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Wednesday Weekly

Dear Thakeham families,

It's hard to believe that this is the last week at school before we break up for half term as it seems to have absolutely flown by! I really hope that the children get a good rest as they have all worked so hard. School will re-open on **Tuesday 3rd November** ready for the countdown to Christmas. Have a lovely break everyone.

Parking

Please can we politely remind you that parents should not be parking in the school car park at drop off and pick up times, unless permission has been granted by the school office. Steyning Grammar School kindly allows our parents/guardians to use their car park at these busy times, which helps to keep the entrance to the school safe. Parking is also not permissible in the layby between the two schools, as this is for the buses and minibuses to stop and safely park. We appreciate your full support and cooperation with this, especially as these are actions to help keep all the children accessing each school site safely.

Football News

Our Year 5/6 football team played with absolute determination at the recent STARS school football tournament. The children worked brilliantly as a team, supporting and encouraging each other and were excellent in taking turns and playing in different positions. Whilst we may not have earned a winning place at the tournament, our boys did achieve the STARS award. This award was voted for by all the players in the tournament to celebrate the team who were the most friendly, caring and supportive of everyone. Well done team THAKEHAM!



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Wonder Class Learning

Please may the children from Wonder class bring in a favourite toy (named) on Tuesday 3rd November, as part of their learning after half term.

School Governors

Do you care about our children's education and want to give back to our local community? Our school governing board is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us.

- ***What is the role?***

Governors work together with the headteacher to set the school's strategic direction, monitor performance, and ensure resources are well spent.

- ***Who are we looking for?***

You don't need formal experience in education — just a willingness to ask questions, learn and work as part of a team.

- ***What is the time commitment?***

Approximately one evening meeting per half-term plus occasional school visits.

If you are interested in shaping the future of our school, please contact our Clerk to the Governors via the email address: clerk@thakehamps.co.uk

Parents' Evenings

These will take place on Tuesday 3rd November and Thursday 12th November 2026. Please do book an appointment if you have not done so already via MCAS so that we can share how your child is settling into their new school year and how you can support their learning for the academic year ahead.



Children in Need - Friday 13th November 2026

We are celebrating this event by inviting all the children to come to school dressed in their own clothes, ideally something spotty! If it is a PE day, the children will need to wear suitable clothing to participate in their usual active lesson, uniform does not need to be worn.

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If you would like to donate in return for wearing your spots to school, then please access the required information here: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/donate/>

Key Dates

Date	Event
22.10.26	Franklin Class trip to South Downs Planetarium, Chichester
22.10.26	Emotional Regulation Workshop – 9am in New Hall – all welcome!
26-30.10.26	October half term - school closed
02.11.26	INSET DAY - school closed.
03.11.26	School open. Children return New Reception Parent Tour 2-3pm Parents' Evening (for Wonder, Marley and Franklin classes)
10.11.26	New Reception Parent Tour 2-3pm
12.11.26	Parents' Evening (for Beatles, Wonder, Marley and Franklin classes)
13.11.26	Children in Need. Wear something spotty!

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Warm regards,

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