

# THORNABY *Pride*

Your Community News From Thornaby Town Council

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# Council Comment

## Terry Muldowney



Congratulations to Terry Muldowney (pictured) for his comfortable Thornaby Town Council election victory for Mandale and Victoria Ward where he stood as a Thornaby Independent Association (TIA) candidate. Terry is Thornaby born and bred (Barnard Street), is a devoted husband of Christine, and is beloved father and grandfather. Terry loves his home town and is passionate about Thornaby Town Council's ethos of ensuring that mediocrity is no longer acceptable and that quality will always be pursued. Welcome on board, Terry. Onwards and upwards.

## Mark White



Mark White, Chair of Thornaby Town Deal Board, pictured on the site where Thornaby's new baths and Pavilion extension will soon sit (background

soon to be demolished Golden Eagle). Mark really has been a Godsend for our town and has supported our councillors to the hilt in pushing through quality development and improvement throughout Thornaby on Tees. Truly appreciated, Mark.

## Reclamation



Many people will remember this picture of Mick Eddy and his beloved wife, Dee, (sadly, both no longer with us) bringing Thornaby on Tees' Mayoral regalia back home to the town for which they were purchased.

Mick was a former headteacher at Christ the King School where he was held in affectionate regard by generations of students. He was also a Thornaby on Tees stalwart and steadfast in fighting the case for the advancement of Thornaby on Tees children and in protesting about the many injustices meted out to our town throughout a series of local government reorganization when Thornaby on Tees identity and heritage was arrogantly dismissed.

Unique items and artefacts that were so precious in heritage terms to our town and townsfolk were basically plundered when Thornaby on Tees autonomy was meekly surrendered and disappeared into storage of our larger neighbours to gather dust while other were simply stolen. And so Mick's reclamation of the Mayoral chains was just beginning of a Thornaby Town Council crusade to track down other priceless items belonging to our town. Sadly missed, Mick and Dee. Loved forever.

Featured in later pages of this edition of Thornaby Pride is an article about the return of the Coffee Pot engine to its place of origin. The engine will sit on a

plinth adjacent to Dunedin House on Teesdale where Stockton Borough Council HQ has now relocated. And whilst being housed in this building overlooking the river, Thornaby Town Council would gently remind SBC that they are now accommodated on the Yorkshire side of the river that is forever Thornaby on Tees.

Also brought back home and featured in later pages is the magnificent RAF Thornaby Silver collection that will soon be joined by Thornaby on Tees Municipal Borough Council mace that is currently being restored to its former glory. So, all great news for our town. But none of this reclamation of heritage items was achieved by accident. It was achieved by Thornaby on Tees Councillors negotiation and presenting an unarguable case for our town's proud identity, history and heritage to be admired and respected.

## A gentle reminder to all our readers



The world has gone mad (or should that be madder) and good innocent people are potted against each other by blind hatred and bigotry. And so here is a gentle reminder that we are all one species occupying an insignificant speck in an eternal universe of countless galaxies, stars and planets.

Council Comment

# The Thornaby Town Deal

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

**W**ork on a new, state-of-the-art leisure facility for Thornaby Town Centre is underway. The project is part of the £23.9million Thornaby Town Deal, set to bring long-term change and investment to Thornaby on Tees.

The £14million leisure facility will boast impressive new facilities such as a five-lane swimming pool, gym, sauna and changing rooms. The two-storey building will connect into the existing Thornaby Pavilion with a link bridge at first floor. A new entrance and car park, providing 46 additional spaces, will also be created as well as improvements to the surrounding public realm.

Enhancements will also be made to the internal layout and fitness spaces in the existing pavilion building. The new pool will offer more learn-to-swim opportunities for the wider community, as well as school swimming partnerships and will be operated by Tees Active.

The facility will be located on the former Phoenix House site, which previously stood empty for a number of years before it was purchased and demolished using Town Deal funding. Work will take around a year to complete, with the facility opening in summer 2027.

Work to demolish the nearby Golden Eagle is also progressing, with the complex asbestos removal taking place before the building's removal in the coming months.

Meanwhile, work to deliver a joined-up network of cycle routes across Thornaby which will improve access to the town centre and connect with existing cycle infrastructure to the North and South is set to begin soon.

This includes: Redcar Road, between Humber Road and Baysdale Road - Millbank Lane, between Fullerton way and Trenchard Avenue Mitchell Avenue, between Trenchard Avenue and Chadderton Drive - Thornaby Road, from A174 to Kintyre Drive - Trenchard Avenue, between Mitchell Avenue and Thornaby Road.

An additional part of the scheme covering Allison Trainer Park, East of Clarendon Road and West of Baysdale Road, is subject to securing planning permission later this year.

The new infrastructure includes segregated cycle facilities, shared walking and cycling facilities, on carriageway cycle routes, new safer crossings for walking, wheeling and cycling and additional signage.

Mark White CBE DL, Chair of Thornaby Town Deal Board, said: "Thornaby's new leisure centre is an exciting project for the Town Deal

Board and one we were very passionate about bringing forward. The benefits of an improved cycle network are also significant as it better connects the area with employment sites and helps to support sustainable and active travel. When these projects are complete, they will be amazing assets for Thornaby on Tees and I am looking forward to seeing the work progress."

Councillor Sylvia Walmsley added: "Thornaby Independent Association councillors have been proud to have been members of the Town Deal Board from day one. The spirit of cooperation and vision has been astounding with one main focus - that we deliver what is best for the people of Thornaby on Tees."

She continued: "The most frustrating part of this process has been the timescales involved due to the many complex and legal issues encountered when it appeared as if nothing was happening. At long last we can see all the hard work behind the scenes coming to fruition and during the next year will see major transformative changes. These are bold and ambitious plans which will make sure the Thornaby on Tees remains Always Advancing."





# Mandale Mill Primary School

## World Book Day

From Reception to Year 6, we had an unforgettable World Book Day session with the amazing author Miles Salter - Musician and Writer! He truly brought the magic of stories to life, engaging us all in storytelling through creative props, music and (most importantly) lots of laughter! A huge thank you to Miles for visiting us and making our day so special. We've all left feeling inspired to tell our own stories.



## Farm Visit

Reception had a fantastic time at Baydale Farm. Children were able to compare an old and new tractor and enjoyed sitting on them! Children were also lucky enough to visit some farm animals, and one group even witnessed the birth of a new lamb! Children loved holding the baby chicks and feeding the sheep. Thank you so much to Baydale Farm for having us!

## Ducks

Our EY have welcomed some ducks (Egg Sheeran, Quack Sparrow, Daisy and (Egg) Benedict) into our provision. The ducks will stay with us for a few weeks before they join a local farm. The children have loved watching the ducks hatch and develop. It has really inspired their learning!





# Mandale Mill Primary School



### Early Explorers

We have launched our brand-new Early Explorers session. This runs every Thursday 1:20-3pm following a theme each week and is aimed at 0-4-year-olds. Anyone is welcome and we would love to see some new faces. Thank you to the parents and children who have attended our first two sessions.

To spread kindness, linked to the theme 'This Is My Place', members of our Junior Leadership Team visited local schools and Trust schools to deliver small gifts and messages of positivity. Our pupils were brilliant ambassadors, sharing smiles, kindness and community spirit with others across our area. It was a wonderful reminder that belonging isn't just about our own school; it's about the wider community we are part of too. We have already received some lovely messages of thanks - we hope the schools enjoyed their gifts! We are very proud of our JLT for representing Mandale Mill with such warmth and generosity.

### Children's Mental Health Week

Mandale Mill has Talent! A huge well done to all the acts who represented their class with their talent to round off Children's Mental Health Week. It was so hard to decide on winners!





# Mandale Mill Primary School

## Beamish



Year 6 children were buzzing with excitement as they stepped back in time at Beamish Museum, exploring what life was like in the past. They wandered through the cobbled streets, visited the traditional sweet shop, and experienced what evacuee children felt like working on the farm. We even got to meet Peter the horse. The children were amazed by the trams and vintage cars, and they listened carefully as the staff explained how families lived and worked many years ago. By the end of the today, everyone had learnt so much about history while having a fantastic and memorable day out together.



### Intergenerational Project

Class 3/4C experienced a wonderful trip out of school to the Thornaby Pavillion with Thornaby Communities . Here the children took part in an intergenerational project, and they created a range of crafts and cards from a variety of materials. The people in the community who worked with Class 3/4C made some very special comments about the children's behaviour during the activity and how it "put a huge smile on their faces." It was amazing to see the children representing our school so beautifully. Well, done everyone!



### OPAL fun!

OPAL fun! The children had lots of fun in the snow!

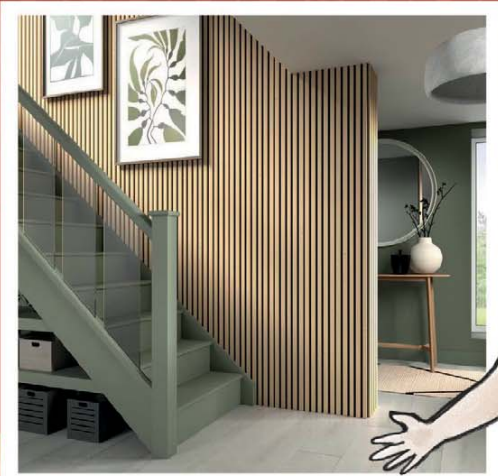
  
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# Wedding

**T**hornaby Town Council is now licenced to hold wedding ceremonies at Thornaby Town Hall. And so Council was delighted when Steven and Alison became the first couple to tie the knot in the wonderfully restored Council Chamber.

The couple first met when introduced by mutual friends at the Wheatsheaf Pub in Preston on Easter Sunday 2002. There was clearly an instant attraction that developed into a love match and four year courtship prior to the happy couple exchanging vows to become Mr and Mrs Plows.

The radiantly beautiful bride looked sensational in a classically designed wedding dress as she entered the building. Pausing for photos in the vestibule before elegantly ascending the stairs to the Council Chamber, Alison entered the Council Chamber where she was greeted by her bedazzled husband to be, Steven.

The wedding service was smilingly conducted by registrars, Lyn Tilbrook and Emma Allison and witnessed by Mark and Kay Norman. Nerves were overcome and the wedding was a truly joyous occasion and a fantastic advertisement for loving commitment. The day was magic and all at Thornaby Town Council wish the besotted couple a lifetime of unbridled bliss, health and endless happiness.

For further information on Thornaby Town Hall as a wedding venue please contact Pam Danks by email: [townclerk@thornabytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@thornabytowncouncil.gov.uk)



# Wedding Venue



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# The Poplars Activities

**Hello Everyone,**

And Happy New Year to all Thornaby Pride's readers.

We had all the usual Christmas antics at the Poplars including a visit from a very mischievous elf who got up to all sorts of things. He was stationed at the entrance and greeted all visitors in his own way. We raised a whopping £500.40 on our raffle so a big thank you to everyone who supported us. We couldn't do it without you.

At the end of 2025 at The Poplars, we starting with celebrating Christmas and New Years Eve with entertainers, drinks at the bar and festivities galore with our lovely residents, staff and families and now we are starting another chapter for 2026

Our usual weekly church service with Father Tom continues to be a great success and we now have a gorgeous Wag Dog called Izzy who visits with her owner Cath. All the residents and staff have fell in love with her.

As per Poplars tradition we have celebrated Valentines Day, Mother's Day with afternoon tea and cupcakes, the Chinese New Year with the residents tasting a selection of oriental foods and World Book Day with a visit from The Village School children dressed in favourite characters with one

little girl dressed as an old lady who said "I hope they don't think I'm a resident when it's time to go" and the usual crafts, quiz and bingo.

Also, one of our young ladies celebrated her 104th birthday with family, friends,

residents and staff with lots of singing, dancing, drinking and a really good time was had by all.

I'll close now with words from Vera "we'll meet again" in the next edition.





