



### Attendance Matters - #WeAREHere

With the whole school focusing on the importance of being kind, we looked at the impact of bullying behaviours on students' attendance. We found that research carried out by the Red Balloon foundation suggests as many as 3.4% of the whole student population take time away from school because they feel vulnerable. We take all allegations of bullying seriously, following up on each report and addressing the bullying behaviour just as much as we support the targeted student.



85% of students felt safe at Thorpe from the latest parent survey and in Year 7, 86% have not experienced any bullying since joining us.

We are encouraging our students at Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form to be intolerant of these bullying behaviours, as they are preventing others from accessing all that we have to offer in school. Kindness, whether it is a smile, a welcoming hello, or an offer of help, can make all the difference to someone's day.

P. Bignell

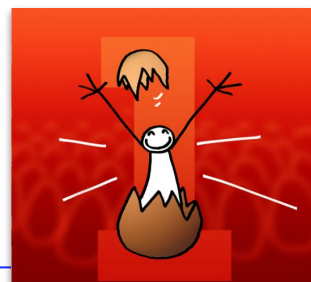
In our Monday Assembly presentation, we showcased some of the achievements of our Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form students. Thorpe is a remarkably diverse community and we have celebrated achievements in every field of human endeavour. In the assembly, we focused on but a few:

- The student who has become a professional actor, appearing in TV shows, and on stage in the West End (in the Harry Potter stage show)
- The students who play their sport at every level, including those who have gone to National Championships
- The students who have used their artistic skills to enrich our school and local community
- The students who have brought their home culture into our Food Rooms, whether for a Bake-off or in their GCSE practicals
- The student who had to use a wheelchair to get around school but who overcame his difficulties and went on to University to study Sociology
- The students who have made the most of their practical skills and gone on to apprenticeships in the trades, including the student who secured an apprenticeship as a boat-builder.



All these students are remembered and celebrated by the school - there is room at Thorpe for everyone. We had to note that not every Thorpe student is as accepting as we would like but we work hard to help them to have a more inclusive attitude. With our "Be Kind" focus, we want every student to feel a part of our community and we encourage everyone to be kind to each other.

This week, we have been looking at the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 10 December 1948. It was the result of the experience of the Second World War and below is a link of an illustrated version showing all 30 Articles of Declaration of Human Rights. Article 1 is below. [Welcome to the illustrated version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)



*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.*



United Nations

Human Rights Day  
10 December

### House Voting Competition, and the winner is .... Local Wildlife



Blue  
Marsh Harrier



Green  
Norfolk Hawker



Yellow  
Swallowtail

Look out for our next Competition starting after Christmas. Design a Logo and Motto for each house.

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair has arrived in the LRC! It is here from Wednesday 6 December 2023 through to Wednesday 13 December 2023, open every break and lunchtime and after school till 4.00 pm, Monday to Thursday. This is a half price book fair and students can take home a wishlist for your approval. Payment is made directly to their website following this [link](#).

Payment is open until 12 noon on the Wednesday 13 December 2023.







Respect

Engage



**Christmas LUNCH**

**Wednesday 20 December 2023**

**Christmas Lunch**  
Roast Chicken with Sticky Chipolata, Roasties, Christmas Vegetable Medley & Gravy

Or

**Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry**  
with Roasties, Christmas Vegetable Medley & Gravy

and

**Christmas Pudding Rice Krispie Ball**  
Price: £2.50, pay on the day

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

**An Invitation to Broad Horizons Education Trust**

**Carol Service**

Please click [HERE](#) or SCAN the QR Code to book your free reservation

**Norwich Cathedral**  
**Tuesday 12 December 2023**  
**at 7.30pm**

Please be seated by 7.15pm, please note, some seats may have a restricted view  
Please note there is no parking available at the Cathedral

**The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew**

There is a fantastic display of Christmas Trees, decorated by numerous church and community groups at the Parish of TSA church. Please come to the church and spend some time viewing them and make sure you pop in and see the TSAS Christmas Tree!!!

**#WeAREcelebrating**

**1st**  
**Zainab Choudhury**

**CHRISTMAS!**

**Christmas Card Competition Winners**

**2**

**Merry Christmas**

**2nd**  
**Kate Jenkins**

**at Thorpe!!**

**3**

**3rd**  
**Isabel Jepson**

**Merry Christmas from Thorpe**

**Thursday 21 December 2023**  
**Best Festive Outfit/Jumper Competition in aid of EduSpots.**  
**Suggested donation £1.**

**Friday 8 December 2023** - FOTSAS- Quiz 'n' Chips  
**Monday 11 December 2023** - Scholastic Book Fair - LRC  
**Tuesday 12 December 2023** - Christmas Carol Service Rehearsal, Year 11 Netball Smash up, 7.30 pm Carol Service  
**Wednesday 13 December 2023** Parents Welcome - Inter House Football and Netball  
**Thursday 14 December 2023** - T Level Computer Science - British Antarctic Survey  
**Friday 15 to Wednesday 20 December 2023** - Santa Dash.  
Check out our [website](#) for future dates.

**The PE Santa Run will take place in the last week of term, an Inter House Event with every lap completed to count as a point for your house. Don't forget your Santa/Christmas Hat!!**

THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM PRESENTS

**PRIVATE PEACEFUL**

BY MICHAEL MORPURGO

ADAPTED BY SIMON READE

7:00PM  
WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER & THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER

SOUTH SITE HALL

SCAN FOR TICKETS