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Wednesday Weekly

Dear Thakeham families,

CARE and Enjoyment in Action!

Our CARE school values were evident in school last week, and enjoyment was the absolute focus across the school. Our children lived out our values beautifully while experiencing some fantastic educational trips, which were carefully planned by our brilliant teachers.

A Wonderful Trip to Sandgate Park

Our younger pupils enjoyed a brilliant outdoor adventure at **Sandgate Park**. The children explored the beautiful local landscape, connected with nature, and showed wonderful **CARE** for the environment and each other throughout the day. It was a joy to see them learning and playing together in the fresh air.

Year 4 Take in the Orchestra

Meanwhile, **Year 4** enjoyed a spectacular musical experience at the **Worthing Assembly Halls**. They attended a live orchestra performance, which brought their music learning to life in a truly grand setting. The children represented our school magnificently, showing great enthusiasm and appreciation for the arts.

Want to help us fund more unforgettable experiences like these? Why not get involved in FoTs (Friends of Thakeham School).

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Join the FoTS (Friends of Thakeham School)

We are incredibly excited to announce that we are in the process of re-establishing our parent volunteer group, **FoTS (Friends of Thakeham School)**. In the past, FoTS have raised much needed and appreciated additional monies to help fund unforgettable school extras, and we are ready to get that fundraising magic underway once again.

To make this a success, **we need you!** We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic team of parent volunteers, led by our current FoTS Chair: Mrs Vikki Byatt (Mother of Jack in Year 3).

Why get involved with FoTS?

- **Flexible Support:** You don't need to commit to endless meetings—help for 30 minutes at a disco, share a fundraising idea, or assist behind the scenes.
- **Direct Impact:** Every penny raised goes right back into providing "Big Opportunities" for our children, like funding coaches for trips or buying new equipment.
- **Community Connection:** It's a wonderful way to meet other families and feel connected to life at Thakeham.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact FoTS: fots@thakehamps.co.uk

Individual School Photos – Thursday 1st October

A reminder that children must come to school in full school uniform with their logo jumper or cardigan and neat, tidy hair (with only small navy/black hair accessories) for their individual school photos on Thursday 1st October. Franklin class will need to bring their PE kit to change into.

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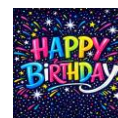
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Thakeham Birthday Box

Last week during our British values assembly we focussed on democracy. As part of our learning together, the children had a democratic whole school vote regarding how we celebrate their birthdays and it was a pretty unanimous decision to reinstate the birthday box. We hope that choosing a small gift from the 'restocked' box, will help the children to have an extra special time when they are in school.



Key Dates

Date	Event
01.10.26	Individual School Photographs
05.10.26	Hedgehog visit - Beatles class
08.10.26	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
12-16.10.26	Year 5/6 Bikeability Week
13.10.26	Harvest Assembly (pupils only) New Reception Parent Tour 2-3pm
19.10.26	New Reception Parent Tour 11am-12pm
22.10.26	Franklin Class trip to South Downs Planetarium, Chichester (info to follow)
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
05.11.26	Parents' Evening
10.11.26	New Reception Parent Tour 2-3pm

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Warm regards,
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