



Thorpepark News January 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

It is nearly the end of the first half term of 2025 and we have already had a range of visitors into school and school trips. Please check out the diary dates to ensure you don't miss out! We have a range of opportunities for parents to attend weekly courses or one-off workshops, so please check the diary dates and let us know if you are interested.

Kind regards
Mrs Knight

Year 4 Hull History Curriculum

The children in Year 4 are learning about the History of the Hull Trawlers as part of the Hull History Curriculum. Last week, the children had an opportunity to walk around the Hull City Centre and ask members of the public about the Trawler disaster. This event was organised by Children's University. A great experience!



Every day counts!
Thorpepark Academy
We are here on time at 8:40am every day!

Attendance for the school is currently 94.1% which is lower than the National average. It is really important to contact the school if your child is going to be absent, otherwise this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. We are really understanding and if you need additional support to get your child into school we will help if we can.

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If your child's attendance during the school year...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

Reminder of important dates!

School closes for half term on 14th February at 3.30pm.
School reopens on Monday 24th February at 8.40am.

Trialing a new therapy dog



We did have a therapy dog 'Lilly' who used to visit the school twice a week. Many of the children looked forward to Lilly's visits, however she can no longer attend our school.

We are going to trial a new dog in the next few weeks to see how he responds to the children. His name is Shelby and he is 5 year olds. He is a friendly, caring dog who loves children. He will initially be visiting the school for short visits, hopefully extending to a few full days in the future.

Code of conduct on school site

We expect all adults to be respectful when on school site. The school will not tolerate abusive language or aggressive behaviour towards children, staff or other parents.

If you have any concerns, please ask to speak to a member of the senior leadership team.

The senior leadership team comprises of the following staff:

Mrs Knight – Executive Principal

Miss Johnson – Deputy Principal

Miss Crawford – Assistant Principal

Mrs Dickinson-Fry – School Business Manager



14th February 2025

Friday morning check in and chat session

Friday 14th February 9.30 -11.30

Harrison Park

Hull

HU6 9DQ

Are you navigating the world of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and looking for support?

[Join us for an informal check-in and chat session where you can:](#)

- Connect with other SEND parents who understand your journey

- Ask questions and share tips

- Access resources and signposting information

- Enjoy a relaxed and non-judgmental atmosphere

- Speak to our parent representatives and ambassadors who will be able to signpost you in the right direction for more information, services etc

These informal sessions are a great way to connect with other parents who totally understand your situations and the challenges that often come with being a SEND parent carer.

Don't navigate this path alone – come and share your experiences in a supportive community.

Our members say that accessing events like these reduce isolation, improve their knowledge of SEND services and increase their own confidence of their young persons needs.

To book a place use the weblink below:

www.hullparentcarerforum.co.uk/events/friday-check-in-and-chat

SCHOOL RECYCLE SHOP

We have a large amount of school uniform which parent/carers have donated. If you need any extra fleeces, trousers etc. let us know and we will be able to provide **FREE** of charge.

Bikes, quad bikes and electric scooters

Please do not ride on bikes, quad bikes or scooters when you are on school site. It is important that the school grounds are a safe place for all. We do not want any accidents due to children or adults riding bikes and scooters on school site. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event
Tuesday 4 th February	Parent group meeting, dining hall at 9am
Wednesday 5 th February	Hull adult education course - Neurodiversity course 1.30pm-3.30pm (fully booked)
Wednesday 5 th February	Mental Health team workshop for Year 6
Friday 7 th February	Year 2 visit to the Deep.
Monday 10 th February	First Aid for parents. This is a one of workshop for 12 parents. Please book a place with Wendy or the office.
Wednesday 12 th February	Hull adult education course - Neurodiversity course 1.30pm-3.30pm (fully booked) Reception Stay and Play 9.00-10.00am
Friday 14 th February	School closed for half term
Monday 24 th February	School reopens at 8.40am
Wednesday 26 th February	Hull adult education course - Neurodiversity course 1.30pm-3.30pm (fully booked) New course starting for Neurodiversity 9am-11am (Spaces still available)
Tuesday 4 th March	Parent group meeting, dining hall at 9am
Wednesday 5 th March	Year 3 workshops delivered by the Mental health team. Hull adult education course - Neurodiversity course 9am- 11am and 1.30pm-3.30pm
Monday 10 th March	School nurse in for height and weight for reception children and Year 6.
Tuesday 11 th March	Police delivering assembly on child exploitation
Wednesday 12 th March	Year 4 workshops delivered by the Mental health team. Hull adult education course - Neurodiversity course 9am- 11am and 1.30pm-3.30pm
Thursday 13 th March	Year 2 Olympics – Sheffield arena
Wednesday 19 th March	Year 5 workshops delivered by the Mental health team. Hull adult education course - Neurodiversity course 9am- 11am and 1.30pm-3.30pm
Friday 21 st March	Year 5 Miss Joyce's class business trip The Edge Hub HCC
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 6 workshops delivered by the Mental health team.
Thursday 27 th March	Police in to deliver assembly NSPPC speak out stay safe
Friday 28 th March	Year 5 Miss Oliver's class business trip The Edge Hub HCC
Friday 28 th March	Mother's Day shop open. All pupils will need to return slips a week before. Gifts cost £1.50 and each child can have up to 2 gifts.
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 5 Mrs Crawforth's class business trip The Edge Hub HCC Reception stay and play 9am to 10am
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter holidays at 1.50pm.
Tuesday 22 nd April	School reopens for 8.40am

LET'S TALK!

Being the parent or carer of a child or young person struggling to attend school can be difficult. Visit the Education Welfare Team at one of the following drop-in sessions and find out what help is available.

Monday 20th January 10:30-12:30 noon
Kingston Youth Centre, HU3 1YE

Friday 24th January 13:00-15:30
The Parks Family Hub HU6 9TA

Thursday 13th March 9:30-12:00noon
Acorns Family Hub HU9 4DB

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Humber Teaching
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent Workshop

Behaviour as a form of communication

This workshop covers:

How to recognise different types of behaviour to understand what your child may be communicating. How to respond to behavioural communication to decrease stress and increase safety.

Aims and objectives:

Build a greater understanding of behavioural communication, the different types of behaviours children and young people display and develop a tool kit to respond to their communication.

This workshop is arranged for 26th February (9am). Spaces are still available so contact the office for more information or to book.

FREE T-SHIRT

ENGLAND FUTSAL

KIDS CAMPS

AGES 5-11 Looking for an action-packed, fun-filled way to develop your child's futsal skills?

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Unity in Community

Help Available - Gas & Electric: Unity in Community will be providing vouchers **between £28 and £49** to help towards paying for gas and electric. To qualify you must pay for your energy through a **prepayment meter** and have **not received energy vouchers from Unity in Community** within the past year.

This is in response to the ongoing cost of living crisis and beneficiaries can be working, unemployed, self-employed or retired.

For more information and to register, call **01482 420836**, Monday to Friday, 9am - 2pm – if busy, please keep trying.