



Achieving Success By Working Together

2024-2025
PROSPECTUS

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Join us for a tour of our welcoming primary school!
Explore our nurturing environment, vibrant classrooms,
meet our caring teachers and see what makes our school
a special place for your child to learn and grow.

Thornton, Coalville, Leicestershire



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Welcome to Our School

As a small village primary school, we pride ourselves on knowing each pupil as an individual. We are proud of the happy and caring atmosphere of our school and the quality of learning which occurs. Our supportive, challenging and encouraging environment reflects our high expectations for every child.

We foster care and respect for other people, their faiths and traditions. Our goal is to help children to develop lively, enquiring minds to make decisions which affect their future and to understand the points of view of others.

We have a team of professional, dedicated and caring staff and believe that by working together, with parents and governors, we can provide the children in our care with the best possible education to reach their full potential.

If any parents would like to visit, please make an appointment. I would be delighted to show you around our school and show you how we can support your child. We look forwards to welcoming you to Thornton Primary School.

Mrs Sarah Acton
Headteacher



Our Vision

Our goal is to nurture confident and enthusiastic learners who show respect for each other and our staff.

We aim for them to recognise and appreciate their own strengths as well as those of their peers. By fostering a 'can do' attitude, we encourage a strong connection to learning and their community. We consistently emphasise values such as Excellence, Independence, Enthusiasm, Equality, Responsibility, Empathy, Confidence, Perseverance, Care, Aspiration, Respect, Pride, Tolerance, Teamwork, Integrity and Enjoyment.

Our school is part of the successful Symphony Learning Trust, and as part of this family of schools, we are supported by the excellent resources available to it.



The School

Our school is situated in the heart of the national Forest overlooking Thornton Reservoir.

Our children frequently enjoy outdoor learning experiences both inside and outside of the school grounds, where they can fully engage in the outdoor learning environment; enjoying nature walks in the beautiful surrounding area, studying plants and wildlife up close, immersing themselves in hands-on experiences and fostering a deep appreciation of the natural world. We feel this plays a vital role in the education and well-being of our pupils.

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Foundation

Our school is small with an intake of 20 pupils in the Foundation Stage which offers numerous benefits for children's first experiences of school.

We provide a secure, play-based and integrated environment where children become happy, independent learners who flourish at their own pace, building on their own starting points. Our broad and balanced curriculum provides opportunities for learning both inside and outdoors. It enables pupils to develop personally, socially, emotionally spiritually, physically, creatively and intellectually to their full potential, and also sets firm foundations for future learning in Key Stage 1 and beyond.

We strongly value excellent relationships with parents and carers to build a strong partnership in supporting your child's learning.



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Our Curriculum

At Thornton, we offer an engaging and challenging curriculum designed to:

- ★ Develop pupils' skills to the very best of their ability in Mathematics and English as subjects in their own right and across other areas of the curriculum.
- ★ Build knowledge, skills and understanding; providing opportunities to question, explore and research, reason and solve problems, think critically, weigh up evidence and debate arguments.
- ★ Provide opportunity to exercise creativity and imagination.
- ★ Foster a curiosity, fascination and deeper understanding of the wider world and its people, in the past, present and in the future.
- ★ Equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to become safe, active participants in a digital world.
- ★ Provide opportunities to build character, develop resilience and embed values to enable pupils to reach their full potential academically, socially, physically and mentally in preparation for the responsibilities and experiences of later life.

Our curriculum is designed using evidence from learning principles, on-going assessment and organisation and cognitive research. It is built on the key principles:

- ★ Start with each learner's current understanding.
- ★ Involving the learner actively in the learning process.
- ★ Promote metacognition by helping pupils understand purpose, quality criteria, and self-assessment.
- ★ An emphasis on the social aspects of learning.
- ★ Organisation of the curriculum to allow regular review and reinforcement of knowledge and skills.



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Wellbeing and Pastoral Support

We are committed to supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff.

We know that everyone experiences life challenges that can make us vulnerable and at times, anyone may need additional emotional support. We work collaboratively to promote positive mental health across the school.

At Thornton we:

- ★ help children to understand their emotions and feelings
- ★ promote an environment in which children feel safe to share their concerns or worries
- ★ support children to form and maintain positive relationships
- ★ promote self esteem
- ★ help children develop resilience and equip them with coping strategies when they experience setbacks.

We offer different levels of support:

Universal support - This aims to meet the needs of all pupils through our school ethos, wider curriculum and commitment to the Route to Resilience programme.

Additional support - this can be provided to support children who have short term needs, such as children who have been made vulnerable through life experiences such as bereavement.

Targeted support - For those children who need more differentiated support, and targeted interventions such as ELSA sessions, well-being groups.



