave for baby number 2 which is due at the end of November, beginning of December. Her husband is also being relocated with work over the next few months, so she has an exciting but busy few months ahead.

Good luck Carla and family.



### Odd sock day

We had some wonderful colourful socks last week for odd sock day. Well done to everyone that participated.



### 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.

### 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.

#### Water bottles

Please only put plain tap water in your child's water bottle each day. If juice is seen in a child's bottle, unfortunately it will be tipped away and replaced with water.

#### Coats/hats/gloves/wellies

Whatever the weather the children will be going outside at some point during the day. Please make sure that your child has a warm waterproof coat and wellies, along with a hat and gloves as the weather continues to get colder.

#### Spare clothes

Please supply at least 2 changes of clothes for your child each day, as they could need them for a variety of reason.

### Nursery fun & participation days

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Rainbow day – everyone to wear something colourful

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Teddy bear day – staff and children to bring their favourite teddy



### Job Vacancies

We are currently looking for a qualified Early years practitioner and a kitchen assistant to join the team. Both jobs are advertised on Indeed, see the links below.

[https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=b131e3965a8abdb9&from=shareddesktop\\_copy](https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=b131e3965a8abdb9&from=shareddesktop_copy)

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Please pass this information onto anyone that may be interested or click on the links for further information.

Thank you



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### Invoicing

The invoices for November are now on Famly and are payable by 7<sup>th</sup> November.

There will be a £20 late fee for any late payments. Thank you