



NEWSLETTER

Thornton Heath Nursery School

September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to our new school year! We are pleased to see that all of our returning children have come back eager to learn and play. We would like to give a very warm welcome to our lovely new children and their families who have joined our THNS family.

The autumn term is always a busy one with lots of events for both the children and their extended families. The dates for these can be found on our website [Events Calendar | Thornton Heath Nursery School \(thns.org\)](https://thns.org). I have also included key dates on the back of this letter. You will also find weekly news stories on our website which give you an insight into the learning that your child has experienced over the week [News | Thornton Heath Nursery School \(thns.org\)](https://thns.org)

New to the nursery? We are busy adding all of your details and contact information to Tapestry. Within the next two weeks you should receive an email about how to set up your Tapestry account (fingers crossed!) and you will then start to receive photographs of your child's engagement during their nursery session.

Throughout the rest of the academic year our newsletters will be published on our website, you will receive a text to notify you when they are available. We advertise our key events through posters displayed in the nursery – a good place to check for upcoming events is the “Forget-me-not” board in the entrance corridor.

Jenette (Head of Nursery) and Caroline (Office Manager) are always present at the main door when you drop and collect your child, they are both happy to answer any questions that you may have about the nursery or events being held.

Keeping our little people safe

Please ensure that your child/ren walk in and out of the nursery, they should not be carried and should also be encouraged to walk and not run.

It is lovely to see older siblings at the nursery however when dropping off and / or collecting your child please ensure that children above reception age remain in the lobby area whilst you collect your child. The nursery corridor gets very busy during these times and our little children can sometimes find it difficult to cope with an increased number of “people”. Caroline and Jenette will keep a watchful eye on all siblings that are waiting in the lobby area.

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.

Attendance and punctuality

Attendance: We monitor children's attendance and punctuality inline with guidance from the Department for Education. This helps you to embed routines and expectations for when your child starts their primary school years. Please make sure you report reasons for absence to us so that our records are accurate. We also request that you complete an exceptional leave form for any planned absences such as family celebrations.

Punctuality: It is important that your child is on time for their nursery session so that they can learn nursery routines. We have three opening times:
08.30am with doors closing at 08.45am
09.30am with doors closing at 09.40am
12.30pm with doors closing at 12.40pm
If you arrive after the door is closed this is recorded as a late arrival.

Save The Date

Jeans for Genes day : Friday 18th September 2026



Wear jeans, denim or blue clothes to nursery and make a donation to the Jeans for Genes charity



Macmillan coffee and cake event : Friday 25th September 2026

Join us for coffee and cake from 08.45am – 09.30am or 14.15pm – 15.00pm



National Poetry Day : Thursday 1st October 2026

Share a poem with your child from 08.45am – 09.30am or 14.15pm – 15.00pm



Harvest Festival : Friday 9th October 2026

Please bring food donations to school by Thursday 8th October,
these will be given to the St Albans Foodbank



Cultural event : Wednesday 21st October 2026

An opportunity to form new friendships whilst celebrating our cultural heritages
(more information to come)



The nursery closes at 15:30pm on Thursday 22nd October 2026 for the half term
holiday and re-opens again at 08:30am on Tuesday 3rd November 2026