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Council Comment

The Golden Eagle

Despite securing the dilapidated Golden Eagle with metal sheeting, hoarding, and installing signs to warn of the presence of asbestos, mindless individuals entered illegally and committed extensive criminal damage in the period between asbestos surveys and work commencing which has caused the spread of hazardous materials throughout all levels of the building.

Walls were ripped apart to steal piping and wiring which exposed sealed asbestos fibres. Water then used to put out the fire started by arsonists was contaminated and flooded the basement meaning it all had to be pumped out and disposed of safely.

Initially, only certain areas of the building needed specialist treatment, now every single item within the building including all soft furnishings has to be treated individually, double bagged, and disposed of under strict Health and Safety regulations.

These findings now mean the completion date for the project will be pushed back until Autumn 2026, with an additional cost of £600,000 due to the extra asbestos removal. This infuriating cost incurred as a result of criminality is covered by transferring underspend from other Town Deal budget areas - meaning there is no additional cost to the tax payer.

The eyesore building must and will come down. That's a certainty - despite what some see as an opportunity to make political capital or others who vexatiously comment on social media because they know no better. So, as with other regeneration schemes, delay is disappointing, but will be overcome. However, not at the expense of health and safety and risk of asbestos contamination of the wider area.

North Thornaby - Safer Homes

Investment in Thornaby on Tees is moving on apace. A new NETA training

centre is now taking shape on Teesdale and plans for expansion of Thornaby Station look really exciting. Our magnificent Town Hall - now back in the ownership of the community it was built for and available for weddings, etc - has been restored to its former glory and work on Victoria Rec Community Hall left in limbo by a TV company has been completed and is now managed and maintained by Thornaby Town Council.

Community Hall works cost less than anticipated, so contingency funds were not required. Despite this, additional outputs were delivered, including thermoplastic markings throughout the park and a modular building constructed. The underspend was reallocated to the Energy Efficiency workstream.

A huge swathe of north Thornaby is also benefitting from Town Deal money secured by Thornaby councillors presenting such a strong case - thus completely dispelling bogus claims of lack of investment. Added to this will be cycle links developed throughout the town subject to meaningful consultation.

192 properties in the Victoria area received 456 energy efficiency measures (Solar PV, LED Lighting, new boilers and heating controls) which has provided an average saving of £671.40 per property per year. This scheme was 'Commended' in the North East Energy Efficiency Awards in 2024 in the Regional Large-Scale Project category.

Security measures to properties and alleyways have also been carried out as well as urgently needed improvements made to a number of homes by a Handy Person employed specifically to carry out allocated tasks. Mobile Cameras (Safer Streets) and CCTV has been funded and are all now in use to combat troublesome behaviour. Added to this, in partnership with North Star and grants to some private landlords, a number of properties have been restored and brought back into use through funding drawn down from Town Deal - providing secure, energy efficient homes.

So, with The Golden Eagle removal guaranteed and new baths linked to a modernised extension of the pavilion gym, everything is looking good. The Town Deal Board, brilliantly chaired by Mark White and supported by top class officers - particularly Iain Robinson and Sam Dixon - deserve so much credit for making Town Deal a remarkable success and a superb example of team cooperation and delivery focus. Thornaby Town Council is truly grateful to all involved.

Notice - Bins in Back Streets

A resident wrote in to Thornaby Town Council asking for a notice be put in Thornaby Pride Magazine to remind people to take their green bins back into their yards and not to leave them in the alley itself. The resident wrote: "Some bins are just being left in the gated back alley all week in the TS17 area. It has been noted that they are occasionally used for would be intruders to stand on to look over back yard walls and potentially gain entry. One frightened resident told me they were sure one was used to climb into their back yard. Thankfully, the dog scared them away." And so beware: ***Please take your bins in. Why give criminals an advantage.***

Coming Home

Great news that RAF Thornaby's silver will soon be returned to Thornaby Town Hall where it rightfully belongs. Thanks to Andy Macdonald MP for acting on behalf of Thornaby Town Council. Also, being returned is Thornaby's civic mace that 'disappeared' following changes to local government. Last, but by no means least, the Coffee Pot engine that once stood on the roundabout adjacent to Parliament Street will soon be returned to Teesdale, Thornaby on Tees, where it was built by Head Wrightson. Brilliant work by all at Thornaby Town Council.

The Thornaby Town Deal

an update from Town Deal Board Chair, Mark White CBE DL

I am delighted to provide an update on the Thornaby Town Deal.

Thornaby-on-Tees has the unique opportunity in being the only town in the Borough which has been awarded £23.9million from the Government’s Towns Fund.

This funding is to support the regeneration of Thornaby town centre, support skills and business development in the town and improve connectivity, transport and culture.

On 1 December, myself and members of the Town Deal Board, attended the official signing of the steel event for the new £14.7million NETA Training facility in Thornaby.

Following breaking ground on the project in the summer, the steel structure of the two-storey building is now in place and I was proud to add my name to the framework.

The development is a flagship project of the Thornaby Town Deal and one of the priority interventions set out by the Board, delivered in partnership with the Education Training Collective, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and further funding from the Department for Education and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

NETA is the engineering training arm of the Education Training Collective. The new centre on Princeton Drive, which sits alongside Stockton Riverside College, will include workshops for vocational training in areas including welding, fabrication, electrical, mechanical, pipefitting, as well as domestic and commercial gas training.

In Thornaby Town Centre, contractors MGL Demolition are on site at the Golden Eagle undertaking the complex process of stripping out asbestos and removing contaminated material.

The building is being demolished and the site cleared to make way for future redevelopment, which will enable a key priority of the Town Deal Board – tackling vacant properties to unlock new development opportunities - to be realised and end years of uncertainty about the eyesore building's future.

I am also pleased that improvements in North Thornaby are now nearing completion and have exceeded all targets, as well as work progressing positively on the cycleways scheme to connect Thornaby with an improved, joined-up cycle network. This scheme is set to begin in February.

More information on all Thornaby Town Deal projects are available at: www.stockton.gov.uk/thornaby/town-deal

I will include further updates on the Thornaby Town Deal in future issues of Thornaby Pride.



The Poplars Activities

Hello Everyone,

We are back to let you know what has been happening at The Poplars since the last edition.

Residents, families and friends enjoyed getting together for our Social Club afternoon in the Poplars Bar with bingo, a quiz, music, dancing, snacks and of course drinks.

We had visits from The Norton Uke's which always brings lots of smiles, singing, dancing and lots of laughter, a lovely church service with blessings and prayers from Father Tom and his church choir and resident birthday celebration.

The run up to Halloween was for making lots of crafts to decorate the home and then a Halloween fancy dress karaoke with prizes for the best outfits. Residents, families and staff all took part in the fun.

Least We Forget? Our residents could never forget the fallen and we did our usual bit by selling poppies and bowing our heads in silence.

We have lots going on in the run up to Christmas starting with a fabulous raffle which is up and running.

Bye for now and a Very Merry Christmas from all at The Poplars.

Some Christmas Activities at The Poplars

Families & Friends Welcome

- Tuesday 2nd** – Eagle Ukulele Band
- Tuesday 9th** – Steve's Christmas Karaoke
- Monday 15th** – Father Tom's Church Service
- Wednesday 17th** – The Singing Santa's Christmas Show
- Monday 22nd** – Christmas Party / Janie St John
- Tuesday 23rd** – Staff Christmas Outfits Competition
- Wednesday 24th** – Christmas Carols with drinks & snacks





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- that simply wouldn't happen if we didn't adhere to our overriding principles.

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Eagle Chauffeuring launches female-focused service to boost gender diversity in private hire sector

A North East chauffeur firm has launched a new service aimed at increasing the number of women in the private hire trade, while offering an alternative option for female passengers seeking women drivers.

Eagle Chauffeuring, based in Thornaby, is rolling out the initiative across Teesside, Durham and Newcastle. The company is offering full training, licensing support and access to luxury vehicles for women looking to enter the profession. It has already signed up its first female driver under the scheme.

Company founder Babar Malik confirmed that Eagle Chauffeuring will cover the full cost of private hire licensing and provide successful applicants with one of its executive vehicles. The offer is open to women from all backgrounds, with a particular focus on mothers and those seeking flexible working arrangements.

The decision to launch the service follows feedback from clients and rising awareness around the lack of female representation in the industry. Department for Transport figures show that less than 5% of licensed taxi and private hire drivers in England are women. A YouGov poll in 2021 also reported that 43% of women would prefer a female driver when travelling alone at night, with the figure rising to over 60% for women aged 18 to 34.

Mr Malik said the idea stemmed from direct conversations with female clients who regularly requested women chauffeurs. He believes there is strong demand for a service that addresses those concerns, while creating new job opportunities for women.



The firm launched earlier this year with six high-end vehicles and has grown steadily since. The Eagle name has history in the area, having been previously operated by Mr Malik's father, Mohammed Malik, who ran a fleet of 50 vehicles under the name Eagles Taxis.

Eagle Chauffeuring currently caters for airport transfers, corporate bookings and special occasions, offering what it describes as a concierge-style experience. The company plans to expand its fleet to 30 vehicles by 2026 and is actively recruiting both male and female drivers to meet the growing demand.

Mr Malik said: "There's a real gap in the market, not just for luxury travel, but for women who want to work in a way that fits around their lives. We're giving women the opportunity to get started with a flexible career and the tools they need to succeed."



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First published in Thornaby Pride Magazine, this collection of articles features a long vanished Thornaby preserved in the treasured photographs and stories of its people, many gathered before they disappeared for ever. Our book reveals both the richness of Thornaby's history and the resilience of those who made it.

Above: Emilie Toulson on the left in light coat with umbrella, heads her St. Mark's over 60's group before they leave for their annual bus trip. Thornaby society was and is still kept going by dedicated volunteers who give up their time to organise for the benefit of the community. Bus trips were hugely popular in Thornaby; they were economical and suited to the purses of residents. This is a rainy day outside the Duke of York Hotel AKA The Black Bobbies, on the corner of George Street and Denmark Street, in about 1957.



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Tuesday	Jigsaw club Line dancing	1pm-3pm 6.30pm	07935 377184
Wednesday	Gardening club Salvation project - food drop in	12.30pm-2.30pm 1pm-2pm	07934 409010
Thursday	Playgroup - with tea and toast Dementia Link - first Thursday of the month	10am-11.30am 11.30am-2.30pm	07722 958610
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REVIEW: The Further Pantomime Adventures of Peter Pan

A high-flying, laugh-out-loud production. It's magical, hilarious, and packed with jaw-dropping moments that will stay with you long after the curtain falls. It's everything you want from a festive pantomime!

The story offers a fresh twist on the classic tale, as Tinker Bell returns to London to recruit Wendy's granddaughter and stop Hook's revenge plan in its tracks. It's a clever, generational spin that feels both nostalgic and modern, appealing to all ages.

Visually, the production is a triumph with stunning sets

bursting with colour and detail. Seamless scene changes, dazzling special effects, and thrilling flying sequences.

The cast is nothing short of stellar. **Connor McIntyre (Coronation Street's Pat Phelan)** commands the stage as a deliciously villainous Captain Hook, while the **North East's Liberty X star Michelle Heaton** delivers a dazzling performance as Tinker Bell, blending sass, warmth, and a touch of modern magic. **Ben-Ryan Davies** brings youthful charm and humour to Peter Pan, and **Jessie Williams** shines as Angela Darling with a fantastic vocal display.



SCAN TO BOOK



Comedy gold comes courtesy of **Liam Mellor's** chaotic character Mr Smee and **Robert Squire's** hilarious Mrs Hook. Collectively their timing and chemistry had the audience in stitches.

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Class 1 seeing the change in seasons

This Autumn, class 1 have enjoyed exploring the school grounds for different signs of Autumn. Our favourite finds were different coloured leaves, conkers and acorns off our wonderful trees. The children enjoyed making autumn crafts with their finds, using them to practice their careful counting and enhance our water provision.



Class 2 celebrate Children in Need

The children in class 2 thought about other children who may need our help. We enjoyed coming into school wearing our spots and thinking about others. With the help of Joe Wicks off the BBC we got active to promote our own wellbeing too. We brought in pennies to support this great charity.



Class 3 - Anti Bullying week

The children listened to our Mental Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors and spoke about 'The Power of Good'. We know we need to speak to trusted adults if we are concerned about bullying. Children in class 3 know to be kind to others, respect everyone and include everyone in activities.



Class 4 - have A Grand Afternoon to Remember

Class 4 had the pleasure of hosting a wonderful Grandparents' Afternoon, and it was truly a highlight of our term. We welcomed grandparents into school to share stories from their own childhoods, giving the children a rich and personal insight into



the past. The children were thrilled to showcase their history work, and many grandparents brought along fascinating artefacts from their younger days; everything from old photographs to treasured keepsakes. It was a heart-warming afternoon filled with curiosity, conversation, and connections across generations.





Class 5 – November, a month of Remembrance...

November is a very important month in St Patrick's Primary School. It is a time when we remember and pray for those that have gone before us. Class 5 gathered for prayer in our prayer garden – The Croi (a word which means 'heart' in Irish!). We prayed for members of our family and school community that have died over the years. We all placed hearts in front of Jesus and thanked him for all our happy memories of the people we have lost. On Remembrance Sunday, 9th November, lots of our staff, families and pupils marched to Thornaby's War memorial, the Cenotaph for a lovely service to remember the service and sacrifice of those who have died in conflicts. Lest We Forget...



Class 6 - Around the world...

To mark International Music and Languages Day in school, Class 6 learned about Spanish culture, and how to sing and count in Spanish. We danced around the world as we listened and enjoyed a variety of musical styles from lots of different countries. The children enjoyed showing off their dancing moves and performed some Irish dancing and Greek Zorba. A boy in our class is from El Salvador and he helped to teach us some common Spanish phrases!