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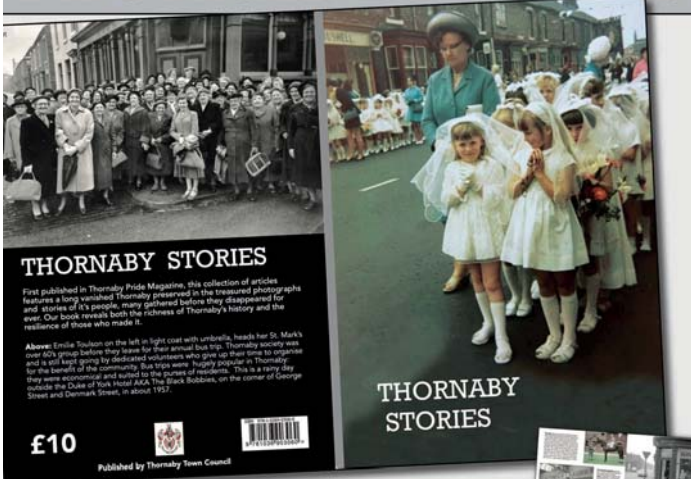


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Monday	Men's group Soup Lunch Fellowship meeting Brownies	9.30am-11am 12.00pm-1.30pm 1.30pm Fortnightly 6pm-7.30pm	07951 708370
Tuesday	Jigsaw club Line dancing	1pm-3pm 6.30pm	07935 377184
Wednesday	Gardening club Salvation project - food drop in	12.30pm-2.30pm 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
Friday	Cancer, Coffee and Chat Shape the Play (3rd Friday of the month)	10am-12pm 11:30am-12:30pm	

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# Thornaby Football Club

**T**his is an important part of the season for Thornaby FC as fixtures at this stage always carry that little bit of extra importance. And as we move into the final stages of the season, both the Men's and Women's First Teams have it all to play for. There is a real determination across the club to keep improving and to build momentum.

On the pitch, it's been pleasing to see some strong performances from both our sides in recent weeks. The players have been working extremely hard and that effort has been reflected in the way the teams have competed.

The Men's team's managers Craig Skelton (Skelly) and Simon Kasonali (Kas) had this to say as they look ahead following a recent defeat away to Newcastle Benfield "After a great run of form that saw us win five out of six games, with the only defeat coming

against top of the table Shildon AFC, we were brought back down to earth on Tuesday night. Everything we had been doing well in previous games; we seemed to stop doing. It was disappointing to lose without really having a proper go, but with a small squad and lads being asked to go out three times a week and give everything, perhaps that game was just a step too far. We need to get back to the standards we set during that recent run: working hard for one another, competing in every area of the pitch and playing with the confidence we know we have. With the backing of the home crowd behind us, we'll be looking to bounce back and get ourselves back to winning ways."

Curtis Collantine, the recently appointed Manager of the Women's first team, reflected on his sides recent push for a second automatic promotion to the 4th Tier

of the women's football pyramid and their great cup run.

"We've worked incredibly hard to get ourselves into this position, but now isn't the time to admire the league table — it's the time to push even harder and keep producing. We know exactly what we're aiming to achieve, and nothing changes in our mindset just because we're in a strong spot.

I don't want to see any signs of complacency. The quality has been there for everyone to see and the goals are flowing, but standards mean nothing if they aren't maintained. The challenge now is to deliver that same level every single week — in matches and in training — with the same hunger and edge that got us here.

In our pursuit of Bradford City AFC Women at the top of the league, there is absolutely



# Sport

no room for error or lapses in concentration. Every fixture, no matter the opposition's league position, must be approached with the same intensity we've shown over the last five games. If we keep our levels high, stay ruthless in front of goal, and refuse to take our foot off the gas, then we give ourselves every chance of staying right in this title race."

As well as celebrating a promotion his side are looking forward to facing York Minster Belles Dev Team in the final of the North Riding County Cup! Keep an eye out for further details.

Off the pitch, Thornaby FC would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to share their thoughts on the club's proposed rebrand. The feedback has been fantastic

and it's great to see so many people engaging with the future identity of the club. Your views are incredibly important to us, so please continue to share your ideas as the process develops.

We're also excited to soon being able to announce the details of the first phase of the improvements to Teesdale Park so watch this space!



All photos as always courtesy of KR Photography

## Nursery

This half term Nursery have been learning all about rainbows. We began by exploring colour mixing and we now know what primary colours we can mix together to make new ones - using our hands!

We explored more colour mixing by conducting two Science experiments; we were all excited to see the results. During our PE session we had lots of fun using the parachute and singing our rainbow song which was absolutely beautiful. We brought our learning to a colourful finish with a colour party; where we made rainbow biscuits, danced and played colour games. We have all worked so hard, well done Nursery!



## Reception Snow Day

Reception have had a wonderfully busy term. We began with snowy adventures outdoors, where the children explored, investigated and enjoyed discovering how the world changes in winter.



## Art

In the classroom, we developed our artistic skills by learning about the artist Piet Mondrian. The children created bold, colourful artwork inspired by his famous lines and blocks of colour, and were very proud of their finished pieces.

**Year 1 & 2**  
**Puppets**

In DT sessions, the children enjoyed designing and making their own animal puppet. The children did a fantastic job with sewing their puppet together using a basic running stitch.

**Sports Festival**

Class 3 had great fun completing pirate-themed sporting events at the pirate festival. Yo Ho Ho!

**Mental Health Day**

On Mental Health Day, Year 1 & 2 'expressed' themselves in different ways.



**Year 3 & 4**

**Active Schools Festival**

Year 3 & 4 have been busy! Our fantastic children have participated in an Active Schools Festival and an Active Learning Competition where we managed to take an amazing 3rd place! Well done everyone!

**Fire Brigade**

The fire brigade came to our school to talk about road safety.



**Mental Health Day**

For Mental Health Day, we all dressed to express. We also enjoyed some peaceful reflective time through mindfulness colouring.

**Art**

In art, the children have been working with patterns to create artwork. They used colour, composition and shape to make their own patterns.



## Year 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 have had a busy time so far in the Spring Term. In Design Technology, we have been learning about cooking and nutrition. We explored seasonal ingredients and then designed a seasonal pizza in our groups. Great fun was had preparing the ingredients, cooking and then eating the pizzas!



**World Book Day**

We celebrated World Book Day with great excitement. The children arrived dressed as their favourite book characters and spent the day sharing stories, talking about books they love, and immersing themselves in the joy of reading. It was a wonderful celebration of imagination and storytelling.



# Coffee Pot Loco - Back home

**P**ictured below is a plinth on Teesdale, Thornaby on Tees, prepared to accommodate the Coffee Pot engine that once stood on the Bridge Road/Parliament Street roundabout prior to the development of the Riverside Road and link to Ingleby Barwick. The engine will be lifted into place as this magazine goes to print.

Also pictured is a working model of the engine which was fabricated on Teesdale by Head Wrightson and Co - a world renowned engineering and iron and steel founders that employed thousands of people from

Thornaby on Tees and surrounding area prior to the decimation of swathes of traditional British industry in the 1980s.

This model pictured was ideally suited for lower level working in Staithes and mines because of its compact size. It was used for work at Seaham Harbour which provided an outlet from collieries to the sea. It was later taken out of service in 1959 and sold back to Head Wrightson, Thornaby on Tees, where apprentices restored it. It then stood on display on site until the sad demise of Head Wrightsons.

The rest as they say is history. Sadly, it was moved and left to rust and deteriorate on Preston Park where it remained until plans for expansion of Preston Hall were approved. It was then that relocation was suggested - the ideal solution being to return the engine to its place of origin in Thornaby on Tees. After some discussion, Thornaby Town Council and Stockton Borough Council agreed to bring the Coffee Pot engine back home to sit on the roundabout on Teesdale near to Dunedin House.



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## 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 located Thornaby Family Hub, Tedder Avenue which is our new home from 12th December 2025.

## Drop in Food bank

We run a 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. From talking to some people they haven't eaten that day when they attend the drop in. We also have a clothing rail, bedding, towels, shoes etc. the drop in closes at 2.30pm.

We also have information sheets with information for support with mental health which are on the tables and we also display on our Facebook page which directs people to who to contact. This has been very appreciated by people that attend our drop in sessions.

## Donation of items drop off

We accept donations on a Wednesday between 11.00am – 3.30pm, please drop us a message to let us know you are coming.

## Christmas 2025 Food Hampers and Toys

We distributed a number of Christmas hampers and toy hampers and these were gratefully received from all the families we donated to. Thank you to everyone that donates to us and makes it possible for us to help so many people in the local area.

## Support

If you need support you can drop in on a Wednesday 1.30pm-2.30pm or contact.

## 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 run a number of tombola's, bonus ball to raise funds so we can continue to support the local community.

We are also grateful for everyone that takes part in the bonus ball on facebook, donates food, cash etc to our Charity.

## Salvation Project



A helping hand to those in need

## 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.

## Easter 2026

We work in partnership with Thornaby Family Hub we have had fantastic support from them from 12th December 2025 and setting up our Easter Event which is Saturday 11th April 2026 10.00am-2.00pm. (Please see below for details of event).

We have also donated Easter Eggs to the 4 local family hubs, Billingham, Stockton, Roseworth and Thornaby to promote the work that we all do in the local community, they will draw a name at random, this is free.

**Salvation Project  
Easter Event  
in Partnership with  
Thornaby Family Hub**

**Meet the  
Easter Bunny**

**Refreshments**

**Easter Crafts**

**Sports & Performance  
Cars**

**Tombola**

**Easter Egg  
Hunt**

**Cake Stall**

**Where: Thornaby Family  
Hub, Tedder Avenue  
Thornaby.**

**Date: Saturday 11th April  
2026**

**Time: 10am - 2pm**

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# Salvation Project

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Thank you 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. Thank you to all the customers who place items in the trollies within store.

We are really fortunate to have the support from 3 large supermarkets in the local area. This makes a massive difference to our service users.

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

### Thankyou Thornaby Family Hub

We would like to say a massive thankyou to everyone at the Thornaby Hub for making ourselves and our service users feel so welcome each week, our service users appreciate the help and respect they receive each week when they arrive at the Family Hub.

For anyone that has not heard about Family Hubs, they have 4 in the local area, we are based in Thornaby Family Hub.

They offer lots of support to the local community ie. Baby wellbeing and support, health visitors, social workers,,Peer support drop in, there is something for everyone, why not pop into your local Family Hub you will be made very welcome and see the fantastic work they do in the community, I am sure you will be offered a coffee and a chat If you are new to the area or just want some company pop into your local hub they have lots of information of what is going on in the local area.

### How to contact us

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We have had some fantastic support during 2025 and continue to receive support in 2026.

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## Nursery

Nursery have recently finished their topic, 'Amazing Animals'. The children thoroughly enjoyed this topic and loved learning about a variety of animals, their habitats and environments.

We also shared many wonderful stories linked to animals, which the children found very engaging.

The children particularly enjoyed being creative during this topic. They made lion masks, paper plate tigers and handprint geese, showing great enthusiasm and imagination. To finish the topic, the children explored the story of Handa's Surprise, which they really enjoyed, especially role playing Handa carrying her fruits.

Nursery have also taken part in several exciting celebrations. The children especially loved celebrating Chinese New Year, where they took part in role play in the home corner using chopsticks and noodles, created beautiful Chinese lanterns, and even sampled some delicious Chinese food.

World Book Day was another firm favourite. The children had great fun dressing up as their favourite story characters and sharing many of their favourite books together.



## Reception

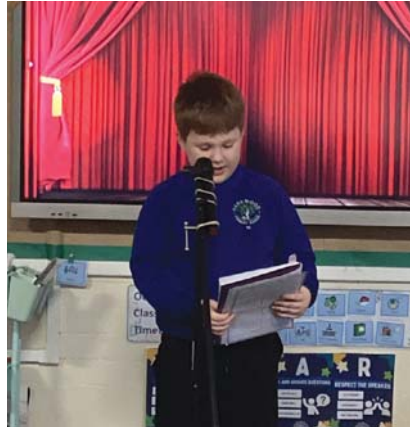
This has been an exciting half term for our reception children as we have watched our eggs hatch into fluffy chicks. The children have enjoyed looking at them all as they have grown and have been able to sequence the events of the life cycle. They have made some careful observational drawings and were delighted to watch them move around and hold them. We will be sad to see them go!

## Year 1

Year 1 went to Hardwick Park this term to take part in a Spring Time workshop. Despite the cold weather, the children showed resilience and fully engaged with all the fun activities. They found lots of signs of Spring including snowdrops, daffodils and nesting birds. The classes even demonstrated their artistic skills by creating a flower collage from natural materials they had scavenged in the woods. The day was concluded with a well deserved trip to the playground.

## Year 2

Year 2 have had an extremely busy and fun-filled Spring term. From dressing up on World Book Day and Science Day to enjoying a relaxing Yoga session, there is so much to share. This term, Year 2 enjoyed a book called 'Incredible You' by Rhys Brisenden. The children have been reflecting and thinking about all the ways that they are unique and special. They wrote about how they are kind and caring friends; how they try hard and never give up and how they are creative and happy. Mrs Roberston transformed her classroom into a Poetry stage and children were invited to perform their Incredible Me poems. It was a lovely afternoon, with everyone enjoying the opportunity to listen to and share their poems with their friends.



