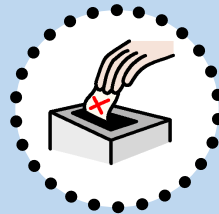


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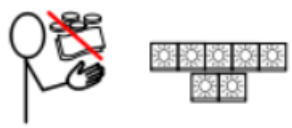
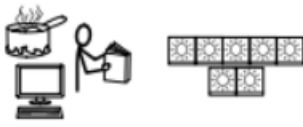


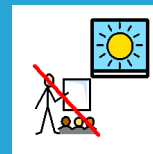
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EVENTS AT THORNBECK

	DATE	THEME
	June 2026	<i>Volunteer's Week</i>
	June 2026	<i>Pride Month</i>
	July 2026	<i>Youth Skills Day</i>
	July 2026	<i>Activity Week</i>



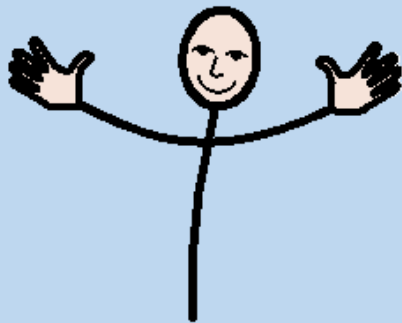
Half Term: Friday 17th July —
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NEWSLETTER INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to the Issue 9 of our College Newsletter for the academic year of 2025-2026.

This month at college, we have celebrated events such as Volunteer's Week and Pride Month.

Continue reading to see what we have been up to. We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter as much as we have enjoyed participating in the activities that have taken place.



SAFEGUARDING

This month, in tutorials, we have been learning about Drug Awareness, Substance Misuse and County Lines.

As part of this we have been learning about what this means, as well as the short and long term impacts that this can have. We have been identifying different networks that may be able to support people in need.

It is important to tell a trusted adult if we see any signs of this, as well as to be aware of ways that we are able to safeguard ourselves.



PRIDE MONTH

BY CAMERON GAMSBY

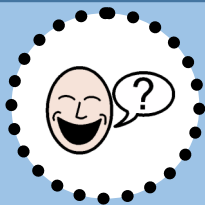
Pride Month is celebrated every year in June. It is a time to support and celebrate LGBTQ+ people. LGBTQ+ stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other identities.

Pride Month is about equality, respect, and acceptance. It reminds us that everyone should feel safe to be themselves, no matter who they are or who they love. During June, people hold Pride events, including parades, music, and community activities. Pride Month also helps people learn about the history of LGBTQ+ rights. It celebrates the progress that has been made, while reminding us that there is still work to do so that everyone is treated fairly.

At college we celebrated Pride Month in a range of ways including having a pride picnic and completing sensory activities. Thank you to the staff who planned these events, we had a great time!



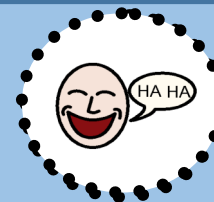
RIDDLE OF THE MONTH



What can't talk but can reply when spoken to?

Keep your eyes peeled for the answer in the next issue!

JOKE OF THE MONTH



Q: Why did the frog take the bus to work?

A: His car got toad!

THORNBECK HALL OF FAME



This month's hall of fame goes to Lucas Renwick.
Lucas has done an excellent job of passing his Entry Level 1
Functional Skills Maths Exam.

Well done, Lucas. We are so proud of you!



VOLUNTEERS WEEK

BY DANIEL GREAVES

Volunteers' Week is a special event that celebrates people who give their time to help others. In 2026, Volunteers' Week takes place from 1 June to 7 June.

A volunteer is someone who helps without being paid. Volunteers support many different people and organisations. They may help in charity shops, food banks, schools, hospitals, sports clubs, or community centres.

Volunteers make a big difference. They help people who need support, improve local communities, and make others feel welcome. Their kindness and hard work are important.

During volunteers week, we volunteered at places including:

- Grannie's Choice
- Corner Stone Church
- NEAS Residential Services
- Litter Picking
- New Warlands Farm



VOLUNTEERS WEEK WORDSEARCH

BY CAMERON GAMSBY

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