Class 8 Out in the Community

To celebrate the 2025 Jubilee year, Class 8 spent time being Pilgrims of Hope. We worked with our parents and carers to make posters which we are going to put up in our local area. These posters will be placed near food bins and trolleys collecting food for those in the community who would benefit from it. We hope our posters will encourage more people to donate. It was so nice to work with our parents and carers.



Class 7 Show Racism the Red Card

Class 7 made fabulous, eye-catching posters and performed the national anthem of Nigeria to mark Black History Month and to support the Show Racism The Red Card campaign. We talked about how gospel values like reconciliation and forgiveness go hand in hand with campaigns to end racism. One child led us as we sang the national anthem of Nigeria and the children - as well as the teachers - had great fun dancing along to the music.





Class 9 - Talking and thinking through history

Class 9's budding historians have been finding out all about the Viking era. They have researched what attracted the Vikings across the North Sea to settle in good old blighty. They compared the different climates and landscapes of

Scandinavia and Britain. Was it the land? Was it in search of wealth? Was it to loot the churches and monasteries? The children put their oracy skills into action by taking part in "Conscience Alley" - they became vikings for the afternoon thinking about would they choose to leave home or try to make things work.

Class 10 and 11 - Be Internet Legends Day

Children in Class 10 and 11 took part in 'Be Internet Legends Day' on Tuesday 11th November. The day empowered our young children to use the web safely and wisely, so they can be confident explorers of the online world. Activities throughout the morning focused on teaching our children how to protect their devices using strong passwords, learning to share information smartly with those that they know and respecting each other by using the power of the internet to be nice, not nasty.



Class 12 Inspiring lives, Inspiring us

Class 12 worked incredibly hard this term to write their own biographies about people who inspire them. Each student chose a remarkable individual whose courage, determination, or achievements made a real impact on the world. Their choices were wonderfully varied — from Rosa Parks' fearless stand for civil rights to Marcus Rashford's commitment to helping others, and from Amelia Earhart's pioneering spirit to Lucy Bronze's dedication on the football pitch. Some students explored the bravery of Neil Armstrong as he stepped onto the moon, while others wrote about Nelson Mandela's fight for justice or Malala's powerful voice for education. The class showed great curiosity and maturity, producing thoughtful, detailed biographies that celebrated what it truly means to inspire others.



Class 13 - How may we help you?

Or should we say "Comment pouvons-nous vous aider?? Year 6 students hosted the St Patrick's Continental Café to celebrate International Languages and Music Day. Acting as servers, waiters and cleaners, they embraced their

responsibilities, proudly serving the guests with warm hot chocolate and delicious pastries. They were fantastic hosts, with lots of parents commenting on what a great service was on offer! Bravo!



Nursery Fizzy Fireworks!

Nursery had a fantastic fireworks day! The children created their own firework pictures inspired by the artist Jackson Pollock. The children made splatter paintings using different coloured paints. The children also loved making firework sounds and movements! Our old Nursery Oak tree had so many acorns this year. After a windy night we found lots and lots under the tree. We read the story of Chicken Licken and loved shouting 'the sky is falling down!'



Champions Once Again

St Patrick's retain T6 Cup!



St Patrick's year 11 boys' football team retained the T6 Cup in a keenly contested tournament involving fellow Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust schools. The final against a good Sacred Heart side went to penalties. It was outstanding skipper Rhys H who was the hero saving the final Sacred Heart penalty thus allowing Jensley M to convert his spot kick with aplomb to seal the win.

A great morning for the team. Many thanks to the staff from T6 for being great hosts.

Civic Chamber - Weddings and Civil Services



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World Toilet Day: Pupils Raise Their Voices for Global Dignity

On World Toilet Day, 19th November, pupils at St. Patrick's Catholic College took part in an important awareness project highlighting a global issue that often goes unnoticed — the fact that millions of people around the world still live without access to a safe, clean toilet.

As part of our commitment to Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the theme of Human Dignity, pupils created a powerful video explaining why access to proper sanitation is a basic human right. They explored how the lack of decent toilets affects



health, education, and dignity, especially for vulnerable communities. Their message was clear: as young people, we cannot stay silent.

The theme of the week, "Unstoppable," was reflected in the pupils' passion, confidence, and

conviction. Their voices and actions showed that they truly are unstoppable in advocating for justice and change.

Alongside this, pupils also took part in a coding cipher challenge, linking digital skills with global awareness. The activity helped deepen their understanding of the campaigns behind World Toilet Day while allowing them to develop problem-solving skills in a fun and engaging way.

Through creativity, advocacy, and thoughtful reflection, our pupils demonstrated what it means to stand up for human dignity and to use their gifts to make a difference

CAFOD Fast Day – Living Out St Thérèse's "Little Way"

As part of our observance of CAFOD Fast Day, our school community took time to reflect on the inspiring message of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her "Little Way" — the belief that small acts of kindness, done with great love, can make a powerful difference in the world.

Guided by this message, a group of dedicated pupils took the lead in organising and running a special Soup Lunch for staff and students.

Supported by our school chaplain, the pupils

prepared, served, and promoted the event with enthusiasm and generosity. Their teamwork and commitment truly embodied the spirit of service.

The simplicity of sharing soup reminded us of those who have far less and encouraged us to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities around the world. All money raised from the event was donated directly to CAFOD, supporting their vital work in tackling poverty and injustice.

It was a meaningful and heartwarming day that brought our school together in faith, charity, and gratitude — living out St Thérèse's reminder that even the smallest actions can change lives.



Year 7 welcome Mass and Macmillan Coffee morning

On the Feast of Padre Pio, our school community came together for a special celebration that combined our Year 7 Welcome Mass with a Macmillan Coffee Morning. Pupils, parents, staff, and parishioners gathered in unity as Father Pat led a beautiful Mass, marking the beginning of our Year 7 pupils' spiritual journey at St. Patrick's Catholic College. Pupils were involved in the creation of the Mass which made the experience even more poignant for them.

The occasion was filled with warmth, prayer, and a real sense of community. Following the Mass, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to share refreshments together while supporting an important cause. Thanks to the generosity of all who attended, we proudly raised £245 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

It was a meaningful morning that reflected our mission of faith, family, and future — a wonderful start for our newest pupils and a reminder of the strength of our school and parish community.





Pupil Leaders

We are proud to introduce this year's Pupil Leadership Team, a group of dedicated students who work together to make our school an even better place to learn, grow and belong. Each team has its own focus, allowing pupils to take on meaningful responsibility and help shape our school community.

Our Voting Process

As part of our commitment to pupil voice and British values, our school followed a whole-school democratic voting process to select members of the Pupil Leadership Team. This ensures the process is fair, transparent and gives every pupil the chance to participate. Captains of the areas make up our school council.



Sport

Promoting resilience, teamwork and physical activity, our Sport team helps run clubs, inter-house competitions and school sports events. They also support younger pupils to get involved in active play and enjoy sport.



Head Pupils and Deputy Head Pupils

Our Head Pupils and Deputies lead the Pupil Leadership Team. They represent the pupil body at key events, support whole-school initiatives and help ensure every pupil's voice is heard. They act as excellent role models and work closely with staff to drive positive change.



Diversity and Inclusion

This team ensures that all pupils feel valued, represented and respected. They help organise events that celebrate different cultures and identities, promote inclusive behaviour and support equality across our school.



Wellbeing

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors champion mental health and emotional wellbeing. They promote positive habits and help create a safe, supportive school environment for everyone.



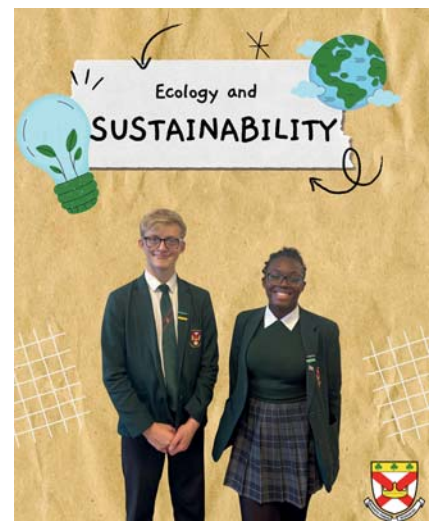
Charity and Community

This team helps strengthen our links with the local community. They plan charitable events, support Cafod and work on projects that develop compassion, responsibility and active citizenship.



Social and Communication

This team strengthens communication across the school by helping with newsletters, Celebration of the Word and student voice projects. They also support the organisation of celebrations and social events that bring our school community together.



Eco and Sustainability

Focused on caring for our planet, these pupils lead recycling initiatives, energy-saving campaigns and environmental projects around school. Their work inspires others to think sustainably and protect our environment.



Mandale Mill Primary School

Community

Lest we forget.

Thank you to the children, parents and staff who attended the Remembrance Parade and service this morning. Our wreath layers, alongside all the other children who joined the parade, represented school and the community beautifully.

Five children from KS2 represented Mandale Mill and walked to Thornaby Cemetery to help lay poppies in time for Remembrance Day and to commemorate 85 years since the Battle of Britain.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our Harvest Festival. It was gratefully received by Thornaby Foodbank.



Year 5 Careers Week!

Year 5 had lots of visitors for careers week and found out all about Firefighters, Police, The Army, working for The Dogs Trust, Optician, Tesco's and 3D artists to name a few. They were also thrilled to explore Land Rover and learn more about design, engineering

and the world of manufacturing.
A fantastic insight into future careers!





Mandale Mill Primary School

Roman Fort

Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful time at Arbeia Roman Fort in South Shields at the beginning of term. We became archaeologists when we dug up clues from the past, kept watch for enemies from the fort and found out what it was like to live as a Roman soldier.



Trips

Egyptians

Year 5 had an excellent day at the Great North Museum. We explored lots of Egyptian artifacts and we saw a real mummy!! We found out that Tutankhamun died before the pyramids were built!



Nursery

Nursery have certainly embraced Ten Town. The children were invited to dress up as their favourite Ten Town character and participated in lots of maths activities focusing on counting and number formation. A big thank you to all of the adults that attended nursery's stay and count sessions.





Mandale Mill Primary School

EY

Minis

The wheels on the bus go round and round

Minis have had so much fun creating their own bus. We had to paint the sides and glue on the wheels. Then, we sat on the bus and enjoyed singing one of our favourite nursery rhymes.



Reception

Reception delighted in a game of Autumn I spy. They enjoyed hunting and looking closely outdoors for spiders, webs, different coloured leaves and pine cones. They also found different seeds and berries which had fallen from the trees.



Admissions

Please contact us if you would like a place in our Minis or Nursery as spaces are limited. We are always happy to show parent/carers around our beautiful setting.

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Thornaby Town Reds u13

Thornaby Town under 13 reds have been on quite a journey so far, starting in the lowest league and slowly making their way up the divisions. Currently in division 8, they have a strong core squad,

but this season was the big step up to 11 a side and so they have brought in some fantastic players to help manage the transition.

And what a season so far as they remain undefeated in the league and on a great cup run beating a higher division team convincingly. All the players have put in so much hard work over the last few years and it's paying dividends, something they

100% deserve. A long tough season ahead against some good teams, but the team is enjoying the moment. All the games have been beautifully captured by Eddy Conroy's amazing photos.

Please show your support for Thornaby Town and come and watch our games every Sunday at Thornaby Academy and Robert Atkinson Community Centre.



Man of the Match award - Noah Burwood-Conroy



Management Team



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Hayley Wilson Club Secretary

Tees Active Wins Prestigious School Swimming Award at the Swim England National Awards



Tees Active is celebrating national success after coming out on top against tough competition to win the School Swimming Award at the Swim England National Awards, held on 28th November 2025 at the Great Hall at the University of Birmingham. The Swim England Awards are one of the most respected events in the aquatics calendar, recognising outstanding achievement, innovation, and dedication across the sector. Being honoured by Swim England - the national governing body for swimming in England - represents a significant achievement and highlights the exceptional quality of Tees Active's school swimming programme.

The awards ceremony was attended by leading industry professionals, national partners, coaches, volunteers, and aquatic organisations from across the country. Winning this award recognises Tees Active as the leading provider of school swimming nationwide.

Leon Jones, Managing Director of Tees Active, said: "This award is a fantastic

recognition of the hard work and dedication of our aquatics team. Delivering a successful school swimming programme takes commitment from many people, both in and out of the pool, and this achievement is the result of that team effort. It is great to know that the schools we work with every day are receiving the very best service. We look forward to building on this success and continuing to inspire confidence and enjoyment in the water for every child we teach."

Helen Eyeington, Aquatics Manager at Tees Active, added: "We see every day the positive impact our programme has on children across the Borough. This award reinforces how important that work is for local young people and their families."

Bethany Thomas, a teacher from St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in Norton, said: "To be working alongside the best school swimming provider in the country is a real privilege. To know our children are receiving the best service to support their swimming development is invaluable

and we're looking forward to strengthening our partnership with Tees Active in the years ahead."

The Swim England National Awards celebrate the very best of aquatics in England, recognising clubs, programmes, volunteers, and organisations that make outstanding contributions to swimming, diving, artistic swimming, and water polo. The School Swimming Award is presented to the organisation that demonstrates excellence in delivering high quality, inclusive, and effective swimming lessons for schools, helping young people develop essential water safety and swimming skills.

Tees Active's achievement reflects its ongoing commitment to providing high quality, safe, and engaging aquatic opportunities for children across the Borough, and reinforces its standing as a leader in public leisure provision nationally.



Another Year of Successful Trading - Merry Christmas From Thornaby Market

We're nearing the end of another year at Thornaby's long-standing, traditional market.

2025 has been a year of highs and lows, and we cannot forget the tragic loss of a wonderful trader and friend, Andrew from McMahon Greengrocers.

