

Dear Parents

Welcome to the May edition of our school newsletter, we hope the following information is useful for you as we begin our final half-term of the school year.



Staffing Update:

Miss Ainsworth will be leaving us at the end of his academic year, as she has secured a new teaching role in Dubai. Whilst we are thrilled for Miss Ainsworth, we will miss her very much indeed as she has been a fantastic addition to our school these last two years. We wish her well in this exciting adventure and hope she keeps in touch with us all to let us know how she is getting on. Miss Ainsworth, your new class are very lucky to be getting such a kind and dedicated teacher to take care of them.



Miss Yandle has been appointed to replace Miss Ainsworth as the Year Three class teacher, following a rigorous interview process last half-term. She has already met the current Year Two class several times, including teaching them as part of the interview. We are sure you will join us in giving her a huge Thingwall welcome in September, as well as congratulating her when you see her around school (Miss Yandle has been an Associate Teacher this year with our Year Five class so is already very used to our Thingwall ways).



Miss Collins is getting married this coming Saturday, so will be returning to school on June 10th as Mrs Waddington. Congratulations Miss Collins, Mr Waddington is a lucky man indeed! We hope you have a fabulous wedding day and we can't wait to see all of the photographs.



Miss Gibson is getting married this August, so will be returning to us in September as Mrs Flanagan! Congratulations Miss Gibson, we hope that you have a wonderful time this summer celebrating and we look forward to calling you Mrs Flanagan in September!



2024/2025 Classes:

FS2 - Mrs Harvey

Year One - Mrs Waddington (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Leyland (Wed-Fri)

Year Two – Mrs Goulding

Year Three – Miss Yandle

Year Four – Mr Rees

Year Five – Miss Arden

Year Six - Miss Taylor



Please note, we are still finalising the allocation of teaching assistants across school, depending on level of need in each individual class.



Trim Trail Update:

You will have noticed that both Trim Trails are out of action at the moment due to us needing funds to replace the rubber crumb flooring and various parts of the equipment. We were thrilled that POTS have agreed at their last meeting to help us fundraise to either repair or replace the equipment. This is a huge financial undertaking on their part and we are very grateful to them.



Global Beatles Day/Thingwall Primary School's 60th Birthday Celebrations:

As mentioned on the website calendar, Tuesday 25th June will see Thingwall celebrating Global Beatles Day. This year is very special to Thingwall Primary, as it marks 60 years since we opened as a school. Therefore, we have decided to tie both events in with each other, as this date also coincidentally marks 60 years since The Beatles went to America and Beatlemania spread across the Atlantic to the USA!



Children and staff are invited to dress up for the day if they wish (as per the website calendar) and Mr Rees has organised a cross-curricular extravaganza for all to enjoy. Each class has been asked to learn a Beatles' song to sing in an extended Choral Assembly and we have some exciting artwork planned, based on album covers.

The following songs will be learned so please seize the opportunity to rehearse with your children:

Year Group	Song	Album	Release Date
FS2	Twist and Shout	Please Please Me	22.03.63
Year One	Ticket To Ride	Help!	06.08.24
Year Two	In My Life	Rubber Soul	03.12.65
Year Three	Eleanor Rigby	Revolver	05.08.24
Year Four	Penny Lane	St Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band	13.02.24
Year Five	Hey Jude	Blue Album	12.08.68
Year Six	Let It Be	Let It Be	08.05.70

You may notice that the release dates of the songs are in chronological order. This is because Mr Rees is going to try to create a medley of songs over the years to share on our website, that chart the success of our Fab Four as they gradually began to take over the musical world! Please join us as we get into the spirit for the day and also celebrate 6 decades of Thingwall Primary School educating our local community!



There will be a best dressed prize per class (no obligation to dress up, this is purely optional). Please note that this event is instead of annual Viking Day as we were mindful of costs to families with having two dress up days in a term. You may be pleased to know that we plan to revert to our usual Viking Day event from next year as the Vikings form such a big part of Thingwall's heritage.



Diary Dates:

Please refer to the calendar on the school website for upcoming dates. Bear in mind that we have changed the sports days as per the website and text messages and there are also wet weather alternative dates for both sports days. This is due to a clash with the Year One Phonics tests which will take place w/c 10.0.24. Many thanks to Miss Yardley and Mrs Harvey who organise both sports day events for us to enjoy.

Infant Sports Day –

Tuesday 04.0.24 9-10.30 (Wet Weather alternative is Monday 17.06.24 9-10.30)

Junior Sports Day –

Friday 07.0.24 9-10.30 (Wet weather alternative is Tuesday 18.0.24 9-10.30)

We have also altered the summer term parents evening to tie in with the MAT report writing dates.

Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their PE/sports kit if they would like to. They can then remain in this for the day, rather than changing back in to school uniform.



Please also remember that school is closed to pupils for the General Election Day, which has been announced for 04.07.24. This is because school has been selected as a Polling Station.



Premature Aware Status:

As part of our work to become a premature aware school, staff have recently completed training with PRISM (Premature Infant Skills in Mathematics) and we have therefore amended our induction pack for our reception children to enable parents to provide relevant information about birth history as well as gestational age at birth, if they wish.

As a school we feel this is an important step, as research shows that children born prematurely are statistically more likely to struggle with academic attainment, emotional needs and special educational needs compared to their classmates who have been born at full term. While children born extremely preterm (under 28 weeks) are more likely to need extra support, research also highlights that children born just a few weeks early may possibly still face certain specific obstacles at school. We will be sharing more information on this over the summer term and we hope you can see that staff having a better understanding on a child's birth history can help them to better support children in school. Many thanks to Mrs Harvey for arranging this training for us, as a result of her links made with Poulton Lancelyn Primary School.

It should be noted that, although this information will be extremely useful to us as a school, parents are not obligated to share any information that they would prefer to keep private.



Celebration Corner (OR HUGGS – Huge Unbelievably



Great Goals!

This area of the newsletter is so we can celebrate children's achievements outside of school. If you would like your child to appear in this area of the newsletter, please let the school office know with the relevant details.

Blake (Year Five) – Congratulations to Blake who completed a whopping 26 mile bike ride in aid of Cancer Research last half-term. This is impressive work Blake, keep cycling this hard and we may see you at the Manchester Velodrome in a few years, perhaps even the Olympics! ☺

Ozzie (Year Five) – Ozzie competed in the Merseyside Track and Field Athletics Championship last month and achieved a silver medal in the Under 11 75m and a bronze medal in the Under 11 150m. Congratulations Ozzie, what an achievement, considering that this was also your first ever athletics competition! 😊

Austin (Year Three), Imogen (FS2) and Alex (FS2) – Well done to these three children for their on-going commitment to our environment and dedication to our community. They have completed another local litter pick and filled several bags of discarded rubbish. Thank you to all three of you, we really appreciate all of your efforts. 😊

Freya-Grace (Year Three) – Congratulations to Freya-Grace who took part in a 10k fun run for a pancreatic cancer charity in memory of boxer, Bret Jones, last month. What a great achievement, you are obviously following in Nanny Gill's running footsteps! Keep up the hard work, we are proud of you. 😊

Year Six – Congratulations to all of our Year Six pupils for your hard-working attitudes and maturity during SATs week. We are very proud of you all, the last seven years have flown by and we still can't believe you are now embarking on your final half-term at Thingwall. You have been a credit to yourselves and your families. 😊



With Best Wishes to you all

Mrs D L Evans