## Year 3

Year 3 have been working incredibly hard this term, travelling back thousands of years to explore the fascinating world of the Stone Age. They have learned amazing facts, including how early humans were hunter-gatherers and the mystery of Stone Henge. Inspired by the incredible cave paintings, Year 3 created their own Stone Age cave art using natural colours and charcoal, carefully painting animals, handprints and symbolic patterns. Their enthusiasm, creativity and growing historical knowledge have truly brought the Stone Age to life- what fantastic learning, Year 3!



## Year 4

Year 4 have produced some excellent pieces of writing this term. They have learnt about Malala Yousafzai and created a non-chronological report all about her. In Humanities, they have learned about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings.

Earlier in the term, some of the children went to the Durham University Sports Campus to complete an active schools festival.

The children had a brilliant World Book Day where they completed different activities including a comic strip based on Bunny vs Monkey and designed their own chocolate bars based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They produced work that was displayed on the classroom doors and read to reception children, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Finally, the children had an excellent science day completing different activities linked to curiosity including an egg drop and making a foil boat.



## Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the term, with plenty of exciting activities taking place in and out of the classroom. In DT, the children put their cooking skills to the test by making their own Spaghetti Bolognese, learning about ingredients, preparation and kitchen safety.



The class also celebrated World Book Day with a range of fun reading activities, sharing their love of books and stories.

In Geography, they explored the rich history of the iron industry in our local area, discovering how it shaped the community we live in today.



To top it all off, the children took part in a special workshop called Shine, where they had great fun completing a mini trampoline workout that kept everyone active and smiling!

## Year 6

Harewood Rocks in the NSPCC TT Rockstar Competition!

Out of 4011 schools across England, our brilliant KS2 children have achieved 4th place with 238,443 correct answers.

Our children showed incredible determination and enthusiasm during the recent TT Rockstars competition. Their commitment to mastering their times tables was inspiring, as they encouraged one another and celebrated every improvement, big or small.

Through using TT Rockstars, they developed greater fluency by recalling multiplication and division facts quickly and accurately, which helped them answer questions with growing confidence and speed. Most importantly, the competition fostered resilience, teamwork and a positive attitude towards learning, proving that hard work and perseverance truly pay off.

Bruno Reddy, creator of TT Rock Stars, says: "The students excelled themselves throughout NSPCC Rocks. Not only did they engage in some friendly competition but there was also some clear improvements in their recall and speed as time went on. That's always been our goal - to make learning maths basics so fun that students give it their all."

***A huge well done KS2.***

Top 50 results out of 4,011 schools

School Total Score

1	<b>Malvern Primary School,</b> Liverpool North West	<b>573,535</b>
2	<b>Plantsbrook School</b> West Midlands	<b>295,218</b>
3	<b>Merrydale Junior School</b> East Midlands	<b>289,748</b>
4	<b>Harewood Primary School</b> North East	<b>238,443</b>
5	<b>William Alvey CE School</b> East Midlands	<b>236,639</b>

# From Spare Bedroom to Thornaby Town Hall

**S**even years after starting with just one client in a spare bedroom, Phil Robson has grown Roseberry Finance & Accounting into a thriving Thornaby-based practice supporting businesses across Teesside.

What began with just one client in a spare bedroom has grown into a thriving Teesside accountancy practice employing a team of local staff and supporting businesses across the region.

Roseberry Finance & Accounting Ltd, based at Thornaby Town Hall, was incorporated in September 2018 by director Phil Robson, who set out to build a modern and approachable firm dedicated to helping local businesses succeed.

"I started the business with just one client, working from a spare bedroom at home," Phil recalls. "Like many small businesses, it began very modestly, but I always believed there was a place for an accountant who was approachable and genuinely invested in helping local businesses grow."

### A Name with Local Roots

The name Roseberry came from a personal connection rather than a deliberate branding decision. "At the time I started the business I was living on a street called Roseberry View in Thornaby, so the name felt like a natural fit," Phil explains. "I'm told the street itself was named that because when the area was first developed you could see Roseberry Topping from there."

Over time, many people assumed the business name came directly from the famous landmark. "That's when we decided to lean into it and incorporate the Roseberry Topping silhouette into our branding. It's such an iconic part of the local landscape and it reinforces our connection to the area."

### Growing Through Challenging Times

The early years of the business coincided with the Covid-19 pandemic, which brought major challenges for businesses across the country. "Covid was a difficult time for everyone," Phil says. "But it reinforced how important it is for businesses to have the right advice and support. We spent a lot of



time helping clients understand government support schemes and navigate a very uncertain period."

Despite those challenges, the practice continued to grow steadily through client referrals and strong relationships within the local business community. "Looking back, it's remarkable to think that what started with one client in a spare bedroom has grown into a busy practice supporting businesses across Teesside."

### Supporting Local Businesses

Today, Roseberry Finance & Accounting works with a wide range of clients including limited companies, sole traders, partnerships and property businesses.

### Services include:

- Year-end accounts and Corporation Tax returns
- Self Assessment tax returns
- VAT returns and compliance
- Bookkeeping and management accounts
- Payroll services
- Business advice and support

The firm is also a Xero Gold Partner, reflecting its commitment to cloud-based accounting systems that give clients greater visibility over their finances. "Cloud accounting allows our clients to stay on top of their numbers throughout the year rather than just at year end," Phil explains.

### A Proud Thornaby Business

For Phil, the firm's location has a special meaning. "I'm a Thornaby lad, so having the business based in Thornaby Town Hall is something I genuinely love," he says. "It's great to run a growing local business from such a well-known building in the town where I grew up."

### Building a Local Team



One of the milestones Phil is most proud of is the growth of the team. "We now employ four local members of staff, which is something I'm incredibly proud of. Creating local jobs and building a strong team is a big step from where the business started."

### Looking Ahead

While the practice has grown significantly since 2018, the focus remains the same. "Our aim has always been to provide straightforward, reliable advice and build long-term relationships with our clients," Phil says. "Seeing both our clients and the practice grow has been incredibly rewarding."



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# Thornaby Show

Harold Wilson Recreational Ground

Sunday 30th August 2026

10.30am - 4.30pm

## Thornaby Show Horticulture and Handicraft Competition Schedule

50p per entry - 2 entries per category maximum per exhibitor. All entries must be grown or made by the exhibitor.

Vases & plant pots to be provided by exhibitor. "All entries to the competition must be on the tables before 10am, entries after 10am will not be judged".

Judging will take place between 10:30am & 12:00. Prize monies will be available between 2pm & 3pm

Exhibits can be collected after all prize monies have been claimed. Reasonable care will be taken of exhibits but Thornaby Town Council will not be responsible for any loss or damage

### Senior Competition Categories

#### Plant & Cut Flowers (Judged by Phil Orley)

- 1 Vase with 3 Chrysanthemums (Incurve) Any size
- 2 Vase with 3 Chrysanthemums stems
- 3 Vase with 3 Dahlia (Cactus) Any size
- 4 Vase with 3 Dahlia (Pom Pom) Up to 85mm
- 5 Vase with 3 Dahlia (Decorative) Any size
- 6 Vase with 1 Gladioli
- 7 Vase with 2 Gladioli
- 8 Vase with 1 Rose (Scented)
- 9 Vase with 1 T Rose Hybrid
- 10 Vase with 3 Rose Floribunda
- 11 Vase with 6 Sweet Pea stems
- 12 Vase with any garden cut flowers & foliage.
- 13 Vase with 3 stems Red, White & Blue display
- 14 Cactus Potted plant
- 15 Floral Potted plant
- 16 Foliage Potted plant
- 17 Orchid Potted plant
- 18 Bunch of any culinary herbs (Tied)

#### Vegetables

##### (Judged by Phil Goldsborough)

- 19 3 Beetroot
- 20 1 Cabbage any type (3" stalk)
- 21 2 Carrots (Long)
- 22 2 Carrots (Except long)
- 23 1 Cucumber (1" stalk)
- 24 6 French beans
- 25 2 Leeks
- 26 1 Marrow
- 27 3 Onions as pulled (Washed roots)
- 28 3 Onions (Dressed) under 250g
- 29 3 Onions (Dressed) over 250g
- 30 2 Parsnips
- 31 2 Peppers (Sweet)
- 32 3 Potatoes (Kidney)
- 33 3 Potatoes (Round)
- 34 Squash Any type
- 36 6 Runner beans
- 37 4 Shallots
- 38 Sweetcorn (Husk intact)
- 39 4 Tomatoes
- 40 6 Tomatoes (Small fruited)
- 41 1 Any other veg not on schedule

#### Fruit

##### (Judged by Phil Goldsborough)

- 42 3 Dessert apples (Home grown)
- 43 3 any fruit (Home grown same fruit)
- 44 Bowl of Brambles / Blackberry
- 45 Bowl of fruit (3 kinds minimum)

#### Special Vegetables

##### (Judged by Phil Goldsborough)

- 46 Longest Carrot
- 47 Longest Cucumber
- 48 Longest Runner Bean
- 49 Heaviest Marrow
- 50 Heaviest Potatoe
- 51 Heaviest Tomato
- 52 Ugliest vegetable

#### Eggs

##### (Judged by Sarah Parsons)

- 53 3 White Hen
- 54 3 Brown Hen
- 55 3 Any other colour Hen
- 56 3 Any other excluding Hen

#### Handicraft/ Homecraft

##### (Judged by Hartburn Womens Institute)

- 57 Victoria Sponge cake (No decoration)
- 58 Sponge cake (Any type)
- 59 4 equal pieces Tray bake (Any type)
- 60 Biscuits (Any type)
- 61 3 Scones Cheese
- 62 3 Scones Fruit
- 63 Sponge pudding
- 64 Savoury pie
- 65 Sweet Pie
- 66 Quiche
- 67 Jar Sweet Preserve (Not shop bought)
- 68 Jar Savoury Preserve (Not shop bought)
- 69 Jar Honey (Not shop bought)
- 70 Embroidery (Not from kit)
- 71 Hand knitted (Not from kit)
- 72 Soft dressed toy (Not from kit)
- 73 Crochet item (Not from kit)
- 74 Painting (Not exceeding 20" square) Not from kit
- 75 Greeting card (Handmade)
- 76 Any other hand crafted decorative item

### Junior Competition Categories

#### Flowers

##### (Judged by Phil Orley)

- 77 Vase with 6 Sweet Pea stems
- 78 1 Potted plant. Any type
- 79 Vase with 3 stems

#### Vegetables

##### (Judged by Phil Goldsborough)

- 80 1 Carrot (Tops trimmed)
- 81 1 Cucumber (1" stalk)
- 82 Onions 3. Washed roots
- 83 1 Squash. Any type
- 84 2 Tomatoes
- 85 Ugliest vegetable
- 86 Longest Cucumber
- 87 Longest Runner Bean
- 88 Heaviest Tomato
- 89 1 fruit, Any type
- 90 Bowl with 3 fruit, Any type

#### Handicraft/ Homecraft

##### (Judged by the Hartburn Womens Institute)

- 91 3 Cupcakes (Iced or decorated)
- 92 3 Jam tarts (Iced or decorated)
- 93 3 Biscuits
- 94 Painting (Not exceeding A3 size)
- 95 Model made from recycled materials
- 96 Pumpkin - Best carving design
- 97 Vegetable model (Any veg any size)

# Thornaby Academy: A Thriving Community of Excellence, Innovation and Inspiration



**Thornaby Academy continues to be a vibrant, purposeful and inspiring place of learning, and we are proud to share some of the many ways in which our students have been engaging, achieving and thriving.**

One of the highlights of recent weeks has been our exciting STEM Week, where students demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm and curiosity, particularly within social times as well as lessons. Throughout the week, students fully immersed themselves in a wide range of experiments, challenges and competitions. From hands-on investigations to problem-solving activities, it was fantastic to see such high levels of engagement and enjoyment. Our students embraced every opportunity, showing not only their scientific knowledge, but also their teamwork, creativity and resilience.

Beyond the classroom, students at Thornaby Academy continue to engage exceptionally

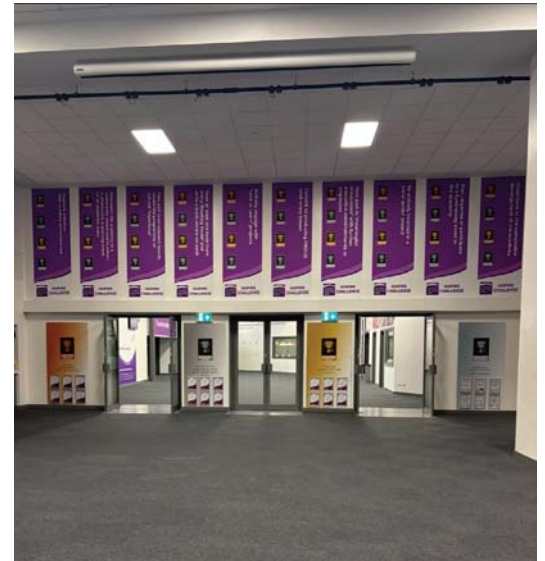
well with our enrichment programme. A growing number of students are working towards and achieving their IASPIRE badges gold and platinum, which recognise their commitment to personal development, wider participation and character building. It has been wonderful to see students taking advantage of the wide variety of opportunities available to them, developing new skills and broadening their experiences, linking to our Trust Value of Excellence and Innovation.