Showcase your business at Thornaby Market

Do you have a small business? Are you seeking to tap into a new audience? We are seeking new stalls to join our award-winning Thursday market at The Pavilion Shopping Centre in Thornaby Town Centre.

The benefits include:

- Up to four weeks free use of equipment
- Social media promotion to a combined 12,000 followers
- Direct support from our dedicated market management team

Following customer feedback, we are particularly interested in adding the following businesses:

- Wet, fresh fish
- Plants and flower bedding
- Toys and childrenswear
- Discount sweets and confectionary

We're also excited that a new fruit and veg stall is joining the market in January 2026! Allens Greengrocers, who currently trades at Stockton Market is bringing his quality produce to Thornaby every Thursday, so come down and show your support.

For more information on how to apply to become a trader, visit our social media pages:

- Facebook: **Stockton-on Tees-Markets**
- Instagram: **@stocktononteesmarkets**
- Email: **markets@stockton.gov.uk**

A festive message from Matt, owner of the wild bird and pet supply stall:

"To all market regulars, thank you all for your continued support over the last year. This market is a part of our livelihoods and your custom is always greatly appreciated. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to what 2026 has in store".

From all of the Thornaby Market team, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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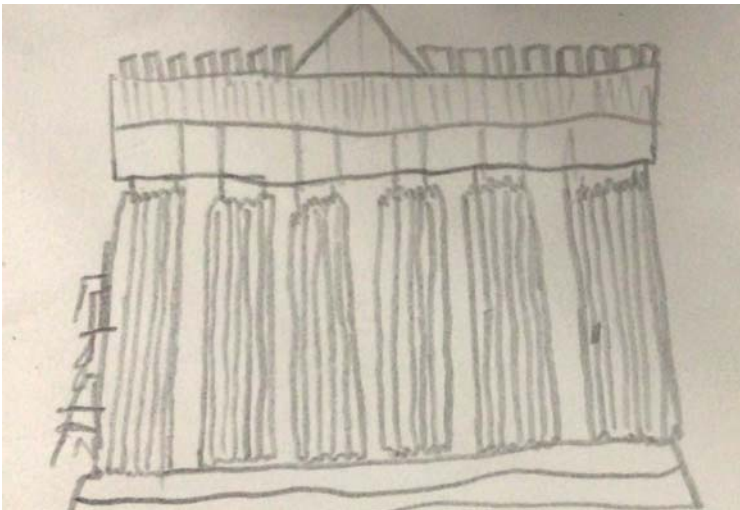


Year 2 Visit to Teesmouth

Following our trip to Teesmouth Visitors Centre in June, the Year 2 children returned to school to complete some follow-up work. This was then passed on to the Centre to display in the Centre. We were pleased to find out that The Hartlepool Power Station Annual Teesmouth Award has been judged, and that Harewood Primary School had been chosen as the Science Winner for the second-year running. We were recently presented with a trophy to keep for a year and a certificate to keep.

Year 3 Ancient Greece

Year 3 have had a very busy term and have worked incredibly hard. They have been learning all about the Ancient Greeks and have found out some fascinating facts about life 3000 years ago! They looked at some pottery to design their own lovely Greek pots and drew some wonderful artwork of the buildings from Ancient Greece. They also learned how to write their name using the Ancient Greek alphabet and even tasted some Greek food such as olives, tzatziki and feta cheese.



UK Parliament Week

This week, Harewood children joined thousands of schools across the country in celebrating UK Parliament Week – and what a busy, exciting week it's been!

Throughout the week, pupils have been finding out all about how our government works. They learned where important decisions are made, what MPs do, and why Parliament plays such a big role in keeping our country running smoothly. We also explored the idea of democracy and why it's so important that everyone has a voice.

To help bring their learning to life, classes held their own lively debates, sharing ideas, challenging opinions and discovering how people can disagree respectfully. But the highlight of the week was definitely our very important mission: electing the very first Harewood Government!

Every child from Year 1 to Year 6 was given the opportunity to create their own manifesto and put themselves forward as a candidate to represent their class as an MP. After hearing from their classmates and thinking carefully about each manifesto, pupils cast their votes and the new Harewood Government was officially formed.

We also welcomed a special guest — our very own MP, Andy McDonald — who met with the newly elected school MPs and spent time chatting with them about what it means to represent others.



Reception Class 2026

Is your child starting school next September? We would love for you to join us at Harewood in our newly renovated Early Years setting!

Our refreshed EY environment has been carefully designed to spark curiosity, inspire creativity and give our youngest learners the very best start to their school journey. With caring staff, exciting learning spaces, and a strong sense of community, Harewood is a place where every child can thrive.

Reception admissions for September 2026 are now open – but hurry, applications close in January!

We can't wait to welcome our new little learners and their families. Come and start your adventure with us!

If you'd like a tour or more information, just get in touch - we'd be delighted to show you around.



Year 4 Visit to Raby Castle

Year 4 have enjoyed a fantastic trip to Raby Castle this half term. They loved spotting the deer as they walked around the park, and they applied their knowledge of castles to identify key features of the site. Back in school, the children worked in groups to create their own castles using recyclable materials, showing excellent teamwork and creativity. They were extremely proud of their finished models.

In English, the children have been writing diary entries about life in Roman times, and in Maths they have been focusing on developing their understanding of place value.



Children visiting Raby Castle.

Harewood Rockstars

KS2 children have competed in the Lingfield Trust Autumn TT rockstars competition.

The children worked incredibly hard, showcasing phenomenal determination and strong fact fluency. Over 2 days, the children accumulated 371,426 correct answers, resulting in a 1st place finish.

Out of the 85 classes participating, Y6C finished in an amazing 1st place, followed by Y5S in 2nd place and Y5C in 3rd place.

We are very proud of our children, they rise to every challenge and have shown our golden values throughout the competition.

Well done Harewood.



Year 5 Remembrance

At the start of November, the Year 5 children took a special trip to Thornaby Cemetery, joining pupils from Mandale Mill Primary School for a very meaningful visit. The purpose of the trip was to lay poppies on a specially built war memorial and to spend some time thinking about the people who have served, and who continue to serve, our country.

The poppies the children placed were extra special, as they had been made by people currently doing community service. This gave the visit a real sense of community and showed how many different people come together to help us remember those who have sacrificed so much.

The children were incredibly respectful throughout the visit. They took part in a two-minute silence and showed great maturity as they reflected on what Remembrance means. It was a memorable experience for everyone, and it helped the pupils understand why it's so important to honour those who keep us safe.



End of an Era

Major Funding Provider Impetus Environmental Trust Have Donated Over £8 Million to Projects Across Teesside Since 2006

With a heavy heart, Nicky Graves has informed Thornaby Pride that the Trust will close its funding pot to applications for Landfill Community Fund monies by July 2026.

The Trust is looking for applicants who have projects around the £5 - £10,000 that can start & complete by July 2026.

In Thornaby, Stafford Place cricket club has recently been awarded £13,500 for solar panels

St Marks Church, Trenchard Avenue just under £10,000 for a new boiler and Christ the King were awarded £2646 for new windows and repair.

Nicky and the Board welcome applications from sporting organisations, voluntary / resident

groups, support groups, community centres, CIC's and so on, who need capital costs for projects around £5000.

BUT, all is not lost for groups needing funding. Nicky is also the North East Manager, (our readers may know this from the last edition), at Enover Community Trust (another LCF monies funder on Teesside). ECT funds projects up to £50,000 and is committed to support both community and environmental projects including improving community centres, village halls, creating play areas, enhance/refurbish community sport & recreation facilities, restoring green spaces among many others.

Nicky and the Trustees of ECT welcome funding applications up to £50,000.

Does your community building need solar panels / a new environmentally friendly heating system? The Board of Trustees are keen to invest in energy efficient, reduce carbon emissions, and help organisations reduce energy costs and they "will look favourably on projects that integrate energy efficiency and renewable energy into their project design; excellent insulation, air or ground source heat pumps". They consider energy efficient installations as part of a whole building approach for refurbishment where possible.

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Carols Around the Five Lamps

Oh, what a night. People and their children once again turned out for Thornaby Town Council's - Carol's Around the Lamps.

The forecasted dreadful weather had held off all day, but as attendees gathered to sing their hearts out, the heavens opened up. Everyone was soaked and cold, but children from Christ the King School, St Pats and Mandale Mill - accompanied by Seasonal Singers - braved the elements and made the event memorable. As adults froze and got soaked through, Thornaby children showed that

they were more resilient than adults. They were rewarded with selection boxes and the admiration of all assembled in the freezing rain. Thornaby on Tees Mayor, Councillor Glenn Eastick, who led the event said: "Weather once again struck a much loved event, but our kids shone through. Grateful thanks to the Salvation Army musicians who battled on to accompany singers when so many would have wilted. Merry Christmas, Thornaby on Tees. We in this town always stand firm against weather and adversity. We are Thornaby on Tees.





A meeting with Rosie Jones left Philip feeling inspired



A meet-up with his own stage hero, Rosie Jones, has left performing Arts student Philip Dawes feeling more motivated than ever.

She is proof, if it were needed, that when it comes to pursuing your ambitions, cerebral palsy shouldn't be a barrier. It's a message Philip is keen to echo, particularly as he has discovered his own love of the stage as a student at Stockton Riverside College. "I am confident and outgoing, and like being the centre of attention, acting allows me to do that," said the 19-year-old who is currently in rehearsals for the college's January production of 'Babes in the Wood'. It's been a busy time for Philip who has just featured in a lineup of performances at ARC Stockton as part of the Our Stomping Grounds Festival - an artistic programme of events celebrating learning disability and neurodivergent culture, led by North-east disabled-led professional theatre company, Little Cog, and delivered in collaboration with Full Circle.

Keen to take every opportunity to perform that he can, the 19-year-old from Ingleby Barwick certainly isn't grumbling. And, if he gets to break down a few barriers or preconceptions along the way, like his hero Rosie, then all the better.

"Rosie is inspiring because she has the same condition that I have," said Philip. Through The Rosie Jones Foundation, the comedian works to help empower those with cerebral palsy, reduce isolation and change mind sets.

Philip was excited to get the chance to meet Rosie recently as part of a Creative Pathways theatre workshop in London.

Creative Pathways, in association with Scope and The Rosie Jones Foundation, offers career-focused events for young people with cerebral palsy, including discussions from creative professionals.

Looking forward to his next stage show, Philip is working hard to keep improving.

Stockton Riverside College's curriculum manager for creative and digital, Tom Guest, said: "We are incredibly proud of everything Philip is achieving. He is making the most of every opportunity that comes his way and loving every minute.

"Philip says that Rosie Jones is an inspiration because she is highlighting cerebral palsy on a platform across the UK and letting people know that having something like cerebral palsy doesn't need to be a barrier.

"But here at the college, and on the performing arts courses in particular, Philip brings so much. As a team they find ways to work together and overcome any obstacles. While he probably doesn't see it, he too is helping to break down barriers."



Philip



Philip with Rosie Jones

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An update from Stockton Riverside College...



As we approach the festive break and the conclusion of the first term here at Stockton Riverside College, we can reflect on many achievements and look forward to exciting developments ahead.

We have had a bumper start to the year in terms of student recruitment and particularly those choosing to study locally here in Thornaby and the wider Stockton-on-Tees borough and we are confident our students are enjoying their time at the college.

An update on the NETA development, as you may have read, plans are moving at pace. We recently marked a milestone in the progress on the site with a signing of the steel event that took place early in December. This clearly signals the key progress being made on the new NETA building, bringing engineering training provision to the new location on Princeton Drive.



Getting the chance to put names on the framework felt like a special moment for our NETA colleagues, representatives from the college, the wider Education Training Collective, invited guests and

visitors, including members of the Thornaby Town Deal Board and the Department for Education.

This is a really exciting time for Stockton Riverside College and our NETA colleagues, bringing greater opportunities locally to our communities.

As it is the festive season, of course, we have some wonderful performing arts shows taking place at ARC and the College. Shows include Beauty and the Beast, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and a January production of Babes in the Wood.

I would like to close by wishing you a happy, safe and prosperous new year.

**-Jason Faulkner,
Etc. Deputy Chief Executive Officer**

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Nursery

This week, the children have been learning all about Bonfire Night! They explored how we celebrate safely by talking about fire safety, looking after ourselves and caring for animals during the celebrations.

The children have also been busy creating their own fireworks using a variety of exciting materials — playdough, paint, foam, chalk, and transient art. Their work has been full of sparkle, colour, and imagination!

Through these activities, the children have been developing their Understanding of the World and Managing Self skills — showing curiosity, creativity, and responsibility.

A big thank you to all our parents and carers who have shared their half-term adventures with us! The children have loved showing their photographs to their friends and have spoken confidently and enthusiastically about their wonderful experiences. Please keep the photographs coming — they provide a fantastic boost for communication and language development!



Year 1

We had a visit from Preston Park Museum, the lady brought in lots of old toys for us to explore during a workshop linked to our history topic. All the children were so enthusiastic and were asking lots of great, relevant questions. Then, we took part in a KS1 sports festival. We completed lots of different activities and sports all showing great resilience, hard work and determination. The children were a credit to our school, and we are all so proud of them!



Reception

To mark Poppy Day, our class reflected on the significance of this day and why we wear poppies. We talked about remembering those who have fought for our country and the importance of peace. The children showed real sensitivity as we created poppies to display in our classroom. It was a lovely and thoughtful way to honour the occasion.



Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week:

Our Reception children had a fantastic time participating in Odd Socks Day, part of Anti-Bullying Week. This event is all about celebrating our differences and promoting kindness and respect for others. The children enjoyed discussing how we can be kind and inclusive in our classroom and beyond. It was a great way to reinforce the values of kindness and friendship.



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Year 2

Year 2 have been working on balancing in PE. The children worked in pairs and created their own routines to demonstrate their balancing skills. In English, the children have worked on their use of conjunctions and the application of their phonics skills within their writing. During History, the children have been researching how The Great Fire of London spread over several days. It has been a very busy week, and all the children have worked very hard.



Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed a Stone Age Day, here in school. We had a brilliant day creating our own fire, making bread, building shelters amongst many other things. The children and staff all loved it. In Maths we have been learning how to do column subtraction and have now moved on to looking at how to exchange, lots of puzzled faces with that one but we'll get there! English lessons have continued with The Iron Man, the children are currently discussing and designing their own traps and in Science we are looking at nutrition and what makes a healthy, balanced diet. Never a dull moment!



Year 4

Year 4 have been drafting our own Newspaper Report about a sighting of a large marine animal in the local area. Children have worked hard to establish an understanding of format, vocabulary and language to keep the reader engaged. We incorporated some drama and freeze frames to demonstrate our understanding prior to writing.

In Maths we have consolidated our learning around Addition and Subtraction and have used different tools to help to show that understanding. In foundation subjects we have completed some work on respect in PSHE, used the Glockenspiels in Music and created food chains in science.





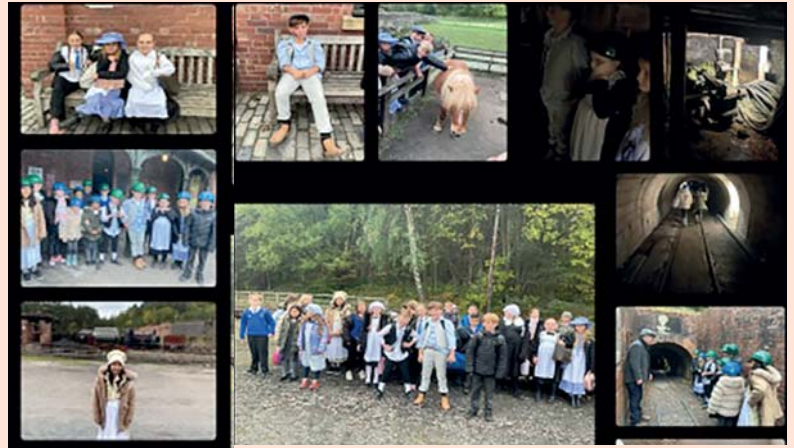
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Year 5

In History we are learning about the Victorians, so we took our learning outside of the classroom and visited Beamish Museum. We loved exploring a traditional 1900's town-visiting shops and even a dentist. We learnt that children as young as 3 worked in the mines and we got to visit a mine to help us imagine what life as a mineworker might have been like. Finally, we visited a Victorian school and took part in a Victorian lesson. The teacher was very strict, but we all showed excellent manners and listening skills so thankfully nobody had to get the cane or stand in the corner wearing a dunce's hat!



Year 6

Year 6 had a wonderful day exploring London! We visited countless sights: The Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Covent Garden and many more. We racked up nearly 20,000 steps and hit every corner of London! We made so many wonderful memories that will last a lifetime!

Skylla - 'This has been the best day of my life!'

Harvey - 'The size of Big Ben towered over all of us. I think I got all the questions in the quiz right!'

River - 'It was really fun, and we got to do loads of things! And my favourite was seeing The London Eye!'

Scarlett - 'I liked the trip because we got to learn how the prisoners were kept in The Tower of London and what treason they committed!'



Well-Being Ambassadors

Our new well-being team made an excellent start to their role as Well-Being Ambassadors by helping the whole school celebrate and recognise World Mental Health Day. It was a success as everyone came together. We made yellow bracelets together and filled these with positive thoughts and messages.

We are looking forward to seeing what else our Well-Being Ambassadors have planned for the rest of the school!



Harvest Festival

Father John visited and celebrated Harvest with the children in school. It was a beautiful celebration with music and storytelling coupled with the special message that we can all take care of one another. The care in our Village school community is highlighted through the wonderful donations that we have received. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has donated food and toiletries. We have been blown away with the generosity of Village Parents.

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Thornaby Football Club

If there's one constant in life, it's change and that's true in football too. Since the last edition both teams have parted ways with their managers.

After a strong start to the season the Men's team went on a poor run, and following an 11-game streak without a win during which they lost 9 and drew only twice, exiting the FA Cup on the way; the decision was made to part company with the management team. Bobby and Shane wrote their names into the club's history with their fantastic promotion run last season and the club will forever be grateful to them for that achievement.

Following interviews with a number of applicants Craig Skelton and Simon Kasonali were appointed as Joint Managers who are "hungry for success at Teesdale Park." The duo, 45 and 52 respectively, were joined by former Grangetown and Stokesley boss James Hunter, as Coach and Assistant.

The pair's managerial journey began five years ago at Redcar Newmarket in the North Riding League. There, they built a

talented young squad and led them to back-to-back league and cup doubles, with just a single defeat in two years. Such success caught the attention of Marske United after suffering off-the-field problems. They successfully kept the club in the Northern League Division One, finishing 14th out of 22 teams. Now the focus is on bringing success to Thornaby.

Skelton said: "Kas and I have been out of management since the end of last season when we left Marske United. It has been a tough few months and we have been looking to get a chance again. "We feel there is unfinished business. As soon as the opportunity came up, we wanted to put ourselves in the frame." Skelton highlighted the club's ambition as a key factor in their decision. He said: "The sponsors are openly saying they want Thornaby to be the biggest Northern League club in this area, and we are so excited by that. We hopefully will play a big part in making that happen.

Their first game in charge was the season's longest trip away to Carlisle City where they came away with a 1-0 win

from the side sitting 5th at the time. Since taking over the club's form has improved dramatically with 3 wins from 6, including a 5-0 demolition of local rivals Northallerton Town and with a run of 7 home games on the bounce to come, they're looking to climb the table over the festive period.

The Men's reserve team continue to establish themselves in their first season and their hard work is paying off with a number of them making the step up to the first team squad in recent weeks.

In more sombre news we can confirm that Men's goalkeeper Harry Alderson sustained a broken tibia following a collision in the 12th minute of the recent match away to North Shields. The match was subsequently abandoned. Harry has undergone surgery and everyone at the club is fully behind him, and we will support him throughout his recovery. He is in good spirits and determined to return as soon as he can.

It's all change for the women's team too with the club parting ways with Manager



Beth Guy



Kas and Skelley



James Sayer



Harry Alderson

Local Interest

Claire Streeter. Claire was appointed in July 2023, and led the club to the title in last year's North East Regional Women's Football League campaign. We are grateful to Claire for everything she achieved during her time with us and wish her well for the future.

While the search for a new Women's First Team Manager continues, Thornaby sit five points behind leaders Bradford City and four points behind Spennymoor Town, though Spennymoor have played three games more.

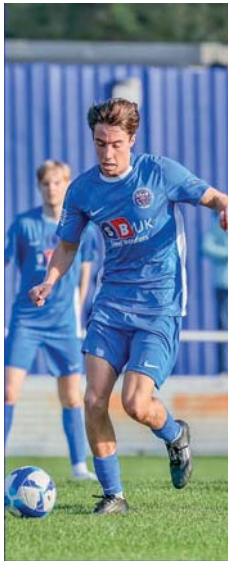
The Women's team demonstrated their firepower in the North Riding Cup with an astonishing 21-1 victory over Northallerton. The goals were shared widely, with four each coming from Jen Knowles, Sophie Curle and Eve Gatens, while Kirsty McQuilling, Hannah Robson and Sophie Tierney all netted a brace. Estelle Clark, Izzy McEwen, and Daisy Swash also found the back of the net.

Thornaby's squad know they must maintain focus on the league, with some difficult games coming up.

Thornaby's Director of Football Andy Campbell, who is also in interim charge, said: "The cup result against Northallerton was phenomenal, and the goal tally speaks for itself – the quality in this squad is clear. "Now, the importance lies in recapturing that winning feeling and consistency in the league. Every game is a six-pointer at the top of the table, and we need to be clinical and dominant to keep the pressure on Bradford and Spennymoor."

The Thornaby FC community came together to remember one of their own. A minute's silence was held before every Thornaby game at all levels following the sudden and tragic death of Under-23s player, Harvey Skipper.

A Thornaby FC statement read: "The club extends its heartfelt condolences to Harvey's family, friends and all who knew him during this difficult period."



All photos as always courtesy of KR Photography

Nursery

Nursery have had a wonderful start to the new term; we have been enjoying exploring the indoor and outdoor environment with our new friends. We have learned all about the people who help keep us safe and healthy. We were very excited when we had a visit from the Thornaby fire station team and were even allowed to explore the fire engine! We set up our own doctor's surgery and were very good at looking after our friends. We then became superheroes and helped Supertato rescue the vegetables from the Evil Pea! We are extremely proud of how well all our children have settled into Nursery during their first half term.



Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and Year 4 participated in the indoor athletics events. We competed in many different activities including relay races, chest push and long jump. It was an excellent event and everyone had a great time!

In art we have been 'Storytelling Through Art'. We used the poem From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stephenson as our inspiration and produced some amazing artwork to be proud of!



Reception

In Reception we looked closely at paintings by the famous artist Jackson Pollock. We explored colour mixing and created our own paintings using his 'drip' technique. It was very fun but very messy!



Year 1 & 2

In our art lessons, the children have been considering artists as explorers and collectors. Like the artists studied, the children collected natural materials and created different compositions by changing the arrangement of the objects.

The children sketched the natural materials using observational drawing, blind drawing, feely drawing and continuous line drawing. The children had great fun creating their final piece using all the skills they learnt over the unit.



Year 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 have had a busy time so far in the Autumn Term. In Music, we have been learning how to use the glockenspiels to accompany Jon Bon Jovi's Living on a Prayer; in Art we have been exploring mark making, tonal value and structure to create a 3D art piece in the style of Lubaina Himid; in Science, we have been exploring thermal insulators and conductors by carrying out a range of experiments.

Pantomime

KS2 watched an amazing performance of Robin Hood by M & M Productions. All staff and children thoroughly enjoyed it and are now feeling festive.



Planetarium

Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed a fully emissive space experience, with thanks to the staff from Wonder Dome.

Sport Festival
KS1 pupils took part in a sporting festival that included activities such as, yoga, gymnastics and dance. Well done everyone!



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Salvation Project

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A helping hand to those in need

Latest News

Numbers continue to increase significantly in the number of families who have contacted us asking for support with food and other essential items this results in families making a choice of heating their homes or purchasing food. Cost of living has also had a huge impact on the country and certainly the Thornaby area the numbers have increased massively. Cost of food etc continues to increase on a weekly basis.

Registered charity

We are a registered charity, in England and Wales Charity number: 1196111

Location - We are moving

Thornaby Methodist Church have submitted a 4 week notice to terminate our agreement with them, we received this on 5th November and the last day we are in Thornaby Methodist Church will be Wednesday 3rd December. This could not have happened at a more difficult time for us as we prepare food hampers for families and toys for children in our local area. They are using another service provider which we believe is from January 2026, this is the choice of Thornaby Methodist Church which isn't the issue, we have asked for the Church to allow for us to stay at the church until the 24th December and they have advised no. This has a massive impact and pressures at this time of year. We will still support people at Christmas but it has been a massive task to pack up and move everything whilst still trying to support local people.

We hold so much stock as the local people are aware which ranges from clothing, bedding, towels, household items which has helped a lot of people in the local area, however due to storage we are unable to offer this service going forward.

Drop in Food bank



Our drop in on a Wednesday from 1.30pm-2.30pm whereby individuals and families can attend for a chat. These numbers have also increased.

We distribute sandwiches, biscuits and refreshments to people attending our drop in and this is appreciated by people that attend our drop-in sessions.

We also have information for support with mental health, money issues which are on the tables and several of our service users have sought the help and have been given support by the organisations. They are very grateful for the support we offer.

Donation of items drop off

We accept donations on a Wednesday between 12.30pm-3.30pm, please drop us a message to let us know you are coming.

Please note: we cannot accept any donations now other than Food and toiletries.

Christmas 2025 Food Hampers and Toys



We are now preparing for Christmas 2025. We would appreciate any food, Christmas gifts and toiletries to support local families who are struggling and individuals who struggle at Christmas.

Fundraising for 2025

We appreciate with the current climate that everyone is having to watch what they spend, and we know this has had an impact on the donations of food we receive which is why we need to look at ways to raise funds to allow us to raise money to purchase the food required for the local community.

We have held a tombola in Morrisons, Teesside Park in August and we have another one arranged in December 2025.



We appreciate everyone that supports us to continue to do the work and support the local community.

Bonus Ball

We hold this on facebook weekly whereby it is 59 numbers £1.00 per number the bonus ball drawn on a Saturday and the winner receives £30 and £29 remains in the project account. Please support us if you can and purchase a number.

Salvation Project

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A helping hand to those in need

We need your help!

We rely solely on donations to run the Project. We have an amazing group of supporters but as the demand for our service has increased, the greater is our need for donations.

To support those in need, we need;

- Donations of cash via bank or PayPal
- Tinned (all kinds savoury and sweet), crisps, biscuits etc and toiletries..

Do you, or someone you know, need support?

A referral is not required to access support from the Salvation Project. We can provide support via schools or directly to families and individuals in the community.

Blue Cross Pet Food Bank

Pets at Home, Coulby Newham

We all know how important our pets are to us. We have been fortunate enough to receive support from Blue Cross and we collect monthly donations from Pets at Home, Coulby Newham, the staff are lovely and promote the project to their customers.

Support from local Companies.

We have had some fantastic support during 2025.
Barker and Stonehouse, Teesside Park.
K. Home International, Thornaby.
Community Engagement within Stockton Council to purchase food.
Catalyst in Stockton.
MalTech Motors, Stockton

The Teesside Charity
Blue Cross Pet Food Bank
Thankyou for your ongoing support.

Thank you

To all our supporters and volunteers, we couldn't do what we do without you!

