



# Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

## May 2025



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the summer term, what a gloriously sunny start to our final term of the school year!

I would like to take this opportunity to say “hello” to our new families in the nursery and trust that you have received a warm THNS welcome from the staff.

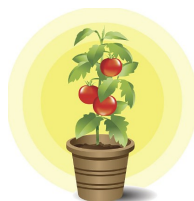
The weeks are already whizzing by with this half term feeling shorter than usual with next week only being four days in school because of the Bank Holiday on Monday 5th May 2025 (the nursery is closed on Monday)

The summer term is always a busy one as we prepare to say goodbye to our children that are moving on to primary school in September 2025. On the back of this newsletter you will find some information about a few of the events that we hope you will be able to join in with. Unfortunately some of them are dependant on the weather so let's hope that the sun decides to shine throughout the months of June and July.



### **Primary school offer—for those starting in reception September 2025**

Please notify us of which primary school your child will be attending from September 2025 so that we can ensure that your child's records are sent to the correct school. Please let Caroline or Jenette know by **16th May 2025** at the very latest so that we can start to organise transition visits from their new school.



### **Thank you**

A big thank you to those of you that have bought a tomato plant from us. They have all been grown by the children during their “Growing Together” topic. Many of you asked me how to look after the tomato plant and to be honest I haven't got a clue! On the back of this newsletter I have included some instructions (from google!)

The money that we have raised from this will be going towards the cost of a children's entertainer for the summer picnic. We will be having some additional fund raising opportunities including the selling of ice-pops tomorrow (Friday 2nd May 2025). This will also go towards the cost of the entertainer.



### **Safeguarding / Health & Safety**

**Mobile phones:** The use of mobile phones **is not** permitted in the nursery. Please finish your call before entering the nursery building and do not resume it until you have left the building. If you are not able to do this you will be required to wait in the lobby area until your call is finished.




**Walking please:** Please **DO NOT** carry your child in and out of the nursery. This is a Health & Safety risk for you, your child and others which could result in injury should you trip or bump in to another person. All of the children are more than capable of walking in and out of the nursery whilst holding an adult's hand for safety.



**Food:** Please **DO NOT** give your child food to eat as they enter or exit the nursery. If your child is still eating their breakfast / lunch on arrival at the nursery they will need to finish eating before entering the nursery premises. If they need a snack please wait until they have fully left the nursery premises before giving it to them—this includes left over food from their lunchboxes!



  
Head of Nursery

Please remember to keep checking our website [THNS.org](http://THNS.org) for our news stories and updates. You can also contact us through emailing [keepintouch@THNS.org](mailto:keepintouch@THNS.org)



## Summer terms events

Dates for your diary! (more information nearer the date)

### Let's take learning outside, Parent & child event

Wednesday 21st May 2025(10.30 am & 14.15 pm)

### Children's Beach Party

Friday 20th June 2025 (weather permitting) - more information to follow

### End of year keyworker meetings

Weeks beginning 7th and 14th July 2025

### End of summer family picnic

Friday 18th July 2025(11.00 am - 14.00 pm)



# Planting and Growing Tomatoes From Seed

1. Fill a shallow container with soil, a cardboard egg box would be ideal. Make sure the container has holes in the bottom for drainage. Scatter the seeds thinly over the surface.	2. Cover the seeds with a thin layer of soil then water them gently. Add a label then place the container on a warm windowsill.	3. Thin out the seedlings to allow room for others to continue growing and developing good roots. Water to keep the soil moist but not too wet.	4. Once two true leaves have formed, the seedlings are ready to be put into individual small pots. Be gentle and careful as you place in a seedling.
5. Once your plant has grown twice as high as its pot, plant it into a larger pot. Make a hole first, then place in the plant, pat the soil around it and water.	6. Pinch out the shoots that appear where the leaves join the stems. Pinch out the growing tip once your plant has four or five flowering stems.	7. Fine spray the plant with water to encourage the fruits to set. Water each day and add liquid feed every week to grow the best fruit.	8. Tomatoes turn from green to red as they ripen. When ready, twist them off the plant.