

**Newsletter - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Next week's menu is Week 3

**Celebrations!**

**Monster Points**

A huge Well Done to the following children:



**25 Monster Points:**

Muhammed, Paulo, Muzamil, Joshua

**50 Monster Points:** Ebenezer, Reggie, Sienna, Ben

**75 Monster Points:** Ezra, Mantraa, Lyla, Ezmae

**100 Monster Points** Ava-Rose

**If you have any unwanted cuddly toys or are having a clear out before Christmas please consider donating them to school for our Christmas fair for the children. Please send any toys to the office or your child's class teacher.**

**Toy Workshop – Squirrels, Badgers and Woodpeckers**



The children all really enjoyed our Toy workshops this week. They learnt about the toys that children played with in the past and how they were different to toys that they play with today.

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Owl for 89% attendance last week!



**Christmas Fair**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our Christmas Fair in the hall. This will be in the morning and is just for the children to visit with their classes. You can send in money for them to spend on the stalls, games and treats that they have made. Please do not send anymore than £5.00.

**Pantomime Visit**

We had a great time watching 'Little Red Riding Hood' at school on Wednesday afternoon. The children and staff loved singing, dancing and joining in with the pantomime (Oh yes they did!).



**Christmas Disco**

The children will be having a Christmas disco on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. You are welcome to send in clothes for them to change into if they would like to.

**Film Night**

We are really looking forward to this event and there are a few places left if you would like to book your child in. Please send in cash on the day if your child would like to purchase any snacks. See price list below.

**Year 2 Next School Place:**

The **deadline** for applying for a Junior School place is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Please remember to apply via the Parent Portal at [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions)

Your child **will not automatically transfer** to a Junior School - it is really important you go on to choose the school you want for your child!

**Dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Squirrels Christmas Play @9.30am **and** Key Stage 1 Christmas Play @2pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 Christmas Play @ 9.30am

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend.

Thorpe Acre Infant School

# Christmas

# MOVIE NIGHT

DATE : 11/12/2025

£4

Straight after school.  
Pick Up at 5:00pm.  
Popcorn included.  
Extra snacks available to buy.

SHOWING:



BOOK AND PAY ON PARENTPAY  
Please book by 9th December!



THORPE ACRE JUNIOR SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

## Snack Prices

Sweets	20p
Haribo's	30p
Chocolate Bar	30p
Bag of Crisps	50p

# National Grief Awareness Week

2nd – 8th December 2025

This year's theme, **Growing with Grief**, recognises that after loss, we may not be who we once were but we can grow into someone new, shaped by resilience, memories and love.

## What support is available?

**The Laura Centre** - Specialist counselling for children, young people and families coping with loss.

**Winston's Wish** - Offers free grief support for children and young people under 25.

**Child Bereavement UK** - Provides guidance and emotional support for young people and families.

**Cruse Bereavement Support** - Emotional support from trained volunteers for anyone affected by grief.

Scan this QR code or visit the link for more about our support services:



<https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health/>



## What is grief?

Grief describes the feelings we experience after losing someone close to us. There's no right way to grieve. It's OK to feel sad, angry, numb, anxious or confused. These emotions can change day to day or hour to hour. It can sometimes feel hard to talk about.

## Helpful apps

- Apart of Me
- Tellmi



## Supporting someone through loss

- Acknowledge what has happened
- Recognise it is difficult for them
- Give them space to talk if they want to
- Ask them how you can best support them

If you or someone else is in urgent need of support call **111**, **Option 2** or **999** in an emergency. Support is always available.



## Spotlight on Learning

### Year R

In English, we have continued to learn about the 'past'. The children have compared toys from the 'present' and the 'past', they noticed differences such as toys being made from different materials. The children have also been writing lists of toys they would like.

In Maths, we have talked about the difference between the key events in our daily routine. They have recognised that somethings happen during the day and somethings at night. They have used language such as 'first', 'then', 'after', 'before', 'day', 'night', 'morning', 'afternoon', 'today' and 'tomorrow' to describe different events.

### Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been thinking about 2D shapes in Maths. We have been sorting the shapes into different groups.

In English we have written potion instructions back to the witch. We hope that she can follow them to make her new magical transport.

In Science we have been helping Humpty Dumpty to test materials to see which one would make the best protective clothing for him

We are so excited about performing our Christmas play to you all next week! Please make sure you have sent your Christmas Jumper in.

### Year 2

This week the children have been learning about sides and vertices of 2D shapes, drawing shapes accurately with rulers and finding vertical lines of symmetry.

The children are practising hard for their Nativity performance next week. Keep learning those lines and trying to be loud!