A special thank you to our local supermarkets who have donation trollies/processes in place to enable you to support us by leaving donations with them. They have amazing staff that work closely with us in the customer service teams and porters, and especially: Asda Thornaby; Tesco Ingleby Barwick and Morrisons Teesside Park. Thankyou to all the customers who place items in the trollies within store.

Mission statement **"To help fight poverty and hunger for families and individuals in Thornaby and surrounding area".**

How to contact us

If you need support, information, or would like to donate:

Facebook: Salvation Project

Email: salvationproject@outlook.com

Phone: 07934 409010

Website: www.salvationproject.org.uk

For money donations: Bank details are available upon request or **PayPal:** salvationproject@outlook.com

WE ARE MOVING

From Wednesday 10th December 2025 we are moving to:
Thornaby Family Hub, Tedder Avenue Thornaby
Drop In 1.30pm-2.30pm (Wednesday each week)

Thankyou to Amy & Julie for making us feel welcome.
Looking forward to working with you both.

Bader Primary School



Our Heritage

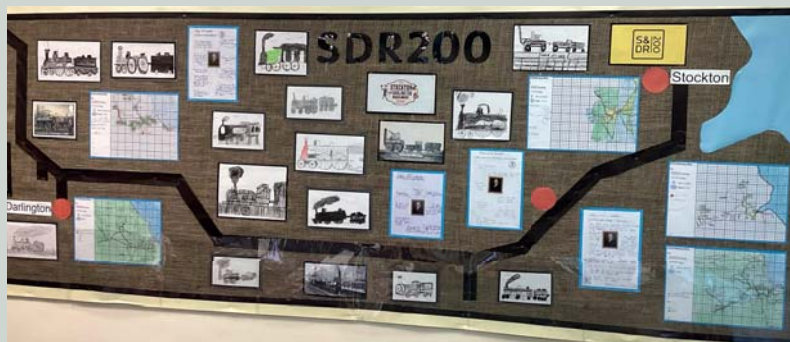
At Bader Primary, we celebrate our history and all it can teach us about our local heritage.

Most recently, children at Bader have been taking an interest in the Stockton and Darlington Railway anniversary. The railway set off its first train 200 years ago, giving our local area another event to be proud of. This changed not only the path that our local businesses and families were travelling on, but also influenced infrastructure and travel across the entire world.

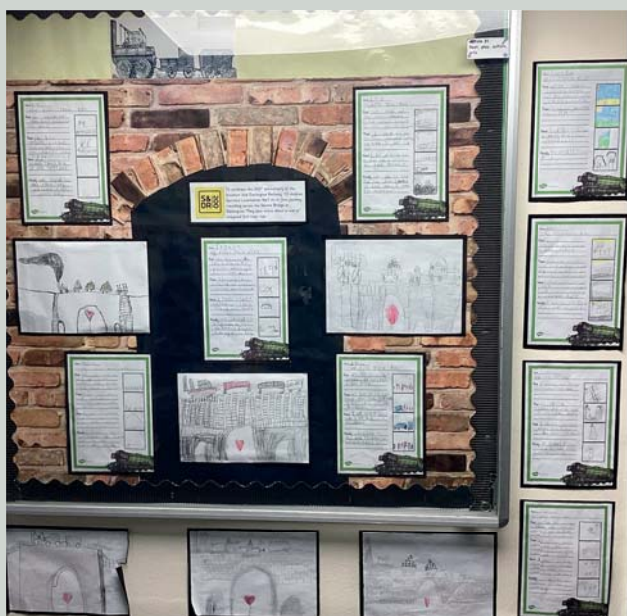
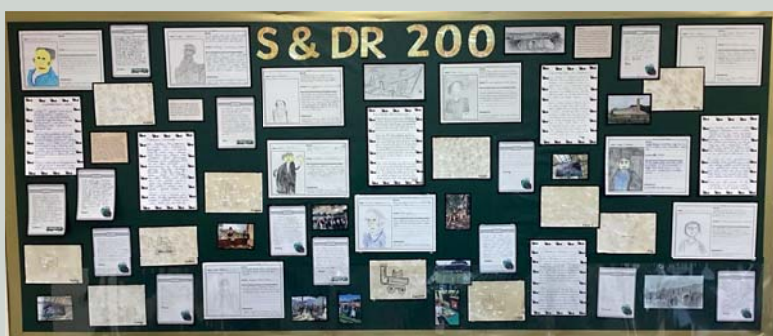
Each of our fantastic children has been given the chance both to learn about the railway and to showcase their findings in displays across the school. Many year groups learned about the famous Locomotion No. 1 and its first journey, recreating the train with models and drawings.

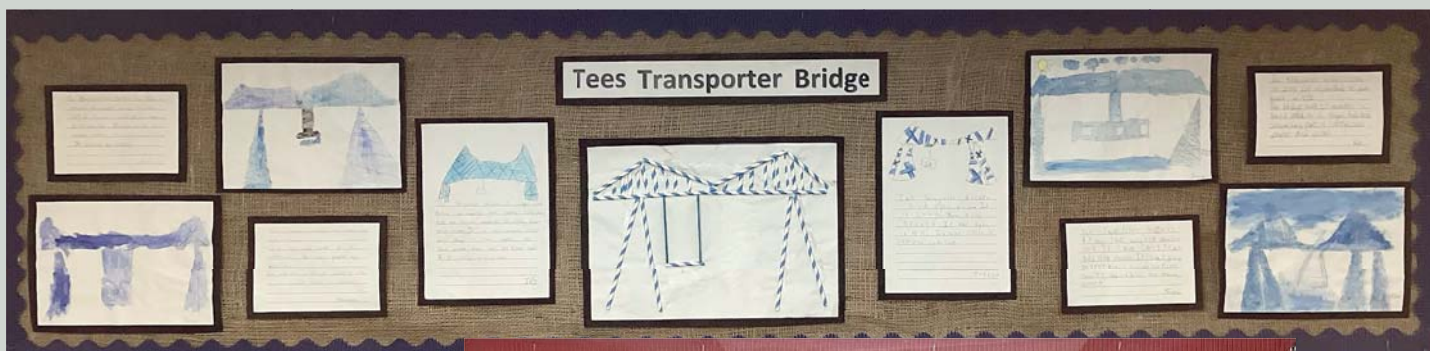
Others studied our local historical figure, George Stephenson, with many children writing about his designs and ideas.

Our Year 5 pupils were particularly fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the Hope Town Museum. This historic museum offered the chance to explore trains from across the years, including the Locomotion No. 1 itself. Thankfully, the Year 5 children were kind enough to share their wonderful learning with the rest of the school when they returned, delivering an informative and entertaining assembly run entirely by the pupils.



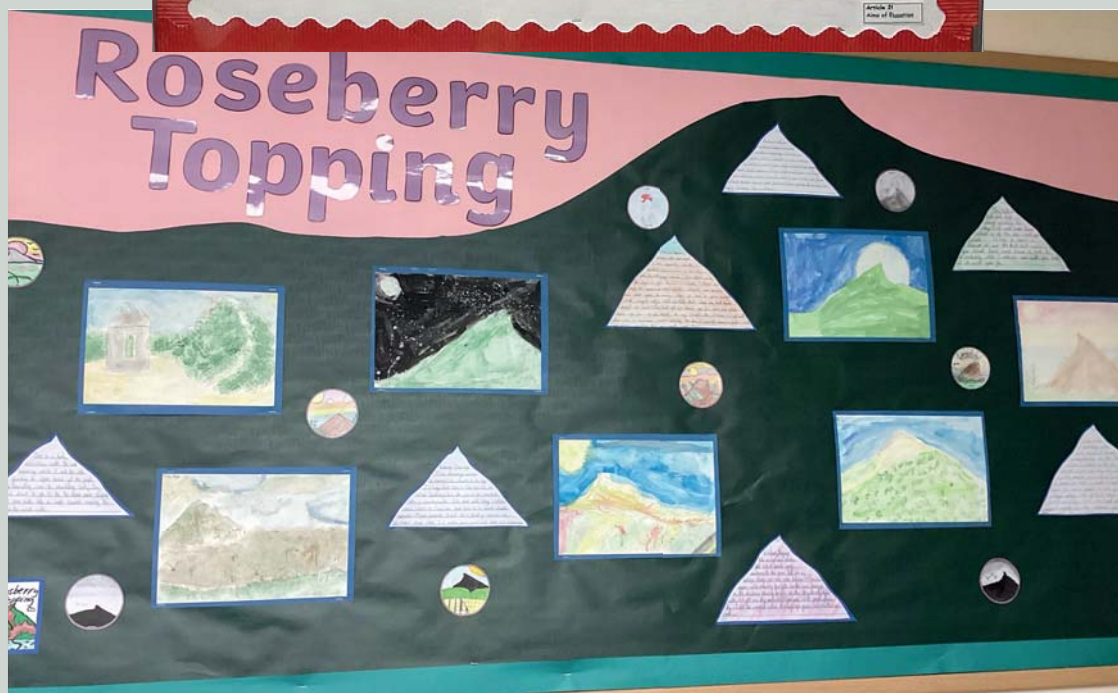
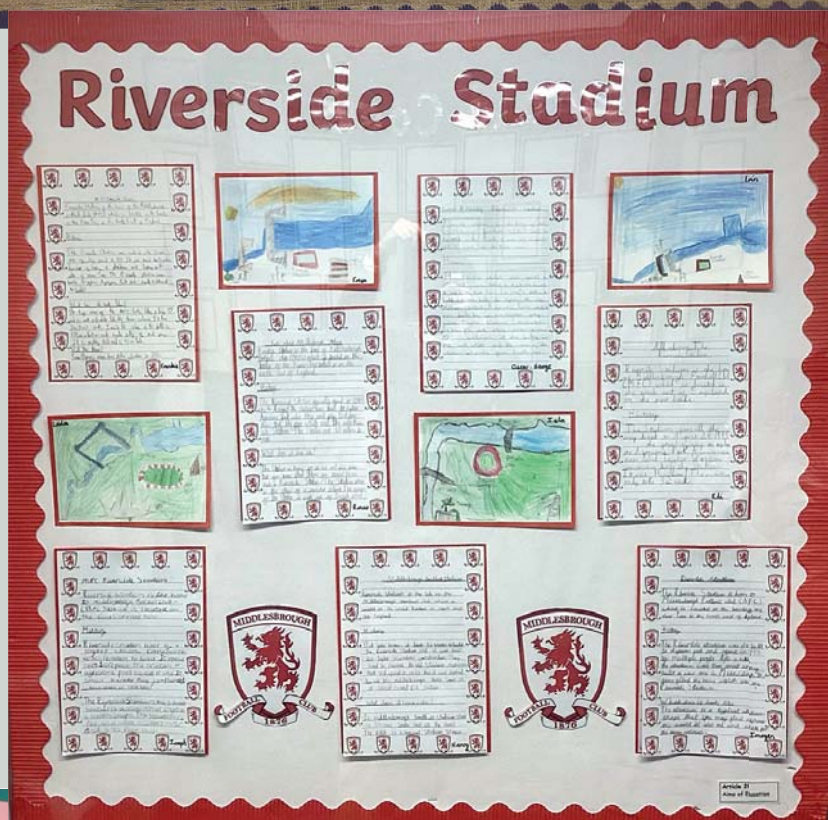
Bader Primary School





In addition to our study of the railway, we at Bader take the time each year to focus on the importance of local landmarks. These include the Tees Barrage, Roseberry Topping, and the Transporter Bridge. We understand that our heritage is made up not just of the people who have lived here, but also of the remarkable things they have built and achieved. Many of our pupils have since been inspired to visit these landmarks and have shared with us their entertaining stories from each trip.

It has been fantastic to see our children show such passion and interest in both history in general and the deep, brilliant history of our local area. The heritage surrounding our incredible school offers a breadth of opportunities for Bader pupils to learn. As a school, we are so grateful for the fascinating heritage of Stockton, and we look forward to discovering which of our inspiring young minds will go on to unearth new and exciting mysteries as future historians.



Eileen Craggs

Ken and Eileen Craggs were Thornaby on Tees stalwarts who did so much to transform the lives of so many. But they were polar opposites. Always steadfast and calm, Ken was Mayor of Stockton, a committee chairman, and was later made Honorary Alderman. Conversely, Eileen, a deeply religious woman with immovable Christian values, was often tempestuous and forthright – particularly when seeking fairness and justice for those she robustly represented. When Eileen got the bit between her teeth, there was no stopping her.

A nurse by profession, she was awarded an MBE for services to the NHS and was elected as a councillor for the Municipal Borough of Thornaby on Tees prior to what she and others thought was betrayal and abolition of a Royal Charter town in 1968 following local government reorganisation.

Eileen was later elected to serve on Stockton Borough Council as a councillor for Village Ward before becoming disillusioned with an entrenched, dismissive attitude towards Thornaby on Tees and the glaring lack of investment that she and others found so profoundly wrong. Consequently, injustice led to the formation of a breakaway independent movement that successfully put residents and the town of Thornaby on Tees first and foremost.



If anything symbolised contempt and funding issues so graphically, it was the abandonment and dereliction of statutory care for Grade 2 listed Thornaby Town Hall. Eileen, council colleagues and heritage groups had campaigned resolutely for many years for the restoration of the building and were all enraged when funding pledges were reneged upon, and a controversial sale to a development company entailed the eviction of Thornaby Town Council (TTC). Fortunately, the outrage was successfully challenged in court, with high costs and compensation being

awarded, and Eileen's prayers being answered. She was overcome with emotion.

Sadly, both Eileen and Ken did not live to see TTC's incredible full restoration of our iconic Town Hall from a decaying ruin into something Thornaby residents can once again be proud of. The building is once again owned by the people of Thornaby on Tees and fully utilised. No doubt both Eileen and Ken will be rejoicing in a higher place.





