



Thornhill Lees Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are settled into their new classes and routines and there is a busy buzz across school!

Thank you to the parents who attended information sessions for their child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We hope these were useful. We will hold other sessions throughout the year.

Harvest Collection for Local Food Bank

We will be collecting donations of food in tins/ packets for the Fusion Foodbank next week to support those in need in our local community. Each class will be decorating a box for their donations with prayers and messages of hope. Please send in any donations to your child's classroom in the mornings on Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th October. They will be collected by Fusion on Friday.

Parking and Safety Around School

A further reminder to please drive with extreme caution when close to the school site at drop off and pick up times. Please walk whenever possible, or park further away and walk the last 5 or 10 minutes. **The school car park is for staff only at all times.**

Ready for School Every Day

Many children are arriving without the things they need for school each day. Please ensure your child has the things they need for school every day. This includes:

- School uniform, all labelled with their name.
- Full water bottle, labelled with their name.
- Book bag or school bag, labelled with their name.
- On PE days, a PE kit brought to school in a bag. All labelled with their name.



PE Safety- Earrings

Please note that children are **not** allowed to wear any earrings in school on PE days for safety reasons. Please ensure that your child's earrings are removed before school on any day that they have PE. Staff are not able to remove earrings for children.

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. However, if your household claims certain benefits, your child may be entitled to income related Free School Meals. This means that school receives extra funding to support your child and all children, and also means that you may have access to food vouchers and free holiday clubs in some school holidays.

You may be eligible if you receive certain benefits. You can apply online here: [Apply for free school meals - My Kirklees Account](#)

If you need help, please come and see Mrs Wilson in the school office.

Nursery Places

We have places available in 2 year old and 3 year old Nursery from January. Please pop into the office for a form. Bring your child's birth certificate with you.

As always, please come and see myself, Mrs Douglas or your child's class teacher if you have any concerns, questions or comments.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Booth, Deputy Headteacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

School Term Dates and Holidays for the Academic Year 2024-25

School closes for autumn half term

Wednesday 23rd October

School reopens on **Monday 4th November**

School closes for Christmas on **Friday 20th December**

School reopens for the spring term on **Monday 6th January 2025**

School closes for the half term on **Friday 14th February**

School reopens on **Monday 24th February**

School closes for Easter on **Friday 4th April**

School reopens for the spring term on **Tuesday 22nd April**

Inset Days 2024-25

Thursday 24th October 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025