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Wednesday 25th November 2026

Wednesday Weekly

Dear Thakeham families,

The children thoroughly enjoyed a day of cricket coaching last Friday, led by Stanley Mane. Each class participated and dependent on age and stage, had the opportunity to learn and develop new skills. The day also helped the children to understand the importance of keeping physically active, even in the winter months!

Road Safety Week



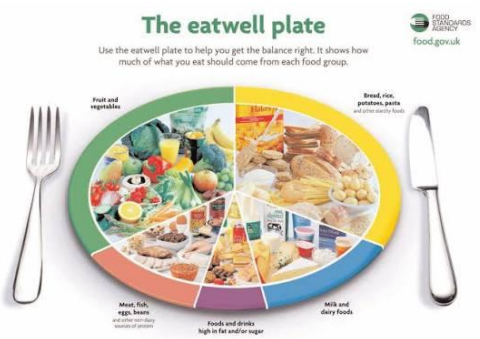
Last week, during assembly Mrs Stender reminded the children about the importance of road safety, especially in the context of our rural school setting. We also discussed how important it was that the children were visible in the dark winter mornings and evenings, especially when out and about near the roads.

Parents/Carers, we also need your help to ensure that the school car park is safely used; reminding everyone who is driving to school to pick up and drop off at the car park at Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road, unless you have an agreed allocated parking disc from the school office.

Also, at the end of the school day, please do not allow the children to climb the tree or swing on the barrier gate as we are responsible for everyone's safety whilst on the school site.

Packed Lunches

The NHS has provided some useful information to help with preparing daily lunchboxes for children who regularly bring a packed lunch so that they are getting the right nutritional requirements. To ensure that the children fuel sustained energy, focus, and physical health and well-being throughout the school day, in their lunchbox children should have the right proportion of food groups outlined in the Eatwell Government guidance, as well as making sure that they have low level of salt, saturated fat and sugar in their diet.



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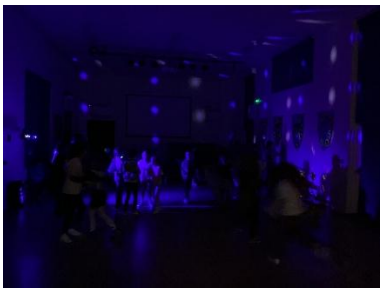
There are some great lunchbox suggestions on the website below with a wide variety of foods in each food category that the children could have as part of their balanced diet. It also saves parents trying to think of creative lunchbox ideas!

Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS

THANK YOU FoTS

The Christmas Countdown has begun thanks to the incredible FoTS team, who hosted a fantastic festive disco and party yesterday. Children in both Key Stages were able to show off their 'dance moves' and burn off some excitable energy with their friends and classmates, thanks to the Friends of Thakeham School.

Here are a few pictures of our children looking good on the dance floor!






Get ready for the Christmas Fair - Sunday 6th December 2026 1-3pm



Remember, this Friday (27th November) is Mufti Day, in return for donations for the Tombola stalls at the forthcoming Christmas Fair. We really hope to see all of you there.



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Key Dates

Date	Event
Fri 27.11.26	Mufti Day in exchange for sweets (Beatles/Wonder classes) or a bottle (Marley/Franklin classes) for FoTS Christmas Fayre tombolas

Christmas Dates

Thurs 03.12.26	Christmas Church Service – St Mary's Church, Thakeham (pupils only) 1.45-3pm
Sun 06.12.26	FoTS Christmas Fair 1-3pm
Fri 11.12.26	Beatles class Nativity – 9:15-9:45am – let the office know how many seats you need
Tues 15.12.26	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (please order meal via the FEED app when available to do so)
Weds 16.12.26	Whole School Nativity – 09:30-10:45am – book seats here: https://forms.gle/vJ3JfEkE37j34yTD7
Thurs 17.12.26	Whole School Nativity – 2:00-3:15pm – book seats here: https://forms.gle/vJ3JfEkE37j34yTD7
Fri 18.12.26	Last day of term
Mon 04.01.27	First day of Spring term

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Warm regards,
Mrs. K Houston
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