Thornaby on Tees 'Remembers.'

It's been a busy year for Thornaby Town Council in respect of paying tribute and extending grateful thanks to true patriots who sacrificed so much in defence of our country and democratic ideals against Nazism, Fascism, and despotic imperialism.

On May the 8th, Thornaby Town Council marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe) with a service of thanksgiving prior to a celebration of the final defeat of Hitler's genocidal, Nazi regime. This was followed a short time later with similar rejoicing on the 15th of August to commemorate VJ Day (Victory over Japan), which effectively brought an end to the brutality of the Japanese Empire and culmination of World War II.

The 80th anniversary of the end of hostilities gave special poignance to Remembrance Sunday this year when the Thornaby on Tees community came together in record numbers to assemble at Westbury Street prior to marching to the cenotaph on Acklam Road to offer grateful thanks to the fallen for the peace and freedoms we take for granted today.

The event was once again superbly organised by Thornaby Town Clerk, Pam Danks, who ensured that all legalities were adhered to, roads closed, and safety and security was in place. The parade was led by the Billingham Silver Band and followed by representatives of our armed forces (including cadets), dignitaries, emergency services, townsfolk, schoolchildren, and various organisations who gathered at the cenotaph for a solemn service presided over by Thornaby on Tees Mayor, Councillor Glenn Eastick. The service was conducted by Father Swinhoe and Father Tom Bates-Bourne.

The lowering of standards and playing of the Last Post was followed by a meticulously observed two minutes silence prior to Reveille and laying of wreaths. The service concluded with the parade being assembled once more for the march back and traditional salute taken by the Mayor before participants retired to The Queens Club and Last Post where welcome refreshments were laid on. The end of a terrific day when Thornaby on Tees showed solemn gratitude to our fallen heroes and the debt we owe them.

'We will remember them.'



Remembrance Sunday





Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance Sunday



Thornaby Community Litter Project

We've had a busy few months here at Thornaby Community Litter Project. We've met in various areas on a Sunday morning for our group litter picks, including The Youthy, The Family Hub, Acklam Road and Littleboy Park for our Halloween themed pick.

On Remembrance Sunday we wanted to ensure the route for the Remembrance Parade and around the Cenotaph were litter-free, so we had an early start from Queens Club and tackled the surrounding areas including Westbury Street, Langley Avenue, Acklam Road and The Pleasure Gardens.

Our volunteers have also been out and about most days keeping our town tidy.

We filled 127 bags of litter in September and 147 in October!

Sometimes people comment that we are "doing the council's job", considering how many bags we fill every month, can you imagine how many council workers would be required to keep on top of the problem? We'd much rather money is spent on education, social care and housing. The real issue is that people shouldn't drop litter in the first place.

If you'd like to meet lovely people and make a difference in our town by volunteering with us, please give us a call on 07814 750 451 or check out our Facebook page.

From all of us at TCLP, have a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2026.

Team TCLP

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#keepbritaintidy



Thornaby Community Litter Project



Defibrillator locations in Thornaby

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1st floor Westminster,
St Marks Court, Teesdale TS17 6QP
Varied Access

Cleveland Fire Brigade
Thornaby Community Fire Station
Master Road TS17 9BS
24/7 Access

Cleveland Police
St Marks House, St Marks Court
Teesdale TS17 6QW
24/7 Access

Crazy Corner
14a - 14c Perry Avenue
Teeside Industrial Estate TS17 9LN
24/7 Access

Currys Teeside Park
Unit 2 Goodwood Square
Teeside Retail Park TS17 7BW
24/7 Access

Dfs (Teeside Park)
Haydock Park Road
Teeside Retail Park TS17 7BG
24/7 Access

Elmtree Medical Centre
Westbury Street TS17 6PF
24/7 Access

Gmi
Cavendish House, Princes Wharf
Teesdale TS17 6QY
Varied Access

Ingleby Barwick Childrens Day Nursery
1 William Crosthwaite Avenue
Teeside Industrial Estate TS17 9LX
24/7 Access

Jobcentreplus
Ground Floor Ingram House
Allensway TS17 9HA
Varied Access

NA
Dukesway,
Teeside Industrial Estate TS17 9LT
24/7 Access

O2 Store (0433)
Unit 15c Goodwood Square
Teeside Retail Park TS17 7BW
Varied Access

**Outside village park,
Studley Road**
Thorntree Road, Village Park
TS17 8JW
24/7 Access

Pharmacy Express
Lanehouse Road
Thornaby TS17 8AB
24/7 Access

Pipe Equipment Specialists
66a-66b Dukesway
Teeside Industrial Estate TS17 9LT
Varied Access

Queens Campus Sports Centre
University Boulevard
Thornaby TS17 6BH
Varied Access

Screwfix
55 A&B Perry Avenue
Teeside Industrial Estate TS17 9LN
Varied Access

St Patricks Catholic College
Baysdale Road TS17 9DE
Varied Access

Stockton Riverside College
Harvard Avenue
Teesdale TS17 6FB
24/7 Access

Stockton Sea Cadets
Hadrian House
Thornaby Place TS17 6BN
24/7 Access

Teesdale Park
Acklam Road TS17 7JU
Varied Access

Teeside Golf Club
Golf Course Teeside Golf Club
Acklam Road TS17 7JS
24/7 Access

The Green
Richardson Road
The Green TS17 8QE
24/7 Access

The Griffin
Bader Avenue TS17 0EH
24/7 Access

The Last Post
Cranworth Street TS17 7DR
24/7 Access

The Roundel
Mitchell Avenue TS17 9AE
24/7 Access

The Youthy
Thornaby Road TS17 6LS
24/7 Access

Thornaby Cricket Club
Pavilion Thornaby Cricket Club
Acklam Road TS17 7JS
Varied Access

Thornaby Library
Pavilion Shopping Centre TS17 9EP
Varied Access

Thornaby Railway Station
Mandale Road TS17 6AW
24/7 Access

Thornaby Town Hall

Thornaby Sports And Leisure Club
5 Tedder Avenue, Tedder Avenue
TS17 9JP
Scott Bros removing and relocating

Victoria Community Hall

Watts Beauty
9f Fleck Way
Teeside Industrial Estate TS17 9LN
Varied Access

XI Precision Technologies
79 Sadler Forster Way
Teeside Industrial Estate TS17 9JY
Varied Access



Welcome to Thornaby Walking Group

Walking for pleasure is usually weather dependent, but brave souls are always prepared to gamble. And so a couple of recent walks were undertaken by people determined to enjoy the company of others in healthy, social exercise.

Pauline Reynolds wrote: "Eleven adults and three fur babies walked to Preston Park. Some of the more adventurous had a go on the rope swing while others watched. Angela had a problem getting off but Jane took to it with relish - the inner child coming out. The rain came when we were returning, but it didn't dampen our spirits. Six miles covered. Well done everyone."

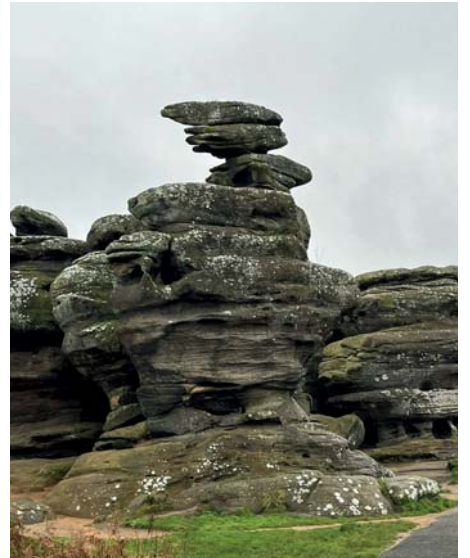
Another walk ventured further afield. Dave Hodgson described the outing: "Seven active members of the group walked around Brimham Rocks near Ripon completing a 4.38 miles boundary walk. The weather was kind to us with a little drizzle at times that made it tricky underfoot - as one member found out. All in all it was a nice walk. Pity the visitors centre was

closed along with the book shop and kiosk." Mark Merricks added: "Sharon was the unlucky one who found the route a bit muddy underfoot and ended up in the bog. With help from David McGinley and Skye's lead, we managed to help her up. Sharon likes to make things interesting and makes people smile. The wintry walk was so much different from other out of area walks. We fully intend to visit the rocks again next spring/summer to wander merrily through the many paths and trails without incident"



Thornaby Walking Group

Welcome to Thornaby Walking Group



Warm Welcome

Join Thornaby Warm Welcome - Your Friendly Community Space! Email us at engagement@stockton.gov.uk - we'd love to hear from you!

Looking for a warm place, good company and fun activities? Come alone every Tuesday (10am-12pm) and Thursday (1pm-3pm) at Thornaby Indoor Bowls Club, Pavilion Shopping Centre. It's free to attend, and we'll have hot drinks, biscuits, and plenty of smiles waiting for you! Whether you want to make new friends, reconnect with old ones, or try something creative, there's always something happening.

What We Offer

Thornaby Warm Welcome is all about friendship, fun, and support. You can enjoy crafts, quizzes, and games, take part in wellness sessions and learn new skills through cooking courses and other activities. It's a relaxed space where everyone is welcome.

Recent Highlights

It's been an exciting few months for our community of over 200 members. We've enjoyed bowling, dancing, chair-based exercise sessions and safety advice from Cleveland Fire Brigade. Dave's Big Quiz continues to bring plenty of laughter! We recently hosted a free Air Fryer Cooking Course where residents learned quick, healthy, and budget-friendly recipes; a fantastic way to gain new skills and save money.

Our community creativity shone through when members worked with acclaimed artist Rebecca Louise Law to create the stunning Corridors installation at Preston Park Museum. Some of the group toured the new Spence Building and viewed the artwork up close - a proud moment for everyone involved. We then welcomed children from Mandale Mill Primary School, who shared in the National Literacy Trust's intergenerational project that paired readers in our community. This special visit reinforced the importance of reading and gave the children a wonderful opportunity

to showcase their reading skills to our community members - a truly inspiring and heartwarming experience.

We were also honoured to celebrate our incredible volunteer, Pauline Spicer, who received the Community Star Award for her dedication and positivity; she's a key part of the team, always ready to serve tea, wash up, and brighten every visit with her warmth. Congratulations, Pauline - a well-deserved recognition!

What's Coming Up

As Christmas approaches, we're planning festive craft sessions, wreath making, a group Christmas meal, and a fabulous Christmas Party with live entertainment thanks to the Mayor's Benevolent Fund. In January, we'll launch our regular soup lunch club, and we look forward to many more activities as spring approaches, in addition to our regular weekly bingo, table games, wellness sessions, and crafts. Thanks to Thornaby Town Council for making all this possible. We'd love to welcome you - come along and be part of our community!



Local Interest



A Very Special 100th Birthday Celebration

Thornaby Town Council was delighted to welcome Mrs Rosemary Pitt and family and friends to beautifully restored Thornaby Town Hall as part of the celebration of her incredible milestone 100th birthday.

It was an extra special occasion for Rosemary to return to Town Hall where she began her very first job during the war issuing ration books. Rosemary's recollection of those dark days and affection for Thornaby's historic building and town heritage clearly made the visit a mesmeric occasion.

Family gathered from near and far to celebrate with this wonderful lady - including her daughter Angela from Thornaby on Tees, son Paul and his wife Christine from America, and Rosemary's grandchildren Norman, Michael, Maria, Anna and Abbi. Norman was accompanied by girlfriend Meagan and friends Rocco and Carly who also travelled from the United States.

Photographs were taken to ensure all present had visual records of a truly exceptional event to celebrate Rosemary's special day (captured on film for Thornaby Pride). What dazzled and was so evident throughout the morning was the obvious joy of a group of people who simply worship a lady whose radiant smile and sparkling eyes exude such warmth and boundless love and for family. If only it could be bottled.

Mayor of Thornaby on Tees, Councillor Glenn Eastick, said: "My wife Tracy and I, and members of Thornaby Town Council were truly honoured to meet this remarkable lady. And so, on behalf of the Council, and, I might add, on a personal level, heartfelt congratulations Rosemary on your birthday and thanks to all of your fabulous family for such a happy, memorable visit."



Local Interest



Glenn
wanted to thank you and
your staff for making mum's
100th birthday Celebration such
a memorable experience for her.
She constantly talks about it
if anybody is planning a trip to
California Please let us know.
Paul, Christine & family



Thornaby Funriders Group

At this time of year, Thornaby Funriders Group (TFG) are all planning for the joys of the Christmas festival and raising money for selected charities. Dean Porter wrote: "Funriders are truly grateful to everyone who donated bottles and bottle bags towards our Christmas party to raise funds for THE GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE and now we have enough. So thanks to you all. Tickets for the TFG Christmas Party are still on sale for only £5 each - Venue the Village Green Club,

Thornaby on Tees. Remember to bring plenty of cash for the raffles, etc. We will be upstairs Saturday 13th December 7pm until late."

Sadly, Dean continued by circulating devastating news on behalf of the Group to Thornaby Pride on the passing of Christine Easby, an avid rider, adored wife and mother, and a gentle lady who was loved by so many.

Dean wrote the following moving tribute: "I'm so sad to write this, but sadly Christine

Easby has passed away after a short illness. Chris has been with TFG since the start in 2018 and has enjoyed her time immensely with us. She always liked a chat and always had a smile on her face. Chris will be sadly missed by TFG. Our condolences go out to Robert Easby and the family at this sad time especially with Christmas so near. Big hugs to Rob and family from all at TFG."

TFG REMEMBERING CHRISTINE EASBY.