Reading remains at the very heart of our academy culture, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm our students show towards it. Thornaby Academy currently has one of the highest numbers of book loans across the whole of the Northern Education Trust, despite being the smallest school in the Trust. This is a remarkable achievement and a true testament to our students' love of reading. We continue to promote reading at every

opportunity, ensuring it is woven into daily academy life with our DEAR lessons and celebrated across all year groups.

We are also delighted with the continued improvements to our academy environment, which is a beautiful and positive place to be. The installation of new carpets across the whole academy, upgraded lighting and brand-new furniture has transformed the academy, creating a space that is not only modern and spotless, but also a highly engaging and positive place to learn. Our students deserve the very best environment, and these enhancements reflect our commitment to providing just that.

At Thornaby Academy, we remain committed to fostering a culture of excellence, respect and integrity, and we look forward to continuing this journey alongside our students and the wider community.



# RAF Thornaby Silver

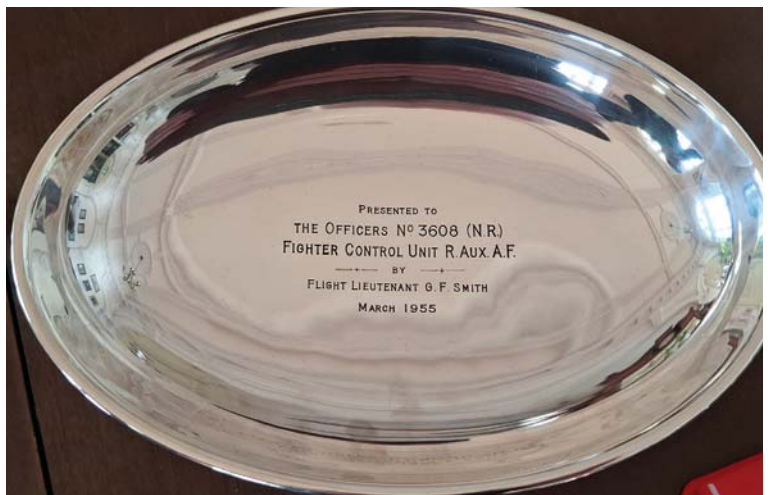
**T**hornaby Town Council was delighted to welcome the return of RAF Thornaby's Silver collection to our beautifully restored Town Hall where it will be displayed on special occasions. The silver had been on display in Middlesbrough Town Hall since the closure of the RAF base - so grateful thanks to Middlesbrough Borough Council (MBC) for releasing the valuable artefacts and to Andy Macdonald for his intercession in presenting the case for return of the silver to its spiritual home. Thornaby Town Clerk, Pam Danks, is also

worthy of praise for liaison between parties and ensuring that strictest security measures are now in place in Thornaby Town Hall where the silver will be housed.

It has always been puzzling to Thornaby on Tees people as to why Middlesbrough was selected as the recipient of a fabulous collection that many argued was of such enormous heritage value to our town - in particular the incredible role that RAF Thornaby played in peacetime and during WW2 and other conflict. Some former RAF Thornaby personnel - no

longer with us - suggested that it was a security issue and that Middlesbrough Town Hall was better equipped to provide a high level of protection. Whatever the reason, suffice to say the fabulous collection will be treasured and affectionately preserved in grateful memory of all those who served.

Pictured with the RAF Silver, Mayor of Thornaby on Tees and Chair of Thornaby Town Council, Councillor Glenn Eastick, accompanied by Thornaby Town Clerk, Pam Danks.



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## Animals visit during science week

As part of science week KS1 had a visit from some amazing creatures. These animals do not live naturally in the UK and come from lots of different parts of the world. We had the chance to hold and touch the animals and found out lots of weird and wonderful facts. A gecko that can lose its own tail, a glow in the dark scorpion, a venomous tarantula, a soft skunk and a friendly owl were just some of the animals we welcomed into Christ the King.



## Nursery

During the spring term, Nursery learnt about what life was like 'a long time ago.' The children learnt new vocabulary and developed their fine and gross motor skills through different activities.

They explored life in the past, including dinosaurs and castles. The children also looked at the artwork of L.S. Lowry and learnt about transport from the past, comparing it to transport today.

Finally, they explored old toys and talked about how they are similar to the toys we play with today.



## Reception

During our outdoor play, Reception children enjoyed taking part in activities that helped develop their gross motor skills. The children climbed, balanced, and moved in different ways while exploring the outdoor area.

These activities helped them improve their balance and coordination as they practised moving safely and confidently. The children also worked together in small groups, supporting one another and showing great teamwork while completing different challenges.

It was wonderful to see the children building their confidence, staying active, and enjoying learning together.



## Success on the court

Our Y6 basketball team represented Stockton in the Tees Valley Basketball Finals recently. We competed against the champions from Middlesbrough, Redcar, Stockton and Darlington. The team were outstanding throughout and played some incredible basketball to win all 8 games out of 8! It was a very proud moment for the boys and it is a reward for all their hard work.

Our netball team also competed in the Stockton netball competition. We again played some incredible netball in what was an amazing team



performance to win all 7 games out of 7. The fast passing and quick movement was a joy to watch.

**Up the CTK!**

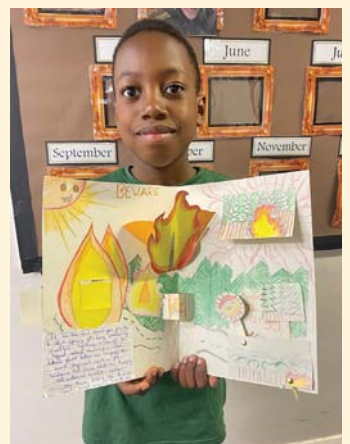
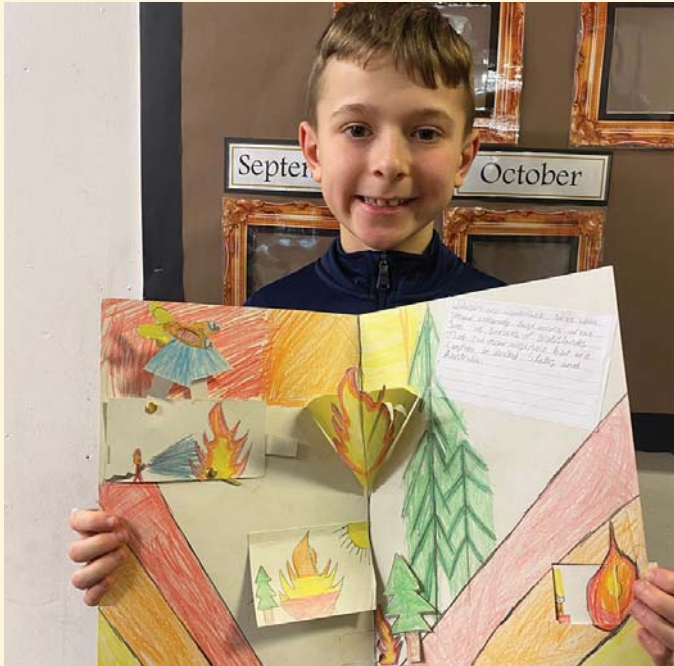
## Swimming in pyjamas!

Class 8 completed their 2 weeks of swimming, made lots of progress and earned lots of certificates. They enjoyed their final swim session at IB Leisure in their pyjamas to demonstrate how to swim safely while clothed – an important real-life water safety skill. They had a fantastic time!



## Year 4 Pop-Up Books

In DT, Class 9 made their very own pop-up books to reflect our current topic 'Extreme Weather'. Children made and included mechanisms such as levers, sliders, v-folds, box folds and flaps to make their pop ups as interactive as possible, before adding the illustrations for the final touches!



## Year 5 Thornaby Warm Welcome Visit

Year 5 pupils recently enjoyed a special visit to the Thornaby Warm Welcome in Thornaby Pavillion as part of our activities for Children's Mental Health Week. The visit gave the children a wonderful opportunity to connect with members of the local community and experience the value of kindness and togetherness. During the morning, the children took part in craft activities based on the theme of love. They carefully created handmade cards and crafts, which they shared with visitors at the Warm Welcome. The children were delighted to distribute their creations and spend time chatting and smiling with members of the community. The visit was a lovely way to build intergenerational connections and to spread a little joy!



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# Five Lamps: Back to its Roots, Building the Future

**F**or more than 40 years, Five Lamps Organisation has been at the heart of the community—supporting local people, responding to changing needs, and creating opportunities for positive change.

Named after the iconic Thornaby landmark where people once gathered to connect and support one another, Five Lamps continues to embody that same spirit today. And now, in the last six months, the charity has made a bold and inspiring move—returning to its roots.

## A New Chapter at ‘The Youthy’



Located at 211-213 Thornaby Road, ‘The Youthy’ has long been a place of opportunity. Once a cinema, it was transformed over 20 years ago into a dedicated youth centre.

However, like many community spaces, it recently faced the threat of closure due to financial pressures and limited funding. Over the years, thousands of young people and families have benefited from its services - losing it would have been a huge blow to the community.

Instead, Five Lamps made a powerful decision:

Closing its former head office and relocating all services to The Youthy.

This move marks the beginning of an exciting new era—one focused on accessibility, community connection, and creating a vibrant hub for Thornaby, Stockton, and beyond.

Five Lamps delivers a wide range of services designed to support people at every stage of life:

### 1. Young People

From age 7 upwards, young people can access youth clubs and inclusive activities, including:

- All Stars sessions (Weds 5.15pm – 7.45pm)
- Planned activities for teenagers and young adults
- School holiday clubs

These sessions provide safe spaces, build confidence, and create lasting friendships.

### 2. Disability & Inclusion



HAF WEEK



Five Lamps is committed to inclusivity through:

- Vibe – youth sessions for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (Tue 5.30pm to 8.30pm)
- Club Vibe – activities for adults with physical and learning disabilities (Fri 5.30pm to 8.30pm)
- Bespoke sensory room

Support also extends to parents and carers, helping families feel connected and supported.

### 3. Health & Wellbeing

As a Care Quality Commission registered provider, Five Lamps Homecare helps people live independently at home.

Services include:

- Meal preparation
- Support with shopping, domestic and social activities
- Medication support
- Personal care

With over 90% of care workers having local connections, the service is rooted in trust and community.

Importantly, Five Lamps offers:

- Council-funded care packages
- Private care options
- Affordable, flexible support 365 days per year.

Beyond homecare, they also tackle loneliness and isolation through:

- Warm Welcome sessions (Wed 1.30pm)
- Community events
- Support with social activities

#### 4. Financial & Economic Health

Five Lamps supports people to improve their financial wellbeing through:

- Advice and referrals
- Business start-up guidance
- Access to affordable finance

Through Conduit Loans, regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, they provide:

- Personal loans for those unable to access mainstream credit
- Home improvement loans via the Helping Hands scheme

#### 5. Community Support

Responding to real local needs, Five Lamps focuses on:

- Food poverty
- Fuel poverty
- Supporting families affected by child poverty
- Health & wellbeing

With on-site kitchen and café facilities (reopening after Easter following flood repairs), the centre will also be available for hire.

#### Special Feature:

The climbing wall is reopening - with trained instructors - supporting youth activities, schools, and community groups.



#### Five Lamp Needs You



Five Lamps is a community charity - and its future depends on the community it serves.

With no new funding or subsidies, the charity needs support in the following key ways:

#### 🔦 Volunteers to help with:

- Youth sessions
- Daytime activities
- Café operations
- Social support for local people

#### 🔦 Attend Activities

Session fees help cover costs.

More attendees = more activities, opportunities, and friendships.

#### 🔦 Raise Awareness

Spread the word about the centre, Five Lamps' services, and opportunities.

#### 🔦 Choose Five Lamps Homecare

By choosing Five Lamps:

- You receive high-quality care
- You support a local charity
- You create local jobs

#### 🔦 Fundraising

Five Lamps needs to raise £30,000 annually.

#### Ways to help:

- Make an individual donation : visit [www.fivelamps.org.uk](http://www.fivelamps.org.uk) & click 'Donate'
- Become a corporate partner
- Join the new fundraising group



#### Get Involved

Be part of the journey and help ensure Five Lamps continues supporting the community for the next 40 years.

