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UPDATES for 2025-2026

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for a wonderful year and welcoming me so warmly to Thornhill. I am writing this letter to 'round-up' some key information and updates about the year ahead, so it is all in one place for you to refer to.

Staff Structure

I have shared previously on 4th July's Family Newsletter our Staff Structure for next year. Please take a moment to have a look if you haven't already, so you are aware of our staff next year.
We have ended the term saying farewell to Miss Gray but we wish her lots of success in her new chapter as a Headteacher. In September we welcome Mrs Waite to our team, as our Key Stage 2 Teacher.

Nursery Fees

As previously mentioned, this year our school hours have included 30 minutes daily (11:45-12:15) free of charge. As you'll appreciate, this cannot continue and to ensure we offer a viable service we are also slightly increasing our charge per hour for nursery provision (above your funded hours). We will be increasing our hourly charge to **£5/hour**. We very much feel this is still a fantastic offer for our families!

Funded Nursery Hours

From September, our Funded Nursery Hours are changing to support the provision we offer so that they align with our school day and the funded hours.

30-hours Funded Sessions
Monday to Thursday 08:45 to 15:15.
Friday 08:45 to 12:45.
Friday 12:45 to 15:15 is offered as an additional charged childcare session.

15-hours Funded Sessions
Monday to Friday 08:45 to 11:45.
Monday to Friday 11:45 to 15:15 is available at an additional charge.

Children who stay with us for the full day are able to bring in their own packed lunch or they have the option of ordering a school dinner.
Please ensure you book your child's nursery sessions over the summer for the Autumn Term via email to admin.thornhill@tps.changinglives.education or by phoning the school office and speaking to Mrs Harman.

School Clubs

From September the hourly rate of our School Clubs will be increasing slightly (£0.50 per hour) to £4 per hour. Again, we feel this remains great value for money for the service provided.
The charge will remain for 07:30-08:00 childcare and 15:15-16:30 clubs.
We are looking to further develop our Personal Development offer with our After School Clubs. We are currently finalising details to offer a larger variety of clubs which include more sport.

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Pupil Premium

We are making a slight change to our offer of free clubs for Pupil Premium Pupils. Free Clubs that pupils can attend will reduce from two to one per week. However, there will be an additional free club for all pupils because of some recent funding we have received.

Residentials

Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th November 2025 is our residential to Manchester for Year 3 to 5 pupils. Please ensure you **complete the consent form on ScoPay and pay the deposit ASAP** so we can secure our booking at the best price.

Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th July 2026 is our residential to London for our Year 6 pupils. Again, we'd appreciate it if you can **complete the consent form on ScoPay and pay the deposit.**

Escape Education (Forest School)

From September we are delighted to have secured every Tuesday afternoon with Escape Education. An amazing Forest School provision on West Lakes Science Park. The timetable for when year groups will be accessing the provision is:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Identified pupils to support Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Year 6	Year 5	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 & 4

Parents Evening

We recognise the importance of parent/carers having uptodate knowledge of their child's progress so we will be increasing the number of Parents Evenings next year from one to two.

We will have a Parents Evening at the end of the Autumn Term and Spring Term, then we will have End of Year Reports at the end of the Summer Term.

INSET

Our INSET Days next year are:

Monday 1st September
Tuesday 2nd September
Monday 5th January
Tuesday 6th January

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Additional INSET

I am delighted to share that in line with our Changing Lives Learning Trust partner schools, we will be enhancing our commitment to excellent teaching and learning at our school by holding additional afternoon sessions in the next academic year to allow all staff to take part in focused Continuous Professional Development (CPD) sessions. These sessions will take place on:

Thursday 6th November 2025
Tuesday 20th January 2026
Monday 16th March 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026
Wednesday 1st July 2026

On these days, school will finish at **1pm** and we kindly ask that you make arrangements for your child's care from that time.

Our CPD sessions are carefully planned to ensure that staff are continually developing their skills, staying up to date with the latest educational research, working collaboratively and sharing good practice with colleagues from across our trust to improve teaching and learning for the benefit of our school. The focus of these upcoming sessions will be on inclusive teaching strategies and curriculum development, both of which are designed to enhance the learning experience and outcomes for every pupil. By investing in our staff, we are investing in your child's future and enhancing the quality of education your child receives. We are confident that the benefits of this professional development will be seen in the classroom through even more engaging lessons, tailored support for all learners, and a stronger, vibrant and collaborative school community.

Thank you once again for your continued support in helping us provide the very best for our children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the School Office or Class Dojo.

Yours Sincerely,

Georgina Mawson
Head Teacher