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Boundary 500 Santa Ride Out

The Boundary 500 Motorcycle Challenge was founded in June 2006 by Brian Laverick a retired Police Officer. The intention was to help secure the financial future of the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

Over the years a variety of Motorcycle Challenges were created which saw riders taking part in events all over the United Kingdom and Europe. Such was the success of two of the 'Main Stay' events, The 500 Mile Challenge and The 125 Mile Classic, that both events are now run by the Air Ambulance themselves and further details can be found at;

Boundary 500 – Great North Air Ambulance Service

In December of 2006 the Group also established contacts within Zoë's Baby

Hospice located at Normanby, Middlesbrough. To that end it was decided that we would create what has become The Boundary 500 Motorcycle Santa Ride, a twenty two mile ride which travels under Police escort through Thornaby on Tees, Stockton, Middlesbrough and Redcar before coming to the finishing location at Kirkleatham Hall. The event has to be restricted to 160 Motorcycles and has become a major North Eastern Event supported by the Police, local councils and the Lord Lieutenants Office.

This one ride usually raises in excess of twenty five thousand Pounds and attracts thousands of onlookers. Brian wrote: 'Since I started this event back in December 2006 in addition to raising in excess of Four Hundred and Fifty

Thousand Pounds for the Great North Air Ambulance, we have now raised in excess of Four Hundred and Forty Two Thousand Pounds for Zoë's Baby Hospice. The total amount we have now raised for charities in the North East of England since June 2006 stands at an amazing Nine Hundred and Seven Thousand Pounds.'

Zoë's web site can be found at; Middlesbrough – Welcome to Zoë's Place Baby Hospice (zoes-place.org.uk) Many thanks to everyone for their continued support.



Local Interest



Trafalgar Day

Deputy Mayor of Thornaby on Tees, Councillor Les Hodge, and Deputy Mayoress, Councillor Jule Hodge, were proud to represent Thornaby on Tees at Middlesbrough Cenotaph to celebrate Trafalgar Day - held every year on the 21st of October to commemorate Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson's defeat of a combined, numerically larger French and Spanish fleet off Cape Trafalgar, Spain in 1805.

Nelson was aboard The Victory, the leading ship and, being directly in the line of fire, took a bullet in his back from a French sniper. He was taken below the deck to be treated and later died, but died in the knowledge that his fleet was victorious. His body was preserved in a large barrel of brandy before being transported to England to be interred in Saint Paul's Cathedral.

What is not widely known though is the overall cost in ships and men to both fleets. British casualties were approximately 450 killed and 1,250 wounded - many of whom were catastrophically maimed, while the combined French and Spanish forces suffered much heavier losses of around 4,400 dead, 2,500 wounded, and 20,000 captured. The British lost no ships, though several were wrecked in a post-battle storm, while the opposing fleet lost 22 ships.



Thornaby Council Archives

Connecting Collections: Head Wrightson's Fire Engine

There are a number of different collections held by Thornaby Council Archives, and it's always interesting to find links between them. Recently a fantastic digitised photographic collection was donated to us from the estate of the late Christopher A. Davies, rail enthusiast and photographer, covering regional railways (including Thornaby), steam locomotives and diesel trains. However, amongst the collection we came across this photograph of a Head Wrightson Fire Engine taken in April 1967 (below).



Head Wrightson Fire Engine, 1967 from the Chris A. Davies collection (Thornaby Council Archives, thanks to Bill Adams, NERA and Sue Parker CIE)

We recognised this fire engine from another photo used in our recent Head Wrightson exhibition, which shows a similar registration plate (see below). In this photo, members of the Head Wrightson Fire Service circa 1964 are shown outside Head Wrightson Steel Foundries Ltd, and it was chosen from the legendary Remembering Thornaby collection, also held in the archives at Thornaby Town Hall. This image was recently enjoyed by the relatives of Sid Duckett and Manny Boyd. Sadly we don't know what happened to this particular engine - however further research has revealed that, interestingly, a different fire engine used at Head Wrightson has survived and is currently being renovated at Beamish Museum.



Above: Head Wrightson Fire Service and Engine, circa 1964 from the Remembering Thornaby collection (Thornaby Council Archives) Back Row Left to Right: Tommy Harper, Billy Wallace, Manny Boyd, Arthur Jackson, Bob Bell, Fred Close, Harry Cuthbert (Driver) Front: Sid Duckett, David Littlewood, Harry Soppitt, Charlie Littlewood, Alf Waton

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The First and the Last

Operations Flown from RAF Thornaby Over Enemy Waters at the Beginning and End of World War Two

At the beginning of the Second World War in September 1939, information on German shipping movements around the mouth of the River Elbe, the heavily fortified islands of Heligoland and Sylt, and the naval base at Wilhelmshaven were required. The nearest RAF Airfield was Thornaby, but both Squadrons based there were equipped with Avro Ansons which lacked the range. Therefore a detachment of 224 Squadron's Lockheed Hudsons was sent to Thornaby from RAF Leuchars in Scotland for this assignment.

From the 7th September to the end of the month, the detachment, of 3 aircraft and their crews, carried out 10 reconnaissance flights and brought back valuable photographs and intelligence. The photographs were developed by Thornaby's photographic section, in the Armoury Building, which still stands on Master Road. Copies of these photographs printed on Air Ministry paper and marked "Secret" seem to have ended up in the hands of several airmen stationed at Thornaby. Perhaps someone

in the photographic section was making some pocket money by selling souvenirs?

A couple of encounters with German fighters were recorded but so far all the Hudsons had returned. The detachment was referred to, with typical RAF humour, as "The Death or Glory Boys" but in fact they were doing a highly dangerous job. On the 30th September the inevitable happened, both Hudsons sent out, failed to return. This should not have come as a surprise to those in command, as on the previous day a complete formation of five Handley Page Hampden bombers from 144 Squadron had been shot down by German fighters in the same area.

Hudson N7216 was sent to photograph Wilhelmshaven and Brunsbuttel and was shot down by a Messerschmitt 109. The crew were all killed. The pilot, 21 year old Flying Officer John Raymond Hollington from Westbury on Trym, Bristol, is buried in Kiel War Cemetery. The body of 2nd pilot, Sergeant Richard Samuel Pitts, aged 26, from Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire, was washed up in Denmark and is buried in Kitmoller

Churchyard. He was the first allied airman to be buried in Denmark. Wireless operator, Graham Rout and air gunner, Alexander Grant "Sandy" Bathgate aged 21 from Edinburgh have no known graves.

Hudson N7219 was shot down by anti-aircraft guns while trying to photograph the island of Sylt. Two parachutes were seen to leave the aircraft but only the pilot, South African Pilot Officer Derek George Heaton-Nichols, a graduate of the RAF College Cranwell, survived to face five years and eight months behind German barbed wire.

The rest of the crew, all aged 25, are buried in Kiel War Cemetery. 2nd pilot, Sergeant James Pearce came from East Looe Cornwall. Wireless operator, Albert Sill was from Easington, County Durham and air gunner Albert Thomason hailed from Newton Heath, Manchester.

These men were the first airmen to be killed in action, over enemy territory, while operating from RAF Thornaby. It was to be a long war and many more would suffer their fate.



Heligoland - photographed from a Thornaby-based Hudson 21 September 1939



Bristol Beaufighters of 144 Squadron

On 4th October the surviving crew at Thornaby, consisting of Sergeant Letchford, Pilot Officer Barker and Aircraftsmen May and Bates were ferried back to Leuchars in a Hudson flown by Pilot Officers Perry and McFarlane. Half a mile from base the Aircraft dived into the ground, killing all aboard. "The Death or Glory Boys", though spoken in jest was an all too accurate nick-name!

The last operation over enemy territory from RAF Thornaby on 3rd May 1945 was to be a much larger affair and once again involved a unit, based in Scotland, operating from Thornaby as it was closer to the target. Twenty four Bristol Beaufighters of 144, 455 (Australian) and 489 (New Zealand) flew into Thornaby from their base at Dallachy in Scotland. Their fuel tanks were topped up and the aircrew briefed to attack shipping in the Kiel Bay area. "Ship Busting" was a dangerous occupation and most of the aircrew present would have known that if they survived this operation, they would survive the War. Consequently the Briefing Officer was not blessed when he informed the crews about a large number of German fighters congregating on Danish airfields. To be fair to him, he can't have known that they had no fuel. It was noticed however that there was a larger than usual rush to the toilets before take-off!

When the Beaufighters took off they were not alone. Three airborne lifeboat-carrying Vickers' Warwicks, from 279 Squadron, based at Thornaby, went with them to provide air/sea rescue cover. Further assistance was given by 12 North American Mustang escort fighters from 65 Fighter Squadron. The Mustangs had flown from their base at Peterhead, in Scotland and landed at Middleton St. George (now Teesside Airport) where they

were refuelled. At 16.45 hrs they took off and rendezvoused with the Beaufighters. The Mustang flown by Flying Officer Lucas had a problem with its fuel system and he had to bail-out about 35 miles off Newcastle. The Mustang was a fine aeroplane but if ditched in the sea, it tended to sink rapidly. Lucas was located in his dinghy by a Thornaby-based Warwick, which homed an air/sea rescue launch onto his position. He was picked up after 1³/₄ hours, thus qualifying him for a Caterpillar Club badge for using his parachute and a Goldfish Club badge for using his dinghy. He re-joined his Squadron the next day. All in all it was not a bad way to end the war!

The Strike Wing flew across Denmark and into Kiel Bay. In Nakskov harbour they came across three Danish merchant ships, moored next to one another, which they proceeded to attack with cannon fire and

rocket projectiles. The method used was to approach the target ship in a shallow dive and open up with the four 20mm cannon at 1,000 yards to discourage the anti-aircraft gunners. As the range closed the eight rockets were fired, either in pairs or altogether. The 25lb solid steel heads tore straight through the ships sides and in this case some penetrated the ship moored behind. Hits beneath the waterline caused the nearest vessel, the Java, to sink. The other two vessels the Falstria and Jutlandia suffered damage.

Having completed their task the Beaufighters headed home. The escorting Mustangs saw a couple of enemy aircraft but they made no hostile moves.

A Beaufighter of 144 Squadron piloted by Flying Officer Philip Brett DFC was damaged and forced to ditch in the North Sea, off the Danish coast. He and his Navigator, Bill Boorer took to their dinghy and spent the next four days adrift, with nothing to eat or drink as their survival pack had suffered damage and sank. They were rescued by a Danish fishing boat and landed in Esbjerg on May 8th, VE Day. Bill Boorer was severely affected by hypothermia and was eventually discharged as being completely disabled.

This was the last attack from RAF Thornaby, although 279 Squadron's Warwicks would continue to fly air/sea rescue operations for some time to come. At least they weren't being shot at!



Danish ship Java under attack by Beaufighters from Thornaby 3rd May 1945

Stafford Place Cricket Club Presentation Evening

The Saturday captain started the evening by thanking Lee Robson, who stepped down after 12 seasons as vice-captain. A season report was then delivered before the trophy presentations.

After a rain hit season in 2024, only one game was called off due to the weather in 2025. Stafford started the season against 2024 league winners East Harlsey defending a score of 168 in a gripping game - eventually emerging victorious with Harlsey finishing on 165/9.

Comfortable wins against Westerdale and Norton was followed by a great home performance against HPS which Stafford won with an over to spare. This was followed by two defeats against Hutton then Kildale putting an end to what had been a terrific start to the season.

The next game was against Danby who were bowled out for 82 runs. In a rain hampered game, Stafford were 69 for seven with Ollie Sherwood at the crease when the game was disappointingly abandoned with victory so tantalisingly near.

A heavy defeat away to Sigston preceded a comfortable home win against Castleton. The team and supporters celebrated with a BBQ after the game - organised and cooked by Michael Jones; ably assisted by James Easby.

The end of the first half of the season registered 5 wins 3 defeats and 1 abandoned game where we picked up 16 points. Remaining games when Stafford struggled to field a team ended with a

The guest trophy presenter was the Stafford Place CC legend 'Bomber'



*Bradley Sexton (right) receiving trophies for best Saturday batting
best Saturday bowling, Saturday century,
best midweek bowling
Saturday most valuable player and Saturday player of the year*



Chris Atkinson - most Saturday catches



Mark Nelson - Best Saturday wicket keeper



Ollie Sherwood - Highest Saturday score and 2 centuries



Chris Wilson - Most midweek catches, midweek most valuable player



Harry Atkinson - First midweek wicket



Nathan collecting the quiz winners trophy

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string of defeats. The losing run was arrested with a great win against Kildale. Stafford posted 212/8 with Ollie scoring 106. Kildale scored strongly in reply, but thanks to quality bowling and fielding, Stafford dismissed the opposition for 194 from 38 overs.

Defeats to League challengers Danby and Sigston were disappointing, but a terrific victory in the final game against struggling Castleton was welcome. Posting 274/6 with all batsmen contributing, Stafford eventually bowled the opposition out for 180 - Kotwal following up his 44 runs with 3 wickets.

The season ended with Stafford in a satisfactory 7th place. A new Saturday cup competition offered a new challenge, however, and we were drawn in a group with Thimbleby, Norton and Ingleby Barwick. Passage through the competition was amazing and saw Brad Sexton scoring a maiden century and Ollie

Sherwood scoring his second ton - performances that helped Stafford reach the final against Loftus. Typically, rain once again intervened and the final was postponed until next season.

Overall, the season has been good with most home games played in front of a ground packed with spectators. Grateful thanks to Gordon Atkinson who has kept drinks flowing at the bar throughout the season and volunteers Bomber, Grant, Slogger, Andy Pickering and Paul Norman who stepped in when Gordon was unavailable. Thanks also to Lisa Norman for incredible help collecting glasses, washing and generally keeping everything shipshape.

Finally, cricket that people come along to watch at this ground couldn't go ahead if it wasn't for the work that's done preparing the pitch and maintaining the ground. Again, huge thanks to Gordon Atkinson who cuts grass and even jumps

on the roller when others are engaged elsewhere. Gordon also spends so much time waiting for deliveries or appointments with workmen which is so important for this club to continue to flourish and be a credit to all our members.

