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WELCOME TO THORPE FARM CENTRE WHAT'S HAPPENING

Autumn has arrived at Thorpe Farm Centre!
As the leaves begin to change and the cooler days draw in, there's still plenty to see, do and enjoy at Thorpe Farm.

Whether you're joining us for a family day out, catching up with friends over coffee and cake, exploring the Heritage Woodland Walk or simply enjoying everything the countryside has to offer, Autumn is a wonderful time to visit.

And with Halloween just around the corner — followed closely by Christmas — we have lots to look forward to over the coming months!



PADEL COURTS ARE NOW OPEN!

After plenty of anticipation, we're delighted to announce that our brand-new indoor Padel Courts officially **opened** on Monday 5th October!

Whether you're already a Padel fan or fancy trying something new, our courts are ready and waiting for you.

Open daily from **7:30am – 9:30pm**, giving you plenty of opportunity to get a game in.

Ready to play?

Book your court through Playtomic – simply search for Thorpe Farm Padel and choose a time that suits you.

Grab your friends, pick up a racket and come give Padel a go! We can't wait to welcome you onto the courts.

HALLOWEEN AT THORPE FARM 2026!

October is getting a spooky makeover at Thorpe Farm!

Autumn is one of our favourite times of the year, and this October there's plenty happening for families looking to enjoy a little Halloween fun.

From exploring our Halloween Maize Trail and choosing the perfect pumpkin from the Pumpkin Patch, to our much-anticipated Scare Nights at the end of the month, there's something for everyone — whether you prefer your Halloween family-friendly or a little more frightening!

HALLOWEEN MAIZE TRAIL

3rd – 23rd October 2026

Our Maize Maze is getting a Halloween makeover!

Head into the maize and make your way around our Halloween Trail, keeping your eyes peeled as you explore along the way.

It's a great Autumn adventure for families and little explorers looking to get outdoors and enjoy some Halloween fun during October.

Booking available online or from the Farm Shop.



PUMPKIN PATCH

3rd – 31st October 2026 - 9:30am - 4pm

It wouldn't be Autumn without a trip to the Pumpkin Patch!

Come along and explore the patch, choose your favourite pumpkin and capture those all-important Autumn photographs along the way.

Entry to the Pumpkin Patch is **FREE**. Once you've picked your perfect pumpkin, simply take it along to the Farm Shop where you can pay for it before taking it home.

No booking is required for entry to the Pumpkin Patch.

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HALLOWEEN FUN RUN

Halloween Fun Run – **Sunday 18th October | 9:00am**

Join us for a spooktacular morning of fitness and fun at Thorpe Farm Centre. all in support of The UTASS (Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Service).

Come and enjoy Thorpe's answer to a park run.

Entry Fee will be taken on the door: **£2 per person**

Races: **Adults: 5K & Children: 2K or 5K**

Best Dressed Competition: Come dressed in your creepiest, kookiest, or spookiest Halloween costume – prizes for the best dressed adults and kids!

Small ceremony for both adults and children 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Hot food and Drinks available to purchase in The Courtyard Restaurant.



SCARE NIGHTS

Get ready for a fright this Halloween at Thorpe Farm Centre!

Our Halloween Scare Nights are running on **29th, 30th and 31st October 2026**, with live scare actors, spooky characters and plenty of surprises waiting around every corner.

Choose from our Family **Friendly Scare Nights, 4pm–6pm**, perfect for some spooky family fun, or brave our **Late Scare Nights, 7pm–9pm, for ages 15+** and those looking for a much **scarier experience**.

Are you brave enough to take on the Scare Night?

BINGO AND TAKEAWAY NIGHTS

Join us for Bingo & Takeaway Nights!

Our Bingo evenings have been a great opportunity for owners, customers, families and friends to get together, enjoy some food and have a fun and relaxed evening at Thorpe Farm.

Take place on:

Saturday 24th October 2026

Christmas Themed - 12th December 2026

Bingo from 6pm

Takeaway available from 5pm

Cash only for Bingo entry and tickets



CHRISTMAS AT THORPE FARM 2026!

Christmas is one of the most magical times of the year at Thorpe Farm, and this December 2026, we're getting ready to fill the farm with festive cheer, twinkling lights and plenty of Christmas magic!

From a very special visit to Santa's Grotto and festive activities for the little ones, to Christmas dining, seasonal shopping, Christmas trees and festive treats, there's something for the whole family to enjoy.

Whether you're planning a magical day out with the children, meeting friends for a festive catch-up, enjoying Christmas lunch with family or simply looking to soak up the atmosphere of the season, we'd love to welcome you.

Keep reading to discover what's happening this Christmas at Thorpe Farm...



CHRISTMAS FAYRE MENU

This December, our Christmas Fayre Menu will be served between **1st and 23rd December (excluding Sundays)** from **12pm to 3pm** - the perfect excuse for a festive catch-up or cosy lunch with family and friends. Expect plates filled with classic seasonal flavours, indulgent desserts, and all the warmth you'd hope for at this time of year.

Book your table today!

