Weekly Update

Friday 18th September 2026

YTD Attendance: 95.4%

Principal's Comments

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year! It feels like ages since I last wrote one, and I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing summer filled with wonderful family memories.

It has been a true pleasure welcoming everyone back to school over the past nine days. The children have settled seamlessly into their routines and have already made impressive strides in their learning. A special welcome to our new children and families joining Thomas Hinderwell — it's been lovely getting to know you and watching your children grow in confidence every day.

We are excited to introduce a new catering company this year, who have refreshed the school menu. Children now have a choice of five delicious options each day. We would love to see more children trying the school meals. If you would like help booking meals or want your child to try a meal, please contact the school office for assistance.

Please also note that eligibility for free school meals has recently been expanded.

As always, if you have any feedback, would like to speak to a member of the team, or want more information, don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office who can arrange a meeting with the right people.

Healthy Eating

At Thomas Hinderwelll, we are committed to supporting healthy eating habits for all our pupils. A balanced diet helps children to concentrate better, have more energy, and feel their best throughout the day. We encourage families to include a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and proteins in packed lunches and snacks. Please try to limit sugary drinks and snacks, as these can affect behaviour and learning. Drinking plenty of water is also important to keep pupils hydrated. Together, we can help our children develop positive eating habits that will benefit them now and in the future. Thank you for your continued support in promoting a healthy lifestyle for our school community.

Class Updates:

Nursery: *Nursery are settling in so well and it is lovely to see them exploring our classroom and outdoor area. We have enjoyed getting to know each other. Our overall theme, this term is Amazing Me. In Science, we have been learning about our bodies and drew round one of our friends and then labelled our picture with all the different body parts we knew. In Phonics we have been playing various musical instruments and discovering the different sounds they make. In Geography we have been learning about homes and we made our own models using bricks.*
Well done Nursery. Miss Lount is so proud of you all.

Reception: *We have had an exciting couple of weeks exploring with old friends and new and have had the opportunity to work and play in both our inside and outside classrooms.*
This half term's golden thread through our curriculum learning is 'All About Me', and this will become clearer as the adult led sessions unfold and are shared on Tapestry, alongside our exploration of the provision and our wider learning.

Year 1: *Year 1 have had an excellent start to the term with so much fun and learning! We have been time travelling back to the Victorian times in History and learnt about life in the past. We have really enjoyed our first art lesson looking at cubism and using oil pastels. We also really enjoyed our values day and created a kindness web where each of us said a compliment to each other. It was so much fun and made everyone smile. Well done to a great start Year 1!*

Year 2: *Year 2 have had a wonderful first full week back and have thrown themselves into every lesson with enthusiasm! We have tasted papaya as part of an exciting writing hook, enjoyed working on the Chromebooks, taken part in some fun science investigations and learned all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We have also been thinking carefully about our school value of kindness, creating some beautiful kindness leaves for our classroom display. A fantastic start to the new term — well done, Year 2!*

Year 3: *It has been an amazing start to Year 3! All of the children have worked incredibly hard in all lessons. I have been especially impressed with the children's writing lessons. This week, we have focused on fronted adverbials. We spent the first lesson understanding fronted adverbials and where to put them in a sentence. The children loved completing the lesson on whiteboard. We then transferred our ideas into our book, I was really impressed. Overall, I have been super impressed with how the children have come back from the holidays and I know I will continue to be impressed throughout the year.*

Year 4: *What an amazing start to Year 4! In Talk for Writing, we have started our new topic all about the Adventure at Sandy Cove. The children have written some amazing sentences with adverbs and powerful adjectives! We had our first Art lesson, where we have started looking at our new artist, Jane Dunnewold. We have also had our first PE lesson of the term. They have started our gymnastics topic, and the children have been learning how to perform forward and side lunges, frog balances, and rocking movements in pike and straddle positions.*
I am super proud of the class and how well they have settled into Year 4- well done and keep it up!

Year 5: *We have had a fantastic beginning to the school year!*
Year 5 have been busy exploring their new Talk for Writing text, as well as beginning our new class book, The House with Chicken Legs. The children have shown lots of enthusiasm and have already produced some brilliant work.
We also had our first Curriculum Day on Wednesday, where the children enjoyed taking part in Art, History and Computing.
I am super proud of all of Year 5 for such a fantastic start to the year. Keep up the amazing effort!

Year 6: *I am really pleased with how year 6 have settled into their first couple of weeks after the summer holidays. It was great to see how many children wanted to be house captains. The effort they put into their PowerPoints was amazing to see; all the staff and children thoroughly enjoyed their presentations. Keep up the great work year 6!*