Following the splendid report delivered by Bomber, pie and peas were served and a quiz was held. won by the Outside Insiders. The trophies were then presented.

A good night was had by all and thanks to everyone who turned up and made it so.

Other trophy winners not present

Steve Quilliam - best midweek batting, best midweek wicket keeper
Midweek highest score
Phil Blackburn - most midweek dropped catches
Imran Ali Khan - most Saturday ducks
F Kotwal - first Saturday wicket



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Littleboy Park Bowls Club

Mayor of Thornaby on Tees, Councillor Glenn Eastick, and Mayoress, Tracy Eastick, were delighted to attend a presentation event at Thornaby Cricket Club to present end of season trophies to members of Thornaby Bowls Club whose home venue is at Littleboy Park. Glenn said: "Thanks to Doug Fairbairn for the invitation to this splendid event. It was a great night enjoyed by all and pictures showing the winners will feature in Thornaby Pride - Thornaby Town Council's highly esteemed magazine." Glenn continued: "Thornaby Bowls Club is made up of an excellent, friendly group of people who keep their green and club pristine. It's a testament to dedication and lots of enjoyable hard work over many years performed by volunteers who simply love their sport."



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CTK Sport

There has been plenty of sport going on this half term at CTK. Every child has been working on tag rugby in PE and the progress has been amazing.

Our Y5/6s competed in a local schools tournament and both our boys and girls were champions by winning every game.

Our indoor athletics teams also achieved success in the Stockton Schools tournament. Our Y5/6 team finished in 1st

place meaning they will compete for Stockton in the county round. The Y3/4 team also represented the school fantastically and finished 2nd in their tournament.

A real highlight was seeing two football teams represent the school at the Stockton Football Festival. All of the players attended after school football and got the chance to represent the school in a development style tournament. Many children got the chance to attend their first tournament which was great to see!



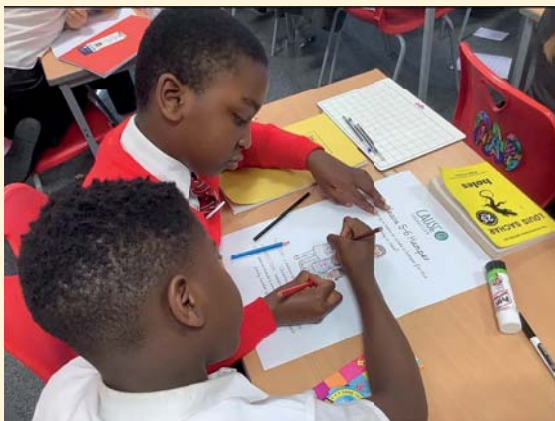
Mary Poppins

As a reward for children in Christ the King who give so much dedication to music and drama, they went to see Mary Poppins in Sunderland Empire and had an absolute blast! It was such an inspiration to see professional actors on stage!



CTK Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies have been busy this half term, turning concern into action! They have thought of extra ways to raise money for Mission Together - a children's charity which helps children all around the world.



They ran some games on our non-uniform day to raise extra funds and collected an extra £100 for Mission Together. They have helped the local community by cleaning the church and

creating posters to advertise the CAUSE hampers that our school will contribute to. Well done Mini Vinnies for all your hard work!



Y3 and Y4 Vikings Trip

This term Y3/4 went on a school trip to the Jorvik Viking Centre and Jorvik DIG. At the Jorvik Centre, we rode in special carts that took us through a recreated Viking street. We saw houses, shops and even Viking people going about their daily lives. The sounds and smells made it feel like we had actually travelled back in time.

We also visited the Jorvik DIG. There, archaeologists showed us how they discover ancient objects buried in the ground. We got to try digging for real artefacts ourselves, like pieces of pottery and old bones. It was exciting to see what we could uncover.

It was fantastic to see the impact the Vikings had on the local area and discover more about our Viking roots!

Tour of Parliament



A group of pupils from Christ the King and St Therese of Lisieux Primary Schools visited London for an unforgettable experience earlier this month. We set off early from Darlington and arrived at Kings Cross before making our way through London seeing many famous sights and landmarks such as the British Museum, the West End, Chinatown, Leicester Square and Trafalgar Square before exploring some of the iconic sights on Whitehall, such as Downing Street.

When we arrived at the Houses of Parliament, our tour guide took us to the House of Commons, Central Lobby and Westminster Hall. We sat in the public gallery and saw democracy in action.

We then went to our workshop where we discussed policies that we would like to change in our society and how we would change them. After a long day, it was time for tea before catching the train home, ready for school the next day. What a brilliant trip!



Year 5 Trip to Heugh Battery Museum

On the 18th and 19th of November, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting and memorable trip to the Heugh Battery World War 1 Museum in Hartlepool. The visit helped bring their WW1 learning to life in a fun and engaging way.

The children explored a wide range of real artefacts, including soldiers' uniforms, helmets, weapons, shells, and medals.

They were fascinated to see objects that had actually been used over 100 years ago. The museum staff shared interesting stories about life during the Hartlepool Bombardment of 1914, telling the children about both the people who survived and those who sadly didn't. These personal stories helped

pupils understand how the war affected families in their own town.

A favourite part of the day was visiting the trenches. The children stepped inside the narrow, muddy walkways and learned how soldiers slept, ate, and kept watch. This hands-on experience helped them imagine what daily life was really like for the troops on the front line.

Overall, Year 5 had a fantastic time. They asked lots of thoughtful questions, discovered new facts, and came away with a much deeper understanding of World War One. It was an unforgettable visit that they will be talking about for a long time!

Thornaby Foodbank



As always we have been amazed by the generosity shown by schools, churches, individuals and companies during the harvest season. At a time when the cost of living is affecting everyone it is encouraging to see that genuine caring and compassion is present in abundance in the community.

There is at present and increased need of support in the TS17 area and we are thankful for all the donations which enable us to help others.

We continually revise our registers, requiring referrals from professional services in order to provide for those in greatest need.

Local schools, Council services, CAB, Support workers and Stockton Welfare are among those agencies who are able to make referrals in the light of individual circumstances.

CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Adjustments have had to be made as Christmas Day and New Years Day are on Thursdays.

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Many thanks and Good Wishes to all who have donated and volunteered over this year and wishing all who use the Foodbank all the blessings of Christmastime.



Celebrating a Season of Success: Thornaby Cricket Club Juniors Presentation Night



The 2025 cricket season came to a fitting close for the young stars of Thornaby Cricket Club, as families, coaches, and players gathered for a fun-filled and heartwarming Junior Presentation Evening. The event, held at the club grounds, celebrated not just trophies and wins, but the passion, effort, and development shown across all junior age groups — from the Development team right through to the Under15s.

With the sounds of laughter, music in the background, and slices of pizza shared among teammates and friends, it was a night to remember.

Awards and Achievements

The evening recognised outstanding individual contributions through five key awards for each age group: Batting, Bowling, Fielding, All-Rounder, and two Coaches' Awards.

Each winner proudly received a trophy, supplied by Neil Coaker of Prudhoes rosettes, while recipients of the Coaches' Awards received a Thornaby Cricket Club cap and a unique star pin, marking their exceptional efforts and attitudes throughout the season.

The Joe Cuthbert Award – Honouring Promising Young Talent

Introduced in 2024, the Joe Cuthbert Award was created by and named after Joe Cuthbert, a long standing and dedicated supporter of Thornaby Cricket club, to recognise the most promising player in the Under 11s. It's quickly become one of the most anticipated awards of the night.

Each year, the winner receives:

- A personal trophy to keep
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Last year's inaugural winner was Sam O'Connell. This year, the honour went to Haider Khan, following a season of standout performances, commitment, and potential

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The club also paid tribute to Rollersshield, who have been a loyal and generous sponsor of Thornaby Cricket Club Juniors for many

years. Their ongoing support has played a vital role in the club's development and success - both on and off the field.

Development Team Awards

- Batting Award - Nevon Susewhage
- Bowling Award - Aiza Sharjeel
- Fielding Award - Seth Johnson
- All-Rounder Award - Meghan Thalluri
- Coaches' Award - Zayden Murad

Under 11s Awards

- Batting Award - Frankie Garthwaite
- Bowling Award - Ted Swainston
- All-Rounder Award - Ibrahim Atif
- All-Rounder Award - Haider Khan
- Coaches' Awards - Seb Windross & Umair

Under 12s Awards - Champions of the League!

The Under 12s had a particularly memorable season, winning both the NYSD East Division League and becoming overall Under12s league champions a huge achievement and testament to their commitment and skill.

- Batting Award - Mohammed Sharjeel
- Bowling Award - Seth Kennedy
- Fielding Award - Sam O'Connell
- All-Rounder Award - Max Holdsworth
- Coaches' Award - Haris Malik

Under 13s Awards

- Batting Award - Alfie Heaney
- Bowling Award - Musa Atif
- Fielding Award - Frankie Garthwaite
- All-Rounder Award - Mohammed Sharjeel
- Coaches' Awards - Rhys Crone & Alfie Edwards

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Under 15s Awards

- Batting Award - Ben Wright
- Bowling Award - Adam Fowler
- Fielding Award - Harry Hodgkinson
- All-Rounder Award - Matthew Moore
- Coaches' Awards - James Hannah & Ollie Mosley

More Than Just Cricket

While awards and trophies lit up the evening, it was clear that the true spirit of Thornaby Cricket Club Juniors lies in camaraderie, development, and joy for the game. Coaches spoke with pride about the improvements seen in every player, the sportsmanship displayed, and the bright future ahead for the club's young cricketers.

A massive thank you goes to all coaches, volunteers, parents, and sponsors - who made the evening (and the season) possible.

As the music faded and the last slices of pizza were enjoyed, one thing was clear: the future of cricket in Thornaby is not just safe - it's thriving.

Sponsorship Opportunity – Support the Future of Cricket!

As we look ahead to 2026, Thornaby Cricket Club Juniors are seeking a new sponsor to join our journey and support the next generation of cricketers.

If you, your business, or someone you know might be interested in supporting youth sport and getting involved with a passionate local club, please contact us for more information. Your backing can help provide essential equipment, kits, and memorable experiences for our young players

Here's to next season!



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Thornaby on Tees TS17 0EE

Tel: 01642 762636

Appointments 01642 760185

Thornaby and Ingleby Barwick Medical Group

Health Centre, Trenchard Avenue, Thornaby on Tees TS17 0BZ

Tel: 01642 762921

Victoria Hall Community Centre

Peel Street, Thornaby on Tees TS17 6JL

Tel: 01642 678652

South Thornaby Community Centre

Haviland Road, Thornaby on Tees TS17 9JG

Tel: 01642 358840

Robert Atkinson Youth and Community Centre

Thorntree Road, Thornaby on Tees TS17 9DF

Tel: 01642 524589

Thornaby Central Library

The Pavilion, Allensway, Town Centre,

Thornaby on Tees TS17 9EN

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Pavilion Shopping Centre

Tel: 01642 750090

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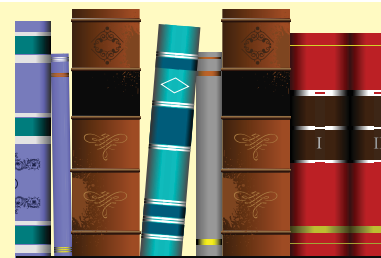
What's On

Thornaby Central Library

Opening times:

Monday	8.30 – 5.00
Tuesday	8.30 – 7.00
Wednesday	8.30 – 5.00
Thursday	8.30 – 7.00
Friday	8.30 – 5.00
Saturday	9.30 – 4.00

To book for any groups or events please enquire at the library or contact us on **01642 528117** or email thornaby.central.library@stockton.gov.uk



Pre-school Rhyme Time

Monday mornings in term time
9.30-10.15am.

Booking essential.
A nursery rhyme session for pre-school children.

No Boundaries – Dementia Café

This relaxed and welcoming drop – in is for people with dementia and their carers to share experiences and meet new people. Come and join us for information, advice and support. Free refreshments are provided. Every second Friday of the month, 2.00 - 3.30pm



Baby and Toddlers

Every Tuesday during term time
2pm - 3pm Free - booking essential. Come along to baby and parent sessions. Make new friends while your babies play to help develop their social and interaction skills. Then join us for a sing song. Pick up a Bookstart bag and see what is available for you and your little one in the area. Suitable from birth to one year. For more information contact Thornaby Central Library

01642 528117 or email thornaby.central.library@stockton.gov.uk

Children's Event For ages 4-11 years

**Monday 22 December,
2pm - 3pm**

Free - booking essential.

Cosy Christmas crafts

Create cheeky elves and silly santas from paperchains. Add a little sparkle to your tree with your own pinecone decoration.



Registration opens Monday 15 December, book online at stockton.gov.uk/book-library-event or by contacting your local library.

For more information contact Thornaby Central Library **01642 528117** or email thornaby.central.library@stockton.gov.uk

Thornaby Library: Gilmour Street

Opening times:

Monday	9.00-1.00	2.00-4.15	Thursday	9.00-1.00	2.00-4.15
Tuesday	9.00-1.00	2.00-4.15	Friday	9.00-1.00	2.00-4.00
Wednesday	9.00-1.00	2.00-4.15			

Phone **01642 528150** or email thornaby.library@stockton.gov.uk

Calling all Mandale Families

Come down and join in our two free fabulous weekly sessions for families at Victoria Community Hall, Peel Street, Thornaby

Monday afternoon 1:15 - 2pm we have our Little Wiggle Workout session, they are a fun and interactive way to get your little ones moving and burning off energy. The sessions are suitable for new and confident walkers.

Tuesday 9 am - 10am we have our Family Play session with the fabulous ladies from Thornaby Family Hub, they can offer support on a number of topics

The sessions are term time only. No need to book just turn up the kettle is always on.



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