Email: [info@fivelamps.org.uk](mailto:info@fivelamps.org.uk)

Telephone: **01642 753517**

Facebook:

<https://facebook.com/fivelamps>

Open Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm (4:30pm Fridays)

Evening sessions also available including room or centre hire.

#### Have Your Say

Based in a prominent location on Thornaby Road, Five Lamps is once again listening to the community.

Come along, meet the team, share your ideas, and enjoy free food and refreshments. Follow Five Lamps Facebook page for alerts about next events.

**Together, We Can Keep the Lamp Shining**

# Thornaby Foodbank



**E**very time we come to write our contribution to Thornaby Pride we have caused to reflect on the tremendous support Thornaby Foodbank has in the immediate and the wider community. This is particularly so during winter months when fuel bills and extra expenses result in increasing demand for assistance. During the Christmas period the numbers of parcels distributed increased and 70 extra hampers were given as well as a small Asda voucher.

There were many contributions over this period and we are thankful for the generosity of many individuals who contributed and helped to collect, pack and distribute parcels over this busy period.

Old friends like BA Joinery from Billingham helped with transport and Rotary guys continued their deliveries.

Newer friends like Mercedes Benz Teesside provided additional hamper items as well as assistance in packing and distribution and UK Land Estates gave funds for extra basic foodstuffs over the holiday period.

It is at times like these when there is a spirit of working together that Thornaby Foodbank feels privileged to be a place where giving and receiving can be seen as two sides of the same coin as we seek to promote a sharing community.

We continue to ask clients for a referral from a professional agency to enable us to distribute the donated food fairly to those facing difficulties.

## We are open for donations

Wednesday 10.30am to 12pm

Thursday 10am until 1pm

Food parcels can be collected on Thursdays between 12pm and 1pm

Facebook Messenger can be used for any queries.

As we enter our 11th year we cannot emphasise enough how grateful we are to all those who have supported us over the years; for those who donate, volunteer, and the many who come and collect parcels and share our company week by week. We count ourselves fortunate to work among such a caring community.

Thankyou for your ongoing support.



Thornaby Foodbank Registered Charity Number 1203043

## Fred Perry Tennis Trust community programme

'We Do Tennis' are now beginning the process of identifying children who may benefit from taking part in the free park tennis sessions that will be delivered at Littleboy Park, Thornaby on Tees.

Fred Perry Tennis Trust community programme will provide 10 weeks of completely free tennis sessions (3 hours per week) for Key Stage 1 & 2 children, specifically aimed at families on lower incomes and children who may not normally have the opportunity to access tennis.

To help reach the right families, 'We Do Tennis' have created a short Player Expression of Interest form which can be shared with parents:

<https://forms.gle/wDT96YnBDeZcY4F56>



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Registered Charity No. 1199320

## Home Improvement Agency

The Home Improvement Agency (HIA) helps people in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees remain safe and independent in their own home by providing adaptations.

The service is for residents who are living with a disability, have care and support needs, are aged 60 plus or are considered to be at high risk of falls.

The Handyperson service can support those who are eligible to remain safe and secure in their own home. We offer two hours free labour to assist with low level DIY type work. Please note this does not include gardening or decorative work.

Work includes minor repairs and household tasks, installing items and materials purchased by the residents and not the responsibility of any landlord, such as putting up bannisters and handrails.

For more information about the Home Improvement Agency and Handyperson service please visit:

[www.stockton.gov.uk/HIA](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/HIA).

You can contact the team on **01642 526904** or by emailing [HIA@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:HIA@stockton.gov.uk).



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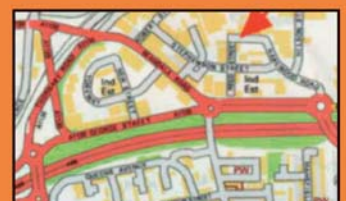
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# Thornaby Community Litter Project

If you walk through Thornaby on an ordinary morning, you might not notice the litter straight away. A bottle on the ground. A takeaway box in the grass. Small things, easy to ignore. But litter has a way of whispering something bigger - that a place isn't cared for, that no one is looking after it, that neglect is normal.

At Thornaby Community Litter Project, we've learned the opposite is true.

Every week, volunteers of all ages turn up with bags, pickers, gloves, and a determination that quietly rewrites the story of our town. We've seen how a single hour of effort can transform an area. We've watched strangers become friends. We've seen children take pride in protecting the place they call home.

Litter isn't just rubbish - it's a symptom. And community action isn't just tidying - it's a cure.

When we pick up a discarded can or crisp packet, we're preventing it from blowing into a garden, a drain, or the Tees. When we fill a bag, we're sending a message: Thornaby deserves better, and we're willing to make it happen.

The impact is bigger than the bags we fill. It's in the conversations we spark. The people who stop to say thank you. The volunteers who arrive nervous and leave proud. The sense of belonging that grows with every pick.

And here's the truth - we need more of that.

We need more people who believe Thornaby is worth looking after. More hands to share the load. More voices to spread the message that community pride isn't something you wait for; it's something you build.

If you've ever walked past a piece of litter and felt that little twist of frustration...

you're already one of us. If you've ever wished the town looked a bit brighter... you're already halfway there. And if you've ever wondered whether small actions matter... come to one of our picks and see for yourself.

Because when 19 volunteers can fill 29 bags in a single morning, imagine what 30 could do. Or 50. Or a whole town.

Thornaby is our home. Let's keep showing it the care it deserves - one small act at a time.

Please get in touch via Facebook or **07814 750451** if you'd like to take action and join us.

*Team TCLP*

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# Thornaby Community Litter Project





## Skiing

Our recent Skiing trip to Spiazz in the Dolomites was a fantastic success. Thirty-one Year 8 and 9 pupils took part, including the majority who were completely new to Skiing and some with a week's prior experience. Through determination and perseverance, every pupil made excellent progress and all successfully skied at the top of the mountain white taking in breathtaking views. Some even pushed themselves further, tackling black runs, trying small jumps off the side of the slope, and weaving through woodland sections. A memorable highlight was the thrilling 1,600m SnowCat descent down the mountain. Off the slopes, the group enjoyed a lively pizza night and plenty of laughter.

Well done to all the pupils for the resilience they showed, the teamwork and leadership displayed throughout the week, and for forming new friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.



## Safer Internet Day 2026

Our school marked Safer Internet Day 2026 with an informative and thought-provoking assembly led by Mr Horton. Pupils had the opportunity to learn about the importance of staying safe online, as well as exploring some of the wider impacts of our digital world.

A key focus of the assembly was the environmental impact of technology, helping pupils understand how our use of the internet, data, and digital devices can affect the planet. Pupils also discussed the growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI) and some of the potential dangers and challenges that come with it.

Throughout the session, pupils were encouraged to share their own views and experiences, creating a meaningful discussion about how we can all use the internet responsibly and thoughtfully.

It was a valuable opportunity for our school community to reflect on how we interact with technology and how we can continue to stay safe, informed, and responsible online.

## World Book Day at St. Patrick's Catholic College

Our school celebrated World Book Day with a fun and engaging programme of activities designed to encourage a love of reading across the whole school community. Staff embraced the spirit of the day by coming to school dressed as their favourite book characters, bringing stories to life and creating a fantastic atmosphere throughout the day.

During tutor time, pupils were given their World Book Day book tokens and took part in a special "Guess the Reader" activity. Throughout the day, at the start of each lesson, teachers played a short audio clip of a mystery reader, and pupils had to guess which member of staff was reading. Pupils recorded their answers on their slips and handed them in for the chance to win prizes.

We also encouraged a book swap in the dining hall, where pupils could bring in books they no longer needed and exchange them for something new to read. This was a great way to share stories and help more pupils discover the joy of reading.

At break and lunchtime, pupils had the opportunity to take part in a picture quiz linked to the "Guess the Reader" challenge, submitting their answers at the Praisefest table.

To round off the day, pupils were invited to take part in a creative competition after school, designing the World Book Day token for next year, with the chance to win a cash prize.

It was a wonderful celebration of books, creativity, and imagination, reminding everyone of the power of reading and the joy that stories can bring.





## Superstar Shoutout!

A huge congratulations to Esther in Year 8, who has achieved fantastic success in Brazilian Jujitsu. Esther recently competed in a grappling competition and proudly came away with two gold medals — an incredible achievement!

Her dedication, hard work, and determination have clearly paid off, and this success is a testament to the commitment she shows both in training and in competition.

We are extremely proud of Esther and look forward to hearing about her future successes. Well done, Esther!



## Shrove Tuesday

On Shrove Tuesday, pupils at St. Patrick's Catholic College celebrated with a day full of fun, community, and generosity. Shrove Tuesday, traditionally the day before Ash Wednesday, is a time when Christians prepare for Lent by using up rich ingredients such as eggs, milk, and sugar — which is why pancakes have become a popular treat!

Our Charity and Community pupils took the lead, raising money by selling pancakes throughout the school. Funds raised will go towards supporting important causes, combining delicious treats with a meaningful purpose.

Elsewhere in the school, a pancake-making competition was held for our pupils with the top attendance records. This fun activity helped reinforce the message that good attendance matters, while also allowing pupils to get creative and enjoy friendly competition.

It was a wonderful day that blended faith, fun, and service, showing our pupils how simple traditions like pancake-making can be linked to charity, community spirit, and celebrating school values.



## Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent

On Ash Wednesday, pupils at St. Patrick's Catholic College came together to mark the beginning of Lent, a season of reflection, prayer, and preparation leading up to Easter. Ash Wednesday is an important day in the Catholic Church, symbolising repentance and renewal. The ashes, made from the burned palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday, are a reminder to live humbly, seek forgiveness, and turn closer to God.

During the service, pupils received their ashes in the sign of the cross on their foreheads, taking part in a meaningful tradition that encourages self-reflection and

spiritual growth. The day provided an opportunity for our school community to pause, reflect, and consider how we can live out our faith in everyday life.

Ash Wednesday is the first step in the Lenten journey, helping pupils prepare spiritually for Easter through prayer, acts of kindness, and thoughtful reflection.



## Year 11 Football Team Reach the Final Again!

Our Year 11 football team have done it again, securing their place in the PFA Small Schools Cup Final after a fantastic 2–1 victory in the semi-final against a strong team from Lincoln.

The match was full of energy and determination, with both sides battling hard for a place in the final. Our boys showed great resilience, teamwork, and composure under pressure. The difference came from Frankie A, who delivered an outstanding performance by scoring both goals to seal the win and send the team through.

This achievement is another incredible milestone for the team, who continue to show their quality and commitment throughout the competition. Reaching the final two years running is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and belief in each other.

The whole school community is incredibly proud of the team and looks forward to supporting them as they prepare for the final. Well done, boys – one more step to go!

We are collecting donations to support the players, their family and friends to watch the final which is played at Stoke Cities stadium.





## Inspiring Talk on Resilience and Mental Strength

We were privileged to welcome Pete Coady from sayaphasia to St. Patrick's Catholic College, who delivered an inspiring talk to our Year 11 pupils. Pete shared his personal story, reflecting on the importance of maintaining a positive mental attitude in the face of adversity.

Pete spoke candidly about a serious car accident that resulted in a severe brain injury and left him living with aphasia, a condition affecting communication. Despite these challenges, he has demonstrated incredible resilience, determination, and optimism.

His visit was particularly timely, offering motivation and encouragement to our Year 11 pupils as they embark on the final stretch towards their GCSE exams. Through his story, pupils were reminded that setbacks can be overcome and that perseverance, focus, and a positive mindset can help us achieve our goals.

Pete's message left a lasting impression, inspiring pupils to face challenges with courage and determination, and to value their own mental wellbeing as they move forward in life and learning.



## Afternoon Tea for Parishioners – Supporting the Lourdes Pilgrimage

St. Patrick's Catholic College recently had the pleasure of hosting a special Afternoon Tea for our local parishioners from Christ the King and St. Patrick's Parish. The event was organised to raise funds for the school's annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, and voluntary donations from guests will go directly towards supporting the pupils on their journey.

The afternoon was a true team effort. Pupils who will be attending Lourdes helped prepare and serve sandwiches, acting as attentive waiters throughout the event. Staff also contributed by baking cakes and scones at home, ensuring there was a delicious spread for everyone to enjoy.

Before the tea began, the school community came together to pray a decade of the Rosary, marking the start of Lent and setting a reflective tone for the

afternoon. The combination of prayer, community, and service made the event both meaningful and memorable.

