

'Believe and Achieve' Newsletter

August 2026



From the Head's Desk

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been lovely to see the children return so positively and settle quickly into their new classes.

After my first full year as Headteacher, Thringstone now feels very much like home. I have enjoyed welcoming everyone back at the gate and hearing about some of the children's summer adventures.

We have also welcomed several new staff, children and families, who are already settling well into our school community.

It has been a really positive start. Here's to another happy and successful year together.

Living our Values



In the first half term, we're focusing on our value of belief - encouraging every child to believe in themselves, have a go, and show confidence, even when something feels new or challenging.

Attendance Matters



Thank you for helping your child settle back in.

Every day matters - strong attendance helps children **believe, achieve, and belong.**

Let's keep that momentum going.

School Rules

In the first week back, we will be revisiting the school rules. They are simple: **Ready, Respectful, Safe.**

Why not check with your child: do they know the school rules?



Ready

Prepared to learn. Focused. Giving your best.



Respectful

Kind words. Good manners. Listening to others.



Safe

Calm actions. Sensible choices. Caring for others.



Respect



Resilience



Teamwork



Belief



Kindness



Updates

Welcome to Our New Staff

We are pleased to welcome several new members of staff to Thringstone this year:

- **Mr Duffy** – Assistant Headteacher and Year 5/6 Teacher in Eagles
- **Mr Rogers** – Trainee Teacher, working alongside Mr Duffy in Eagles
- **Mrs Halfpenny** – Learning Support Assistant and Forest School Lead
- **Miss Bland** – Teaching Assistant Apprentice
- **Miss Calvert** – Teaching Assistant Apprentice
- **Miss Wigner** – Pre-School Assistant Apprentice

We are delighted to have them joining our team and look forward to them becoming part of our school community.

Mobile Phones

In line with government guidance, Thringstone is a phone-free school. We do not encourage primary-aged children to bring mobile phones to school, although we recognise that families may sometimes feel this is necessary. A permission form must be completed and returned to the school office. Phones must be handed in on arrival and will be stored securely in the office throughout the day.

School Uniform

As we return, please remember that children are expected to wear the correct school uniform each day.

PE kit should include a **plain red or white T-shirt**, along with black shorts or jogging bottoms and suitable footwear. Branded sportswear and football shirts are not part of our PE uniform.

Breaktime Snacks

Children may bring a healthy snack to eat at breaktime. Please do not send sweets or chocolate into school.



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