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SANTA'S GROTTO

Sessions available: **Sat 5th, Sun 6th, Sat 12th, Sun 13th, Saturday 19th to 24th Dec**

(Booking is essential)

little elves can enjoy a selection of festive Santa's Workshop Activities:

£15 Per Child, (2 adults included) Additional adults £4.50

- Snowball Fun – Little elves, test your aim!
- Christmas Crafts – Make a festive keepsake.
- Candy Cane Tree – Find sweet surprises among the branches.
- Santa's Sleigh – Climb aboard for a magical Christmas photo.
- Feed Santa's Animals – Meet our friendly animals and give them a festive treat.
- Decorate the Tree – Help make our Christmas tree sparkle!

Then... It's **Time to Meet Santa!**

The moment you've been waiting for!

Each child will enjoy their own magical 5-minute visit with Santa.



CHRISTMAS BINGO

Join us for a Christmas Bingo Night at Thorpe Farm Centre! Whether you're a seasoned player or a total beginner, come along for an exciting evening of numbers, laughter, and fantastic prizes.

Date - 12th December 2026

Bingo from **6pm**

Takeaway available from **5pm**

Cash only for Bingo entry and tickets

A huge thank you to everyone who has joined us throughout the season — we hope to see you for one last game!



PAST EVENTS



TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

What a wonderful day at our Teddy Bear's Picnic! Our little adventurers and their favourite teddies enjoyed a fun-filled morning of games, crafts and storytelling, making lots of special memories along the way.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us – including all the teddy bears!

TEDDY BEAR HUNT

A huge thank you to everyone who joined in with our Teddy Bear Hunt!

We loved seeing our little adventurers searching high and low for the hidden teddies and having lots of fun along the way.

We hope you all had a bear-y brilliant time!



MAIZE MAZE 2026

Our Maize Maze returned for another summer of twists, turns and family adventures!

We've loved welcoming visitors into the maze and watching families work together to find their way through. From choosing which path to take to discovering they may have taken a wrong turn, it has certainly created plenty of fun along the way!

A huge thank you also goes to everyone who entered our Summer Draw, guessing the total length of the passages around the Maize Maze.

Keep an eye on our social media, where we'll be announcing the lucky winner!

Thank you to everyone who visited and made our 2026 Maize Maze part of their summer at Thorpe Farm.



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SOFT PLAY

Rainy Autumn day? We've got you covered! Our indoor Soft Play is the perfect place for little ones aged up to 8 years to climb, slide, explore and burn off some energy, whatever the weather outside. And if you have a birthday coming up, why not celebrate at Thorpe Farm? Our birthday party packages start from £14.95 per child, with plenty of fun for the children while we help take care of the details.

General Entry:

Adult – £1

Child (0-1 yrs) – £2

Child (1-8 yrs) – Off-Peak £5.50 | Peak & Weekends £7

Booking available online.



Opening Hours Update (November -March)

09:30am - 11:30am

11:45am-13:45pm

14:00pm- 16:00pm

FARM SHOP

Find a wonderful selection of gifts, festive treats, hampers and gift vouchers, perfect for family, friends or someone special.

Our Christmas Hampers are hand-picked and thoughtfully put together, with a selection of treats chosen around that special person – making them a lovely, personal gift this Christmas.

For those who are a little harder to buy for, why not give a Thorpe Farm Gift Voucher? Let them choose something they love from the Farm Shop or enjoy a visit to The Courtyard Restaurant.

Whether you're looking for a thoughtful present, a festive hamper or a simple stocking filler, make Thorpe Farm part of your Christmas shopping this year.

Hours Update 9am - 4:30pm



COURTYARD RESTAURANT/ CAFÉ

As the cooler Autumn days arrive, there's nothing quite like sitting down to something warm and delicious.

Join us for breakfast, lunch or a relaxed coffee and cake, with plenty to choose from throughout the day. Look out for our changing specials alongside freshly baked cakes and tempting treats from our team.

And don't forget our Sunday Carvery, perfect for getting everyone together for a traditional Sunday lunch.

With Christmas approaching, you can also look forward to our Christmas Fayre Menu booking details available.



PEEL HOUSE (Gifts, Antiques & Interiors)

Autumn is the perfect excuse for a little browse around Peel House.

From gifts and interiors to antiques and unusual finds, you never quite know what you might discover.

And with Christmas getting closer, it's also a great place to start looking for something a little different for gifting — or perhaps a treat for yourself!

Can't decide what to choose? Gift Vouchers are also available, making the perfect present for someone special.

Pop in, take your time and see what catches your eye.



HERITAGE WOODWALK

See Autumn and winter in all its colours at Thorpe Farm.

Wrap up, pull on your walking shoes and enjoy a wander through our Heritage Woodland Walk as the leaves begin to change.

Whether you're enjoying a family walk, bringing your four-legged friend along or simply looking for some fresh air and a peaceful countryside stroll, Autumn is a beautiful time to explore.

Don't forget to pick up your **FREE Nature Trail sheet** from the Farm Shop and see what you can discover along the way.