It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to practice hospitality, contribute to a worthy cause, and connect with parishioners in a warm and welcoming setting. This event perfectly exemplifies the values of faith, service, and community spirit that we celebrate at St. Patrick's.



## Spring on the Markets: Fresh Faces and Returning Favorites at Thornaby

**A**s we step into a new year - and finally leave a very wet winter behind - Thornaby Market is blooming into the spring season with a vibrant mix of new traders and well loved regulars. Here's a look at what's fresh on the stall fronts this month.

### Pipsqueak Babywear

Pip has enjoyed a fantastic launch on our markets, with Thornaby quickly becoming one of her busiest spots.

Her stall is a treasure trove for little ones: soft blankets, cosy hats, adorable socks, and beautifully made grows - perfect for gifting or treating your own bundle of joy.

Catch Pipsqueak Babywear at Thornaby every other Thursday (keep an eye on our social media each market morning for that day's trader list).



### A Sweet Piece of Heaven

Katie joined us just before Christmas, and her arrival has quite literally been the icing on the cake.

From indulgent homemade cakes and cheesecakes to cookie dippers paired with irresistible sweet sauces, her stall offers something delightfully different each week. Be sure to pop by and discover the latest creations everyone's talking about!



### Jaga's Chainstore Clothing

A familiar face is making a long awaited return. Jaga, a seasoned market trader, is back at Thornaby Market for the first time in decades.

In the years since you may have last seen him, he's collected quite a few karate medals - but he's never stepped away from his passion for market trading. Drop by his stall and say hello to a true market veteran.



### Allen's Greengrocers

We're delighted to welcome back a staple of traditional markets: the fruit and veg stall!

Ste from Allen's Greengrocers - who you may also recognise from Stockton Market - is now serving Thornaby every Thursday. With top quality fresh produce and a friendly welcome, his stall is a must visit. Find him just outside Siesta Coffee.



### And Don't Forget Our Regulars

Alongside our new arrivals, Thornaby Market continues to offer an excellent selection of regular traders. Whether you're stocking up on natural pet supplies, browsing the latest ladies' fashion, or doing your weekly egg run, you'll find everything you need right here.

### Visit Thornaby Market

Thornaby Pavilion Shopping Centre  
Every Thursday, 9:00am - 3:30pm  
Come along, meet our traders, and enjoy the best of local market shopping this spring.



### Building a bright future: A Peek Into Early Years

It has been a whirlwind of discovery in our Early Years this term! From the magic of storytelling to the thrill of the great outdoors, our youngest learners have been busy building the foundations for a lifetime of curiosity. Watching their confidence grow has been the highlight of our school year so far. Mathematics is anything but boring in Early Years! Our children have been getting creative with shapes, moving beyond just naming them to using them as building blocks for imagination. Whether they are constructing "shape monsters" or spotting tessellating patterns in the playground, our children are learning that the world of shapes is everywhere. Our learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. This term, the "Great Outdoors" became our biggest teacher as the children took part in den building. Working together, they used branches and tarps to create sturdy shelters-learning the basics of survival and teamwork!



### Lent Begins

The season of Lent began with a quiet sense of reflection and community spirit but only once the pancakes had all been eaten on Shrove Tuesday. The children gathered to focus on their "Lenten Promises," choosing simple ways to grow in kindness and discipline through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Whether it's giving up a favorite treat or dedicating more time to daily prayer, children were encouraged to think of others before themselves. A central part of our Lenten journey towards Easter is the sight of the little red Missio boxes which were sent home; these serve as a constant reminder to collect spare change and donations, turning small sacrifices into meaningful support for those children in need around the world.

### St. Pat's - My kind of Place!

This February, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week with a focus on this year's empowering theme: "My Place." This theme encouraged every child to think about where they feel safest, most comfortable, and most "themselves"—whether that is at home, in the local park, or right here in our busy classrooms. To help everyone find their "place" of calm, our incredible Mental Health Ambassadors visited every class to deliver special presentations. They introduced our new Worry Boxes, explaining that when our minds feel a bit too full, writing down a concern and popping it in the box is a brilliant way to share the load. By reminding us that our voices and our "places" matter, the Ambassadors helped us all feel a little more connected and supported.



### Year 6 get a taste of the future

Our Year 6 students recently traded their familiar primary classrooms for an exciting taster day at St. Patrick's College, offering them a firsthand look at life in secondary school. The day was designed to ease the transition and settle those pre-move jitters by immersing the pupils in a "grown-up" schedule of specialized subjects. It was a fantastic way to build their independence and help them visualise their future academic journey. By the end of the day, any nerves had largely turned into excitement, leaving our Year 6s feeling ready and inspired for the big leap ahead!





## Safer Internet Day

This term, we joined thousands of other students across the UK to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2026. With the theme "Smart Tech, Safe Choices," our classrooms turned into hubs of digital discovery, specifically focusing on the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI). From understanding how chatbots work to identifying "deepfakes," students practiced the critical thinking skills needed to stay in control of their digital lives. We learned that while technology can be a brilliant tool for creativity and learning, being "AI Aware" means knowing when to trust what we see on screen and when to take a step back. By making responsible choices today, we ensure the internet remains a kind, safe, and inspiring space for everyone in our school community.



## Victory and Verse: Poets Shine at Slam Poetry Competition

We have some fantastic poets and they don't know it! We held a poetry competition within school and then the winners represented our school in a "verse off" against other schools across the Stockton Borough Council in a powerful display of rhythm, rhyme, and raw emotion. The competition wasn't just about reciting famous works; the heart of the event was the originality of our students. Participants spent weeks in workshops crafting their own unique poems. Superb!



## Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies were officially commissioned during a special service where they took their vows to "turn concern into action," following in the footsteps of St. Vincent de Paul. Each member received their certificate and badge, marking the start of their journey as young ambassadors for social justice. It was a proud moment for our school community to see such a passionate group of children commit themselves to supporting those in need through prayer, fundraising, and simple acts of kindness. We look forward to seeing the "joy, justice, and peace" they will surely bring to our local community through their service this year.



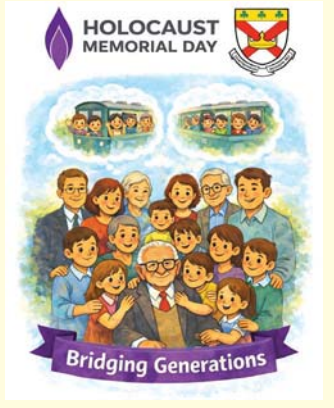
## Eyes for the birds!

Our school grounds came alive with fluttering wings and curious chirps during our recent Bird Watching Week! Equipped with binoculars and clipboards, our Eco Warriors turned into amateur ornithologists to participate in the "Big School Birdwatch." We spent time quietly observing the hedges and bird feeders, spotting everything from cheeky robins and colorful blue tits to the occasional soaring woodpigeon. Beyond just counting feathers, we learned about the vital role these birds play in our local ecosystem and how we can help them thrive by providing water and seeds during the colder months. It was a wonderful reminder that nature and God's creation is right in our playground, waiting to be discovered if we just stay still and listen.



## Holocaust Memorial Day

On January 27th, our school community gathered for a solemn and reflective assembly to mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2026. This year's theme, "Bridging Generations," reminded us that while the events of the past may feel distant, the responsibility of remembrance now rests in our hands. We listened to the powerful story of Nicohla Winton and the lives he saved, learning how his courage and hope are passed down like a torch from one generation to the next. By lighting a symbolic candle and observing a moment of silence, we pledged to be the "bridge" that carries these lessons forward, ensuring that the voices of the past continue to inspire a future built on kindness, tolerance, and respect for all.



## World Book Day

This year, our celebrations centered on the heart of literacy: "Reading for Pleasure." Our classrooms were buzzing with excitement as students and staff arrived dressed as their favorite characters—from timeless heroes like Matilda to modern favorites from the latest graphic novels. A highlight of the day was our Book Swap organised by our Mini Vinnie group where children brought in pre-loved stories to exchange, ensuring everyone went home with a "new" adventure to dive into. By focusing on the pure joy of a good story rather than just a school task, we reminded ourselves that getting lost in a book is one of the greatest journeys anyone can take. Parents were also invited into school to share their favourite story with us.





## Discover Your Passion with After-School Clubs

We don't just offer sports clubs. Whether you're a budding Grandmaster or a future catwalk designer, we have after-schools club to spark your creativity and sharpen your skills.

Our Arts and Crafts Club and Fashion Design Club offer a great opportunity for children to experiment with textiles, painting, and garment construction—perfect for those who love to work with their hands. For those who prefer focus and strategy, the Chess and Games Clubs provide a friendly yet competitive environment to master the board, while our Origami Club teaches the delicate and meditative art of Japanese paper folding.



## Victory on the Pitch and the Court!

It has been an action-packed term for our athletes at St. Patrick's. From nail-biting finishes to displays of pure skill, our teams have truly embodied the spirit of sportsmanship. In partnership with Stockton Schools Sport Partnership, our sportstars have had the chance to compete against the best in the borough, and they did not disappoint. Our Football teams have been in fine form, showing incredible teamwork and tactical awareness. After weeks of training, their hard work culminated in a fantastic performance at the local Stockton tournament, where their "never-give-up" attitude led them to some brilliant victories. Meanwhile, on the Netball court, our players showed off their speed and precision. The coordination between the shooters and the center-court players was a highlight proving that St. Patrick's is a force to be reckoned with in every arena.



## Building the Kingdom: A Week of Mission and Meaning

This term, our school community came together for a truly transformative Mission Week. Guided by our school motto—"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"—we explored what it truly means to be "Kingdom Builders" in today's world. The week wasn't just about reflection; it was about action.

Children across all year groups spent time discovering how we can weave Joy, Justice, and Peace into the very fabric of our school and the wider Thornaby community. We also wanted to learn from Thornaby's Finest Kingdom Builders too. To help us understand our mission, we were honored to welcome some of Thornaby's best Kingdom Builders. These local heroes shared their goals and inspired us with their dedication to making our town a better place to live, work, and grow. Throughout the week, the classrooms were buzzing with discussion. Children explored how to be "Kingdom Builders" on the playground and at home. Joy: Creating "Kindness Cards" to brighten someone's day. Justice: Learning about fair play and standing up for what is right. Peace: Practicing conflict resolution through meaningful conversations. Mission Week may have come to an end, but our work as Kingdom Builders is just beginning. By following our motto and seeking God's kingdom first, we ensure that the values of Joy, Justice, and Peace stay at the heart of everything we do at St. Patrick's. A huge thank you to all our visitors for showing us that when we work together, we can truly change the world... well maybe Thornaby—one small act at a time.



## MP Visit

It was an honor to welcome Andy McDonald MP to our school for an inspiring conversation centered on our core mission. His visit provided a wonderful opportunity for our pupil leaders to showcase how we strive to bring joy, justice, and peace to the Thornaby community through our daily actions and local outreach. Mr. McDonald engaged deeply with the pupils, discussing the importance of social responsibility and the impact that young voices can have on shaping a fairer society. Seeing our school values reflected in a wider community context was a powerful experience for everyone involved, reinforcing our commitment to being a positive force for change right here in our town. Andy spoke fondly about his school days and how they helped to form his passion for justice and peace- maybe we have some politicians in the making too!



# Thornaby Cricket Club

**As the days grow longer and the first hints of spring begin to appear, excitement is building at Thornaby Cricket Club ahead of the 2026 season. After a long winter of indoor training, players of all ages are eager to swap the nets for fresh air, green outfield, and the unmistakable sound of leather on willow.**

The club's junior section continues to go from strength to strength, with all age groups showing fantastic commitment over the winter months. Regular indoor net sessions have kept skills sharp and spirits high, setting the stage for what promises to be another successful summer. That hard work is already paying off, with several of our young players earning selection to represent Cleveland Schools this season - a brilliant achievement for both the individuals and the club.

We are also delighted to once again receive the support of local company Rollershield, who continue to sponsor our

junior teams. Their ongoing backing plays a vital role in helping us provide opportunities for young cricketers in the community, and we are incredibly grateful for their commitment.

This season, the club is placing a special focus on growing the girls' game. We are actively encouraging girls of all ages and abilities to get involved, whether they are picking up a bat for the first time or looking to develop their skills further. As part of this initiative, plans are underway to host a Festival of Cricket in May, dedicated to women and girls. It promises to be a fun, welcoming day designed to showcase the game, build confidence, and bring new players into the cricketing family.

For our youngest players, we are also recruiting for the All Stars programme - a fantastic introduction to cricket for children, combining fun, activity, and basic skills in a friendly environment. It's a great way for children to make new

friends, build confidence, and start their cricket journey.

