



Thornton Heath Nursery School Newsletter

Wednesday 12th November 2025



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 pumpkins, tomatoes and chard from the garden (and eaten them!), baked bubble bread, learnt about the artist Shimamoto and listened to classical music, they've also managed to learn lots of new skills through our play based learning approach.

There have been many charity events this half term and we are very pleased that these have been well supported by our families. We raised a fantastic £100 for Macmillan and £54 raised for Genes for Jeans.

Your very generous "Harvest" donations were taken to the St Alban's Foodbank and were greatly received and certainly helped to restock the shelves at the foodbank.

There are lots of family based 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.

We would like to remind you that the school closes at **3.30pm** on **Friday 19th December 2025** and re-opens again at **8.30 am Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

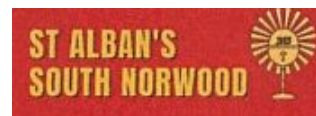
Best wishes

THNS team

Supporting our community - a message from St Alban's Church

Hello there,

Thank you so much for your recent very generous donations to the foodbank. As ever these are very welcome indeed and were exactly the items we need. We have seen the numbers of people using the foodbank grow over the last couple of months to around the low 50s per week and anyone who buys food can see how food prices seem to keep rising. The donations really help us keep going - and also make us feel like we are supported by the community, which is quite a motivator! Please do let anyone know who you feel may need the foodbank. We don't ask any questions about why people need to use it. At St Albans Church we also have the community hub on Thursdays 11am - 1pm where people can come for advice from Trussell Trust (food parcels) or Citizens Advice.



Primary school applications

The application for primary school has to be made by 15th January 2026, this must be completed through e-admissions at www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions. This can be quite a daunting process and we recognise that for many of you this will be the first time you have had to make this type of application. If you need help to make the application please contact the school office and arrange a time with Caroline for some support. Many of the local schools are offering tours of their facilities to help you make a decision. Please check individual school websites for the date of these tours.



Health and safety

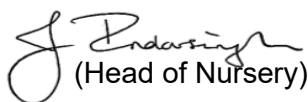
In order to make sure that everyone who enters and leaves our premises is safe we would like to remind you that the children should be walking in and out of the nursery and should not be carried.

Please also remember not to give your child food to eat until they have left the premises.

Forthcoming events

We have organised more events for the second half of the autumn term so please keep checking the school's website for this information and the posters displayed on the "Forget -Me-Not" board in the main entrance. The website gives you an insight into the learning that has taken place during the week, we post at least two "news" stories a week where you can see photographs of the children learning through play. I have also added the dates to the back of this newsletter. In order to be more eco-friendly this will be the last paper copy of the newsletter, further newsletters will be on the website, and through your Tapestry app.




(Head of Nursery)

Diary Dates



Wednesday 3rd December 2025 : Winter craft
morning / afternoon: You are invited to spend time with your child in some creative activities

Friday 12th December 2025: Christmas Jumper Day: Wear a Christmas jumper and donate to Save the Children



Friday 12th December 2025: Winter Sing-A-Long: Join us at St Alban's Church as we sing our favourite winter songs

Friday 19th December 2025: Children's Christmas Party: Party is held between 11.00 am and 14:00 pm.
More information to follow



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