PE Timetable

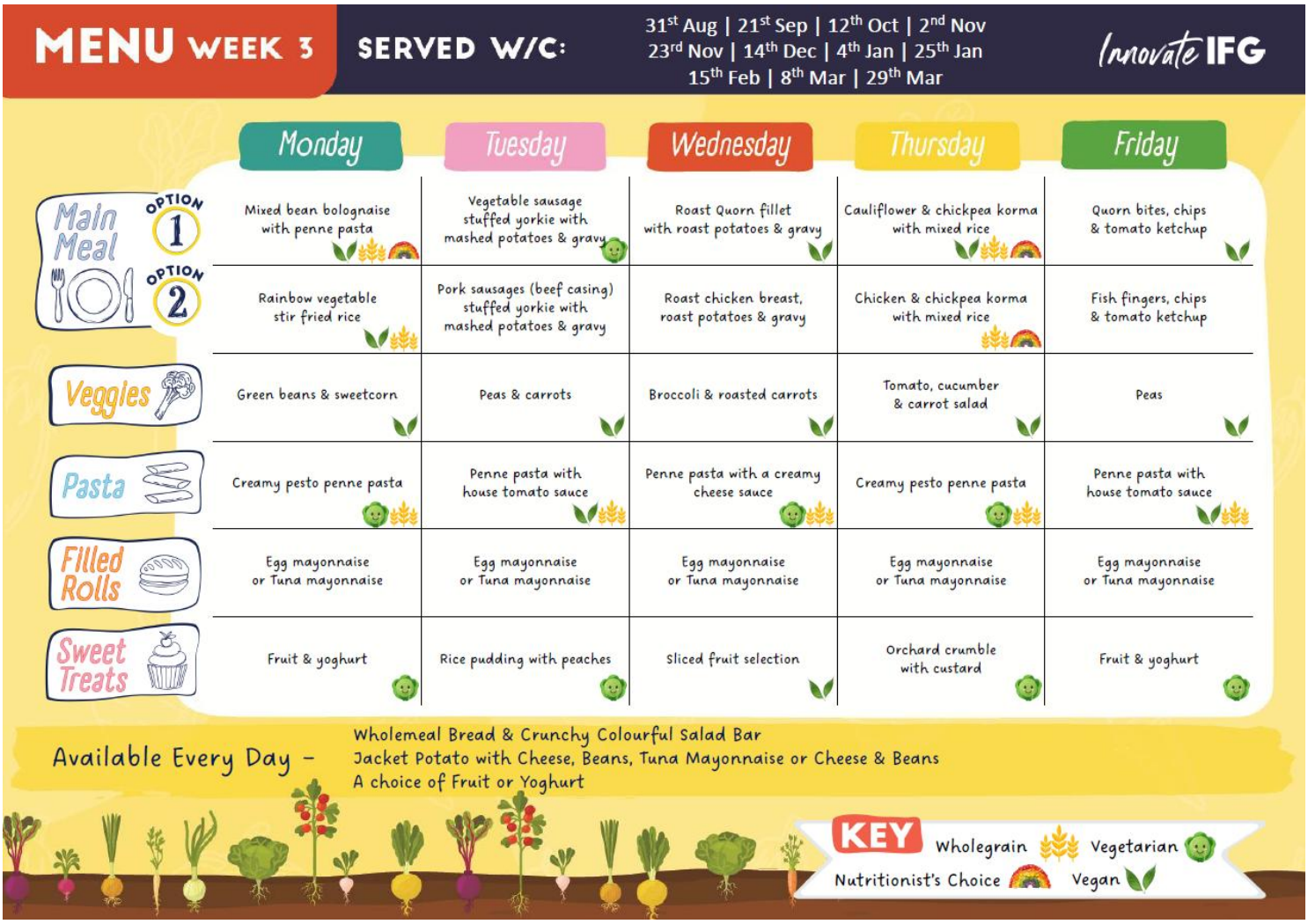
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM				Reception	
PM	Year 5 Year 6	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3		Nursery Year 3 Year 4	Year 1 Year 2 Year 4 Year 6

Club List – Autumn 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Board Games	Dance	Choir	Step by Step Drawing	Playground Games
PM	Cooking	Reading	Football Arts & Crafts TTRS	Gymnastics	Mindfulness Colouring

Dinner Menu Week 3

*Just a reminder if your child has a dietary requirement/allergy, you **must** order the allergy option 1 or 2. These menu's have been sent out separately. If you require a new menu, please contact the school office.*



Scarborough 400

September 19 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Scarborough 400 Zeen Workshop

Beeforth's Hive Esplanade, Scarborough, United Kingdom

Free

There is a workshop this Saturday at Beeforth's Hive as part of the Scarborough 400 celebrations.
It's a free, family-friendly comic and zine-making workshop exploring the history of Scarborough and the story of Thomasina Farrer. Children and their families will explore Thomasina's story and some of Scarborough's history, before creating their own mini comic or zine inspired by what they discover.
Scarborough 400 Zine Workshop
Saturday 19 September
1.00–2.30 pm
Beeforth's Hive, Esplanade, Scarborough
Free to attend
Families can book their free places here:
[Book on Eventbrite] (https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scarborough-400-zeen-workshop-tickets-1989299569563?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

Star of the Week

Nursery: Sol
Reception: Percy
Year 1: Mia
Year 2: Layla
Year 3: Rahma
Year 4: Aster
Year 5: Ella J
Year 6: Julia

Reader of the Week

Nursery: Annabelle
Reception: Teddy
Year 1: Jovan
Year 2: McDaniel
Year 3: Rainie
Year 4: Mithunaa Shri
Year 5: Peculiar
Year 6: Gaia

Weekly Attendance

Nursery: 93.8%
Reception: 98.2%
Year 1: 93.2%
Year 2: 89.7%
Year 3: 97.1%
Year 4: 96.5%
Year 5: 95.7%
Year 6: 94.3%

Celebration Assembly

18/9/26 – Year 6
2/10/26 – Year 5
9/10/26 – Year 4
16/10/26 – Year 3
20/11/26 – Year 2
27/11/26 – Year 1
4/12/26 - EYFS