Off the field, Thornaby Cricket Club continues to be a hub for the local community. The bar will be open throughout the season, providing a warm and welcoming space for members and visitors alike, while "The Shed" will once again be serving during many matchdays - a firm favourite for players and spectators.

With strong junior participation, exciting plans for growth in the women's game, and a vibrant social atmosphere, all the signs point to a fantastic summer ahead. Everyone at Thornaby Cricket Club is counting down the days until the season begins - and we look forward to welcoming familiar faces and new ones alike through our gates.

For further information about joining, upcoming events, or junior cricket opportunities, please email [thornabyyouthcricket@gmail.com](mailto:thornabyyouthcricket@gmail.com)





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## Shrove Tuesday 2026

### Nursery

In nursery, the children have been learning about Shrove Tuesday and exploring how it links to the beginning of Lent. We talked about traditions and enjoyed lots of pancake-themed activities together.

The children have been developing their fine motor skills by using plastic knives to spread and cut pancakes. They also had great fun practising pancake flipping and taking part in pancake races! In our playdough area, we made pretend pancakes and practised counting out given quantities of ingredients and toppings.

We have had a wonderful time celebrating together. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Stay and Play session. The children loved showing you their nursery environment and it was lovely to share this experience with you.



## Super hero party day



### Reception

We celebrated Superhero Day, with the children coming dressed as their favourite superheroes. There were new superhero toys to explore, and we had lots of fun activities throughout the day. We went on our very first school trip! Reception attended a PE event, and we were so proud of how well the children listened and took part in all the activities.

### Year 1

In Year 1 we have finished writing our retell of the story Hermelin, The Mouse Detective. We are getting so much more confident at writing sentences independently using the sounds that we know. Our teachers are so impressed with the progress we've all made in English.

In Maths, we have continued working on place value within 20, working with number tracks to find missing numbers. In History, we used sources to help us work out what rooms in very old houses might have been used for. Did you know that toilets used to be outside! We all thought it would be far too cold to go outside on a night in our pyjamas.

On Safer Internet Day we read an e-book together and then discussed the scenarios that Smartie the Penguin had put himself in whilst playing on his tablet. Hopefully we now all know to ask our parents and carers to help us when things can get a little scary or confusing when we play games.



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**P.E. Pirate festival**

## Year 2

Year 2 attended a pirate themed sports session where they demonstrated their sporting abilities and excellent behaviour. In class, the children have worked on sentence structure and editing skills and begun to learn about statistics and how to record information. We continue to enjoy our class novel and Roald Dahl has definitely become a favourite author of ours.



**Ukulele time**

## Year 3

Internet safety week was the focus of many assemblies and Computing lessons has been staying safe online. The children started a new book in their English lessons called In to The Forest. They seem to be thoroughly enjoying it and I'm looking forward to seeing the work they produce. In Maths they have been working on statistics and interpreting graphs such as pictograms, tally charts and bar charts. Their ukulele lessons continue on a Wednesday, the children enjoy playing the instruments and are making excellent progress.



## Children's Mental Health Week 9-13 February

Our Wellbeing Team led a wonderful assembly to start this important week! Their discussion focussed on the concept 'Belonging' and encouraged everyone to think about where they belong.

A big thank you to Mandale Mill Primary for bringing us gifts, 'Spreading Kindness and Joy!' in honour of Children's Mental Health Week.





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## Year 5

Lots of Year 5s enjoyed an action packed three days at Robinwood. They zip wired through the trees, climbed, navigated through tunnels, swung from a trapeze, braved the giant swing, conquered challenges by working as a team and managed to canoe on the lake without capsizing! We are so proud of every single one of them. Resilience, bravery, cooperation, kindness, determination are just a few of our Village Values that they have shown this week. Staff members at Robinwood, (and other school teachers), praised the children for their impeccable manners and said what a delight they have been. Mrs Nixon and Miss Williams have been smiling with pride all week.



## Year 6

Howtown - Every single child has shown determination, resilience and independence throughout the week and should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved! They have bonded together and worked together showing great teamwork when challenges got tough! Everyone gave everything a go, and we have all had lots of fun and laughter every single day!

Behaviour has been incredible and they have really made us proud!



## Year 4

All the children have been working extremely hard and have made real progress across all of our subjects. We have completed our work on Fractions in Maths, finished our first part of writing as part of our work around the text 'Leaf'. Alongside this, we have brought an end to our topic of Electricity in Science as well as PSHE, RE and others. It has been a really successful half term, and the children continue to strive for progress in all areas, and we couldn't be prouder of them. Enjoy the break and see you when you come back!



## World Book Day

What a wonderful day we have all had celebrating World Book Day! The children began the day with a whole school assembly and then enjoyed reading with peers, taking part in quizzes, creating book reviews, making book trailers and reading stories both in school and at Poplars Care home. Fun and enjoyments was had by all.



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# Thornaby Funriders Group

**F**unriders have been quite active - though inclement weather has curtailed some rides. Nevertheless, photos clearly show the sense of togetherness of riders and desire to continue raising funds for worthwhile causes.

Dean Porter wrote: "Eddy and I are overwhelmed at the response of members of TFG in raising £1,000 for the Great North Air Ambulance." See the photo of the presentaion amongst others.

Dean continued: "This year's chosen charity is for breast cancer, a condition that affects so many and which is so close to all of our hearts." Nobody would disagree with those sentiments Dean concluded by welcoming back Stephanie Evans, Maxine Smith and Alan Sewell to the group after short absences.

*Photographs courtesy of Dean Porter, Eddy Conroy and Michael Russell.*





# Thornaby Funriders Group



# Bader Primary School



## Friendly Primary School Praised for Preparing Pupils for the Modern World

Bader Primary was recently inspected by OFSTED under the new report card inspection framework. We received glowing praise from inspectors for the way we prepare our pupils for life in the modern world.



Our school was recognised for its strong sense of community, high-quality support for pupils and commitment to helping every child succeed.

Inspectors noted that pupils at our school are enthusiastic about their learning, demonstrating commitment to their work and a strong desire to achieve. Our staff were commended for their deep understanding of the children they teach, recognising pupils as individuals and tailoring support to suit their needs.

The report highlighted that staff know pupils well, including their interests and personal circumstances, which enables them to provide appropriate help and encouragement. As a result, pupils across

the school – including those who are disadvantaged or who have special educational needs and disabilities – achieve well in their learning.

### A Positive and Supportive Environment

Inspectors praised the nurturing atmosphere created for our 280 pupils, noting the positive relationships between staff and children.

The report stated that pupils develop trusting relationships with staff and feel confident that adults will support them whenever they need help. Strong friendships between pupils also contribute to a caring environment where children support one another's wellbeing.

Bader Primary offers a wide range of experiences beyond the classroom to enrich learning. These include residential visits, arts activities and outdoor learning opportunities, helping pupils broaden their horizons while developing knowledge of their local region and its history.

### Building Responsible and Confident Citizens

Inspectors also highlighted pupils' good behaviour and strong sense of responsibility. They said that children feel safe in school, attend regularly and contribute to a calm and respectful atmosphere.



A key strength of our school they identified is the way we prepare pupils for life in modern Britain. Pupils gain a practical understanding of democracy through participation in the school parliament, while many take on leadership roles such as librarians and sports leaders. These opportunities allow them to make a positive contribution to school life and develop important life skills.

### Strong Personal Development

The inspection praised our school's high-quality personal development programme, which helps pupils build a strong understanding of relationships, wellbeing and the wider world.

Children learn how to promote their physical and mental health and are taught how to stay safe both online and within their local community. These topics are delivered through our PSHE curriculum with care and sensitivity.

Inspectors also recognised our work in helping pupils understand equality and respect. Pupils learn about different characteristics people may have, including disability, race and religion, and develop a clear understanding of why discrimination is unacceptable in Britain.

This approach helps pupils develop integrity and respect for others, reinforcing our core values of 'happiness', 'aiming high', 'determination', 'excellence' and 'respect'.

### Developing Character and Resilience

Leaders at our school were praised for their purposeful focus on character development. Through strong pastoral care and clear values embedded across the school, pupils grow in confidence and develop resilience.

This enables children to manage setbacks and continue to achieve well, leaving them well prepared for their move to secondary education.

Attendance is also a major focus. Inspectors noted that leaders carefully analyse attendance patterns and work closely with families to understand and remove barriers that may prevent pupils from attending school regularly.





## A Broad and Ambitious Curriculum

The leadership team at Bader was recognised for its commitment to high-quality education. Inspectors said leaders have a strong understanding of the curriculum and teaching across the school and have established a broad and balanced programme of learning that is ambitious for all pupils.

Head Teacher, Mr David Hodgson welcomed the positive report, praising the dedication of the school community.

*He said:*

*“The report reads really well and is a reflection of the hard work and effort of the staff team here at Bader, supplemented by the support from the Spark Education Trust. We are here to support the children within our community and work in partnership with our parents and carers to achieve this.”*

The report ultimately highlights a school where strong values, supportive relationships and ambitious teaching

combine to help pupils thrive—both in their education and as young members of society.





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The guide is free to access and will be the first in a series for the wider Teesside area. Printed copies are available from the Town Hall, Thornaby Library, and The Live well Hub. You can also download the latest version at: [www.homeinstead.co.uk/cleveland/blog/wow-guide-download/](http://www.homeinstead.co.uk/cleveland/blog/wow-guide-download/)

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## Welcome to Thornaby Walking Group



**W**inter seems to have been exceptionally long and any respite from heavy rainfall and high winds has been seized by Thornaby Walking Group to stretch legs and blow away cobwebs. And so, weather permitting, walkers have been active and undertaken a number of circular walks in and around the local area.

These walks are about people coming together to enjoy each others company while engaging in healthy exercise. They are about friendship and companionship, and no doubt sharing concerns about local and world events. Most of all however, they are about fun and silliness while walking.

For example. Pauline Reynolds wrote the following: "Beautiful Beautiful day for the daffodil walk in Farndale. Eleven humans and Lily walked through lovely countryside on a four mile circular route.

Stopping at the church for our picnic.

Lots of daffodils and good company and a little sing song on the way - which we thought Dave was videoing but he hadn't pressed record at the right time. Lol!"

All great fun. If you feel like joining this wonderful group, look up Thornaby Walking Group on Facebook. Guaranteed enjoyment.



# Thornaby Walking Group



## Welcome to Thornaby Walking Group



# Film and TV students showcase most ambitious project yet



**Young filmmakers at Stockton Riverside College have been testing their skills with their most ambitious project to date.**

The team headed out on location to shoot their very own feature-length regency period drama at Preston Park Museum and grounds. Film and TV lecturer Kane Smith said: "There's no better experience for aspiring filmmakers than actually working on set. This will almost certainly be the biggest project they will work on at this stage in their training."

As a former Stockton Riverside College Film and TV student himself, Kane is always keen to give his students the most valuable experiences during their time at college. He describes it as a balancing act between creative ambition and what is achievable.

In their latest project the students spent five weeks working on location, bringing with it all the complexity and demands of planning, timings, continuity, lighting, working around public access and paperwork.

Kane said: "Challenges do come up and the team must find ways to work around them, think on their feet, and learn from mistakes."

The full crew included a director and producer, an assistant director, costume/set designer, and marketing manager. Plus, double crews made up of a director of photography, camera operator, lighting, sound, second assistant director, along with production assistants.

Lecturer Kane added that editing a feature length drama is a formidable challenge in itself.

As part of the college's Academy of Performing and Technical Arts, the film featured performances from Acting for Stage and Screen students and support from those studying Creative Makeup.

Film and TV student and producer Jayden Devlin, 18, said: "Being on

location was challenging and we had to improvise a lot. For the crew it meant being there every day, figuring out what we can shoot in the time, while taking into account lighting, the weather, working around the park staff and public.

"Being on location is much more aesthetic, but it is far less adaptable, you must work with what is there, and that was something we had to think about."

The final production was screened at Stockton Riverside College's Margaret Armstrong Theatre.

Kane said: "We are incredibly grateful to the team at Preston Park Museum and grounds for accommodating this opportunity."

To find out more about the Film and TV course at Stockton Riverside College visit [www.stockton.ac.uk/film-tv](http://www.stockton.ac.uk/film-tv) or head along to the college open event on Tuesday May 5 from 5pm to 7pm.



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## An update from Rebecca Cadden, College Principal at Stockton Riverside College...

**W**e are heading into a busy period here at Stockton Riverside College as work gets underway on a whole host of coursework and final projects.

With a wide variety of subjects on offer, assignments will look very different for different course areas. But one thing all share in common is that for our students they mark the culmination of one, two, or more years of hard work. And that, we believe, is something to be celebrated.

