

Attendance

- Please make an extra effort to have your child in school for 8.45am.
- Remember every day in school counts!
- Your child will always be warmly greeted by TPS Staff.
- Aladdin Connect will help you to communicate with teachers and make us aware of absences.
- Class rewards for punctuality and attendance.
- Wake Up, Shake Up & Disco Fridays to encourage attendance.
- Parent Programmes and classes in the school
- School activities eg Choir, Homework Clubs, Gardening Club, Creative Schools Activities, Coding Club, Soccer, Rugby, Basketball, inter schools competitions and lots lots more throughout the year.

Partnership with parents and others

- We are very proud of having a good relationship with many groups associated with the school and we will be working on strengthening these links.
- Laura, our HSCL, will work with community groups and parents and will link in with parents about the many parent classes / activities that she has planned for 2024 2025
- We have a very active Parents Association in Thomond P.S. who organise school events and treats for the children.
All parents are very welcome to join.

Transitions

- We recognise that beginning at a new school represents a significant transition for a child. To support families of our Junior Infants, 6th Class students, and newcomers, Laura, our HSCL, will be closely collaborating with them as their child starts at Thomond P.S. or prepares to advance to secondary school.

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Thomond Primary School School Improvement Plan 2024/2025

Our school has created a School Improvement Plan.

We have devised this plan in order to build on our strengths and work on ways to improve and we will continue to work hard as a school community to provide the best possible learning environment for your children.

As an Incredible Years school we are committed to promote social, emotional and academic competence in children. We are focused on increasing social skills through proactive classroom management skills and positive behaviour support strategies. Our school ethos is founded on respect and care in a nurturing environment.

We prioritise building strong relationships with the children.

We appreciate your support in helping us make TPS a safe, happy and a great place to learn.

Thomond Primary School Mission Statement

Thomond Primary School strives to work in partnership with parents and community to provide a holistic and high quality education in a safe, caring and nurturing environment; where everybody is respected, valued and cherished in order that each child may have the opportunity to fulfil his or her potential"



Literacy

We will work on the following areas in Literacy this year.

- Continue to develop phonological awareness throughout the school, using Sounds Make Words & Jolly Phonics in infants. There will be a focus on nursery rhymes in infant classes and poetry for all classes
- Nursery Rhyme week in November for classes juniors –1st, with a performance for parents
- Family Reading/Little Voices programme for parents and children to be implemented this year in conjunction with HSCL, with support from our local speech and language therapists
- Focus on Oral Language development using programmes such as TalkBoost, Starlight, Word Aware, & Listening to Learn.
- Continuing to support spelling and sound/word analysis using Words their Way Programme from 3rd - 6th classes
- Promotion of Reading for Pleasure by having a set time for independent reading each day, visits to the library & buddy system for shared reading,
- Writing strategies for 24/25 to be implemented as per school plan; exposition/report/recount)
- Handwriting– Pre cursive for infant classes and cursive writing from 3rd to 6th classes

Numeracy

We will work on the following areas in Numeracy / Maths this year

- This year we will focus on maintaining our efforts in the areas of number and problem-solving, whilst looking to achieving all of our new targets
- We will also work on the implementation of the new Primary Maths Curriculum . Teachers will engage in training in this new curriculum throughout the year.
- Digital Learning will be incorporated into teaching and learning and ICT programmes (Manga High & Mathletics) will be used by teachers with relevant classes
- Maths for Fun will continue in line with HSCL/class buddy system.
- The buddy system will be used where senior classes are paired with junior classes (6th & 2nd, 5th & 1st, 4th & S.I, 3rd & J.I) - these systems will provide support for engagement with problem-solving games, general maths games and coding activities
- The Numeracy School Improvement Team will continue to meet once per term
- ‘Maths Talk’ from new Primary Maths Curriculum will be a focus for all teachers in their teaching of numeracy.
- There will be a continued focus on Problem Solving for all classes.