What Makes Us Unique

Explore how we empower students to embrace their passions, cultivate critical thinking, and build a strong sense of self, all within a supportive and inspiring environment.

Location

We are incredibly fortunate to have Thornton Reservoir within walking distance of our school. Regular outings to the reservoir and the surrounding area enhance their understanding of the environment, stimulate curiosity and foster a love of the outdoors and nature. Moreover, outdoor activities promote physical health

and well-being, offering a break from classroom routines. By exploring the local area and our school ground nature areas, children also develop observational and investigative skills, which are crucial for their overall cognitive development.



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Enrichment Opportunities

We pride ourselves on developing a wide range of enrichment activities to both supplement and further enhance the curriculum. These can be experience and theme days throughout the school, special visitors and also opportunities to go on exciting trips and residential visits. Our yearly destinations include day trips to Stonehurst Farm in Reception, Year 1 and 2 outdoor learning at Bosworth Park, Year 3 and 4 Richard III Museum and Viking experience day, Year 5 WWII experience day, Year 6 Warning Zone, Y Theatre and Team Building Day at Beaumanor Hall. We also arrange two exciting residential visits to Beaumanor Hall in Year 1 and 2 and in Years 4 and 5, where the children get the opportunity to experience more varied outdoor and adventurous activities such as archery, wall climbing and canoeing.

Encompassing Creativity

Art, design, drama, dance and music complement many of our curriculum areas. Alongside our Art and Design curriculum, where pupils learn to use a range of materials, techniques, and the study of different artists, pupils also get the opportunity to celebrate their work through exciting displays throughout the school and also their work being exhibited in exhibitions, festivals and competitions. We are very proud of our exhibited work throughout the school and the vibrant and stimulating learning environment we have created.



Our Wrap around Care

Our wrap-around care offers a safe and supervised environment for our children outside of standard school hours.

It provides enrichment opportunities, socialisation and peer interaction. No notice is required. We understand that lives can be busy and hectic, and it's not always possible to plan ahead. We aim to assist you in managing the balance between work and family life.

Breakfast Club

Drop off from 7.30am to 8.45am each morning.

After School Club

Operates from 3:15pm – 6.00pm every day of the week.

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Our Commitment to You

We extend a warm welcome to parents as valued members of our school community. If you or your child ever encounter a specific issue, rest assured that your child’s teacher or the Headteacher will make time to meet with you, whether it’s during lunchtime or just after school. We’re here to listen and support you every step of the way.

To keep everyone informed and connected, we primarily use our school app, Weduc – Reach more parents.

For updates on your child’s activities both in and out of school, we invite you to follow us on social media. Please note that we respect your privacy and your permission is sought before including your child’s image in our social media posts.

Your involvement and support are greatly appreciated as we work together to create a positive and enriching learning experience for your child.

- ★ Parents’ evenings in Autumn and Spring Term.
- ★ Two written reports in February and July.



Friends of Thornton Primary School

We welcome all parents, carers and members of the school community to join us, even if they only have a small amount of time to spare. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated.

If you have specific contacts or skills that you think could benefit our efforts, please don't hesitate to let us know. We value all forms of help, ideas, support and donations.

Feel free to approach us in person or reach out via email at: friendsofthornton@outlook.com. Or find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/friendsofthorntonps](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthorntonps). We look forward to working together to make a positive impact on our school community.

Pre Loved Uniform

Our team are committed to helping the environment. We sell our pre loved uniform at the end of each term.

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Why Choose a Symphony Learning Trust School

The Trust is dedicated to upholding elevated standards and sparking the imaginations of young individuals.

In an ever-evolving world, the Senior Leadership Team is resolute in delivering well-rounded, motivating, and captivating learning encounters for our students. Our core values of ambition, diligence, acceptance, and honesty serve as the foundation for this endeavour.


Symphony Learning Trust boasts a proven history of formulating and spearheading nationwide initiatives, along with highly effective inter-school support. We take pride in our student outcomes across our schools, and our unwavering commitment

to enhancing standards and augmenting the calibre of education accessible to all our students.

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Visit our School

Do you have a child due to start school September 2025?

To arrange a tour of our fantastic school, guided by our Headteacher, Sarah Acton, please contact our school office. We look forward to showing you around and discussing how we can support your child.

[Request a tour >>](#)

How to apply

For applications to our Foundation class you must apply through Leicestershire County Council. Applications for entry in Autumn 2025 should be made by **15th January 2025**. **Applications are welcome from families who live in and out of our catchment area.**

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We have a few places available in different year groups. Please contact the school to see if we can accommodate your child.

[Contact Thornton >>](#)