The good news for our communities, family and friends, is it will mean another run of fantastic theatre productions, exhibitions and showcases at the end of the summer term to look forward to. In the coming weeks watch out for keys dates and ticket information, as we hope you will be able to join us.

For those who may not have met me before, I am Rebecca Cadden, the proud College Principal at Stockton Riverside College. I am excited to have the opportunity to share with you an insight into college life.



I have been part of the team for, what feels to me an unbelievable 21 years. (Time really does fly in education.) From lecturer to course leader, head of department to assistant principal, and now College Principal, Stockton Riverside College has certainly helped carve my own career direction. For me, the best part of the job, is

knowing we are doing the same for so many others.

Having lived and worked in the Tees Valley all my life and with five teenage children, I feel like I am well placed to understand the challenges parents, young adults and our communities face, particularly when it comes to making future choices.

At Stockton Riverside College we work hard to help potential learners of all ages find the route that's right for them, from school leavers to adult learners looking for a new direction or finally daring to pursue their passion.

If you want to talk to us about your study options, visit our open event on Tuesday 5th May from 5pm to 7pm, to find out about our full selection of courses, including opportunities for adults, apprenticeships and higher education.

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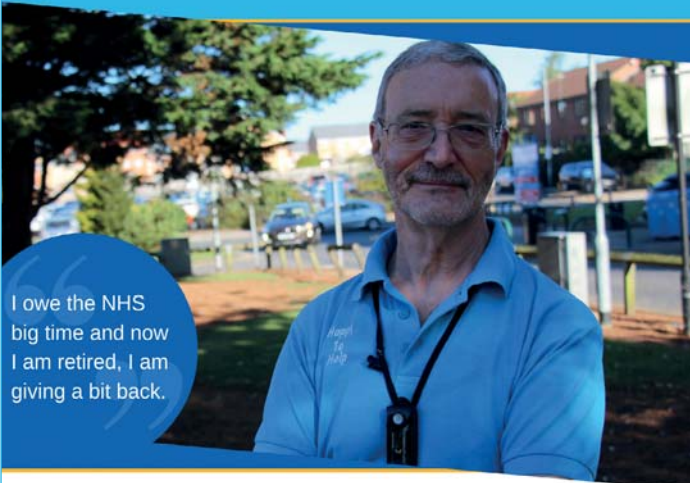
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# Robert Atkinson Gymnastics Club

**T**he Robert Atkinson Centre Gym Club continues to excel in displays and in competitions held at many venues. And it's all thanks to the commitment of Dennis Robinson and his late wife Margaret who started the club so many years ago.

Dennis continues to be fully involved, but nowadays he is helped by family and volunteers who put in so much time and energy to keep youngsters at peak fitness to enable them to safely go through paces of breathtaking tumbling and displays that are second to none. And all done whilst emphasising the advantages of teamwork and discipline.

Mayor of Thornaby on Tees, Councillor Glenn Eastick said: "Having attended the gym club and seen the flexibility, talent and dedication of the gymnasts, I can safely say that their immense talent is truly praiseworthy and can guarantee that Thornaby Town Council will continue to support Dennis and this amazing club."



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# MAC (Mixed Abilities Club) Christmas Party

Unfortunately, the photographs of MAC Christmas Party missed the deadline for the Christmas edition of Thornaby Pride, but the photos were so good and heartwarming that they just had to be featured in this edition. The pictures are fantastic and, as can be seen, it shows those attending having a great time.

MAC usually meets at St Pats Hall and is dependent on people like Tom Conroy, marvellous volunteers, and families and friends to provide activities and entertainment for

people of all ages that are too frequently excluded. It really is a joy to behold.

Those who give up so much time and energy to help others truly epitomise caring, goodness and generosity. What they do is hugely commendable and they are a credit to Thornaby on Tees and an outstanding example of what our town and community is all about.



# Local Interest



## Spies in the Sky

**O**n 4th February 1941 five pilots of 608 Squadron, Thornaby, were posted to the Photographic Reconnaissance Unit at RAF Benson. They had just volunteered for one of the most important and dangerous jobs in the RAF. From flying uneventful convoy escort patrols over the North Sea in slow Avro Ansons, they would now be flying over occupied Europe and Germany in Spitfires photographing potential targets for RAF Bomber Command. The selection of Coastal Command pilots for this role was quite logical. They would all have been trained in navigation and operating over the sea at the School of General Reconnaissance.



*Photographic Reconnaissance Spitfire*

The Spitfire was a pilot's dream and most young men who joined the RAF as pilots longed to fly one, however PR Spitfires differed somewhat from the normal fighter versions. Guns, armour plate and radio sets were removed to save weight and cameras and extra fuel tanks added. Even their colour schemes were different, most were sprayed all over pale blue to make them hard to spot at high altitude. More alarmingly for the pilots, aircraft used for low-level operations were often sprayed pink to blend in with overcast skies, common to Europe.

Flying Officer Gordon Hughes, who was to become one of the RAF's most outstanding photo 'recce' pilots, was brought up as a

Quaker. Being averse to killing, fighting the war with a camera was ideal from his point of view and he was very good at it. He put his success (and survival) down to meticulous planning of his flights, and flying as high and fast as he could to avoid German fighters. From St. Eval in Cornwall, Hughes flew 61 dangerous sorties, over the French port of Brest photographing the German battlecruisers, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

In early 1943 he was appointed Flight Commander with 540 Squadron at Benson, flying the De Havilland Mosquito, known as "The Wooden Wonder" due to its construction. Here, he was involved with photographing the German rocket research establishment at Peenemunde. It would be interesting to hear the German high command's comments had they known they were being spied upon by a Quaker, flying an unarmed aeroplane largely built of balsa and plywood!

On 26th November 1943 Wing Commander Adrian Warburton, the C.O. of the Photographic Wing in the Mediterranean and the RAF's greatest photographic pilot, went on a drunken spree, crashed his jeep and fractured his pelvis. Gordon flew out to replace him at two days notice and his first duty was to court-martial the great man. Realising that if the court-martial took place his pilots would hate him, he visited "Warby" in hospital in Algiers and the two of them came up with a cover story to exonerate him.

**Gordon Hughes** survived the war but Adrian Warburton was shot down and killed over Germany on 12th April 1944.



*Gordon Hughes (left) with Intelligence Officer after a 'recce' flight*

**Pilot Officer James Morgan** was a civilian pilot and a member of the Scottish Flying Club prior to the war. He took part in many sorties over North West Europe and was posted to North Africa in May 1943 to command 682 Squadron. The Squadron moved

to Italy and he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for operations over Anzio and Cassino. He survived the war.

**Pilot Officer, The Honourable Philip Ingram Cunliffe-Lister** (known to his friends as “Blister”) was the son of Lord Swinton of Masham, the former Secretary of State for Air and Honorary Air Commodore of 608 Squadron. He learned to fly in his University Air Squadron and joined 608 Squadron at Thornaby during the summer of 1939. In the Photographic Reconnaissance Unit he survived 75 sorties over enemy territory. After a spell as an instructor he joined 521 Squadron flying meteorological reconnaissance flights to assess the weather over Europe for Bomber Command. On 28th August 1942 his Spitfire’s engine seized over Tours, France at 34,000 feet in a cloudless sky. Amazingly he managed to glide the aircraft back over 200 miles to land at Gatwick.

On 17th July 1943 he took off in a Mosquito for a weather reconnaissance flight to Osnabruck. Sadly, his new navigator got lost and they ran out of fuel and crash landed in the Black Forest. After four days they were taken prisoner.



*Philip Cunliffe-Lister 'Blister'*

After the war he took up motor rallying and owned a silver Aston Martin sports car. When visiting one of his friends in Kent, during the 1950s, it was often parked in view of his neighbour’s house. The neighbour was Ian Fleming of James Bond fame. There is some speculation that it was the inspiration for Bond’s car in “Goldfinger”.



*Sydney Dowse 'Laughing Boy'*

He died in 1956 and is commemorated by a stained-glass window in St. Mary’s Church, Masham.

**Pilot Officer Sydney Hasting Dowse**, known as “Laughing Boy” was one of the RAF’s more interesting characters. He was shot down into the sea by enemy fighters, while trying to photograph German battlecruisers in Brest on 15th August 1941. A bad leg wound meant that he was quickly captured and hospitalised. His operational flying career was over but a new one was about to begin – escaping from German prison camps. To quote the man himself, “I was determined to get out and cause the Germans as much trouble as possible.”

His fifth escape attempt was the notorious “Great Escape” from Stalag Luft 3 on 24th March 1944. Subsequently 50 of the 76 escapers were executed by the Gestapo. He was recaptured on 6th April 1944 and sent to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, from which he escaped on 23rd September 1944, only to be swiftly captured again in Berlin. He then spent time in the death cells at Sachsenhausen but he luckily survived the war.

**Pilot Officer James Kevin Flynn** was not so fortunate. The Bristol Blenheim that he was flying on 14th April 1941 was damaged by anti-aircraft fire near Vlissingen, Holland, then shot down by a German fighter. He, his observer and air gunner are buried in Vlissingen Northern Cemetery.

James was 26 years old and from Armagh, Northern Ireland. He was a married man and a graduate of Queens University, Belfast. It seems strange that he was flying a Blenheim, which was hardly suited to this type of operation.

Photographic reconnaissance operations by the RAF in World War 2 were a vital source of information on the enemy’s activities and helped win the war. These five pilots who transferred to the Photographic Reconnaissance Unit from Thornaby in early 1941 certainly contributed to that success.

# Warm Welcome

**J**oin Thornaby Warm Welcome – your friendly community space! If you'd like to get in touch, email [engagement@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:engagement@stockton.gov.uk), we'd love to hear from you!

We offer a warm, relaxed place to meet others, enjoy activities and feel part of the community. Sessions run every Tuesday from 10am to 12pm and Thursday from 1pm to 3pm. Until Tuesday 21st April, we will continue meeting at Thornaby Indoor Bowls Club at the Pavilion Shopping Centre. From Tuesday 21st April onwards, sessions will move to the hall of Thornaby Methodist Church while renovation works take place at the Pavilion. Wherever we meet, there will always be free hot drinks, biscuits and plenty of friendly faces.

### What We Offer

Warm Welcome is built on friendship, fun and community spirit. Each week brings a variety of activities including crafts, quizzes, games, wellbeing sessions and cooking activities. It's a relaxed and inclusive space where everyone can join in at their own pace.

### Recent Highlights

The past few months have been full of energy and joy. We ended 2025 with a wonderful festive season, including wreath making workshops, a performance from Christ the King Primary School Choir and our lively Christmas Big Quiz. Some members enjoyed a Christmas meal together, and we finished the year with our big Christmas party, bringing music, food, laughter and an amazing turnout of 137 members!

The New Year began just as positively. January's Winter Warm and Health Month offered free health checks, mental health and wellbeing support, energy saving advice and a fantastic outing to Billingham Forum for the "Something New for You" event. February's Month of Love and Care encouraged us to focus on care for ourselves, others and the community. Two lovely intergenerational sessions with Mandale Mill and Christ the King primary schools saw members and children create Valentine's cards together. Alongside physiotherapy, chair based exercise and some early spring bird feeder crafts, we

spent a full month enjoying different varieties of soup for our Soup Month.

Our Money March sees us welcoming organisations supporting members with scam and loan shark awareness, wills, savings and money confidence. We'll round off the month with our big Easter Party and Easter Quiz.

### What's Coming Up

As spring and summer approach, we're preparing for busy and exciting months, including our Easter and Spring Festival April, Make a Difference May and Community Based June. We look forward to spending more time outdoors, enjoying crafts, giving back to the community and celebrating our wonderful volunteers. A heartfelt thank you goes to Thornaby Town Council for their continued support.

We'd love to welcome new and returning members. Come along, join in and be part of our Warm Welcome family!



# Local Interest



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### Thornaby and Ingleby Barwick Medical Group

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### Woodbridge Practice

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Thornaby on Tees TS17 0EE  
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### Victoria Hall Community Centre

Peel Street, Thornaby on Tees TS17 6JL  
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### 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  
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### Thornaby Central Library

The Pavilion, Allensway, Town Centre,  
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### Activ 8 Health and Fitness

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### NHS Stop Smoking

Tel: 01642 383819 [www.nth.nhs.uk/stopsmoking](http://www.nth.nhs.uk/stopsmoking)

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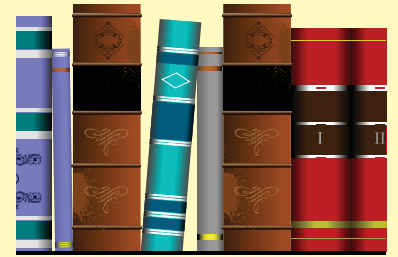
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