NEWSLETTER

Thornton Heath Nursery School

November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW! What an extremely busy but rewarding start to the school year! It's hard to believe that we are already in the second week of November! Your children have started off their school journey with lots of enthusiasm and are thoroughly enjoying new learning that has been put in place by the THNS team!

Not only have the children harvested tomatoes and chard from the garden (and eaten them!), baked bubble bread and tasted fire toasted marshmallows, they're also learning about the artist Shimamoto and learning lots of new skills through our play based learning approach.

Your very generous "Harvest" donations were taken to the St Alban's Foodbank and were greatly received, they certainly helped to restock the shelves at the foodbank. We had a lovely message from the church which I have included at the bottom of this newsletter.

As usual we have some family events happening this half term, I have included the dates on the back of this newsletter. Please continue to look at the school website and at the posters that we display around the nursery for more information.

Best wishes
Jenette (Head of Nursery)

Wintery days

We are very fortunate to have such an amazing outdoor learning environment at the nursery and the children do make the most of it all year round. As the days get colder please make sure your child has a warm coat, gloves and a hat. **It is really important that their name is in their clothing** so that we can quickly identify the owner of any items left behind at the end of each session. The children are encouraged to independently put their outdoor clothes on so it would be really helpful if you could encourage them to do this at home as well.

Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile!

In line with our safeguarding policy the use of mobile phones is not permitted in the nursery.

Charity events

There were many charity events last half term and we are very pleased that these have been well supported by our families. We raised a fantastic £65 for Macmillan and £60 raised for Jeans for Genes.

Message from St Albans church

Hello there

My name is Mark and I am a co-leader at the foodbank that operates out of St Alban the Martyr Church South Norwood / Thornton Heath. On behalf of St Alban's church and the foodbank volunteers, I wanted to thank the nursery, parents and children and your pupils for your fantastic and very generous donations for our foodbank. You also provided exactly the items we need!

We provide bags of food to about 60 people each week, and about half of those people have families. 60 people is significantly above the numbers we used to have attending the foodbank. We are entirely funded by donations from our church congregation so have any donations are a tremendous help for us. Donations also demonstrate we have the support of our local community, which gives us a nice feeling!

Apologies for this delayed email as I know you made your donations a little time ago now. Thank you again.

Save The Date



Winter Craft Day : Wednesday 9th December 2026
Join your child to create some beautiful winter crafts keepsakes.
See posters in the nursery for timings



Christmas Jumper Day : 11th December 2026
Wear a Christmas jumper to school and help raise funds for Save The Children

Winter Sing-A-Long : Tuesday 15th December 2026
The children will be performing a medley of winter songs at St. Albans church



Morning session 10.20am
Afternoon session 14.10pm

Children's Christmas Party : Friday 18th December 2026
We hold a Christmas party for the children from 11am - 2pm.
See posters in the nursery for further information



The nursery closes on Friday December 18th December 2026 for the Christmas Holiday and re-opens again at
08:30am on Monday 4th January 2027