

# Thorn Grove Gazette

Friday 22nd December 2023

Dear Thorn Grove Families,

Welcome to the final edition of Thorn Grove Gazette for 2023! I wish all our families a wonderful Christmas break, whether you celebrate Christmas or not. Take care of yourselves, your loved ones and enjoy some quality time as a family. I thank you for a very positive year and look forward to working with you in 2024.

Have a lovely Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

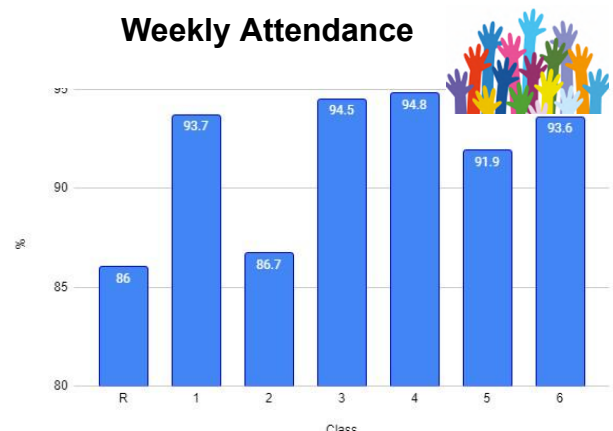
Miss Vose



We are back to school on **Monday 8th January**.

School emails and phone lines will close at 4pm today and reopen at 8am on Monday 8th January.

## Weekly Attendance



## Key Dates

Mon 8th Jan - First day back at school

Tues 9th Jan - Y6 SATs meeting

Wed 10th Jan - Prospective Parents Tours

Fri 12th Jan - Y4 start swimming lessons

Mon 22nd Jan - Y4 MTC meeting



## Star of the Week

## Santa Claus is coming to town!

On Tuesday all children were visited by Santa and Smelf the Elf. They were given a little treat for home from the PTA Elves and we talked about the fun activities they had planned for Christmas and the importance of thanking those who make it such a wonderful time of year.



### What a knock-out assembly!

Last week, Mr Buckley invited Tomas and Selma to Thorn Grove. As a boxing trainer, Tomas spoke to our children about the skills boxing can develop including: respect, discipline, positive mental health and fitness of course.

The purpose of the visit however, was to consider the impact kind words and encouragement can have on someone else. Selma and Tomas demonstrated how feedback can positively influence and motivate others. Some of our children tried out their boxing skills and experienced the benefit of positive and kind words. What a fantastic experience and important message.

We considered our work around 'the key of kindness' in our wellbeing sessions this term and how we could use kind words and actions to support and inspire others to achieve their best and feel good about themselves.



### Swimming Gala



On Tuesday, we had a wonderful time at a swimming gala at Grand Central. Two children from Y4 and 4 children from Y5 competed against other schools in Stockport. They swam a variety of strokes brilliantly. A special mention to Ted (Y4) and Emily (Y5) who won their races. In addition, Ted (Y4) and Thomas (Y5) had to swim twice during the relay races because some of our team were absent. Well done to Isla and Ted in Y4, and Emily, Lilah, Tilly and Thomas from Y5. You swam with determination, you worked well as a team and you were patient waiting for our delayed minibus!

### EYFS Nativity- Tobys Drum

Well done to our EYFS children for a fantastic performance of Tobys drum. The children sang, signed and spoke so beautifully and clearly. We were so proud of how hard they have worked in the run up to the performances and how fantastic they were for the final showcase. It has most definitely put us in the Christmas spirit at school and has just emphasised how amazing our youngest children are. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Now for a well deserved rest for the children and staff! We hope you have a lovely Christmas and we are looking forward to the start of another very busy term in January.

