



Thursfield News

Friday 11th April Edition



Our Weekly Affirmation: 'I am grateful for the life I have'

Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up the spring term, I would like to say a sincere thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parent Consultations on Wednesday. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school and share the wonderful progress your children have made. Your continued support plays a vital role in their learning journey, and we truly value the strong partnerships we have with our families.

Easter assembly

A special well done goes to our brilliant Year 3 and Year 4 pupils for their fabulous Easter assembly. The children performed with such enthusiasm, confidence, and creativity—it was a joy to see their hard work come to life on stage. Thank you also to the staff who supported the children in preparing such an uplifting and memorable performance.

Easter egg hunt

We are also extremely grateful to our PTFA for organising this year's Easter Egg Hunt. It was a fantastic event that brought smiles to so many faces and added an extra touch of excitement to the end of term. We truly appreciate the time, effort, and energy that goes into planning these events—they make such a difference to our school community.

As we now head into the Easter break, I'd like to wish all our pupils, families, and staff a relaxing and refreshing holiday. We hope you enjoy some well-deserved rest and time with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the summer term, ready for more learning, laughter, and new opportunities ahead.

Happy Easter!

Best wishes
Mrs Bradbury

Year 3/4 Easter Performance



On Thursday, our Year 3/4 children wowed us with their fantastic Easter performance. Their acting and singing skills were truly amazing, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts! A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated Year 3/4 teaching team, who worked tirelessly to bring the performance to life. We'd also like to thank all the friends and family members who came along to support the children—it meant so much to have you with us.

BEST OF LUCK

Goodbye to Mr Plant

We will miss you



We're sad to say goodbye to Mr Plant, our much-loved caretaker, who is leaving us today. We want to thank him for all his hard work, dedication, and the care he has shown to our school community over the years. Mr Plant is certainly going to make use of his 'Thursfield Ticket to Anywhere'. We wish him all the very best for his travels and the exciting adventures ahead!

Year 3/4 Football League



What a match! A huge congratulations to our Year 3/4 football team for their outstanding performance on the pitch. With brilliant teamwork, impressive football skills, and true determination, the team secured a well-deserved 3-1 victory—earning their spot in the semi-finals! We're incredibly proud of each and every player. Well done, and best of luck for the next match!

PTFA Easter Egg Hunt



On Thursday, the PTFA treated our children to a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt! The field was filled with excitement as the children raced around, searching for the correct numbers and Easter-themed words.

Once they had found all ten words, they were rewarded with a delicious Easter prize—chocolate eggs and sweet cones! To make the day even more special, we had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny, which brought big smiles all around. A huge thank you to our amazing PTFA for organising such a fun-filled event. The children had the best time!

Happy Maternity



Today, we say a warm and heartfelt farewell to Miss Kent as she begins her maternity leave. We are so excited for her as she steps into this wonderful new chapter!

Wishing you all the love, joy, and good health in the world, Miss Kent. Enjoy every precious moment—we can't wait to meet your little bundle of joy!



Parents Evening

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many of you and to have the opportunity to share your child's progress and achievements this term. Your continued support means a great deal and plays such an important role in your child's learning journey.

Thank you

Key Dates

APRIL

Easter Break - Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April

MAY

Monday 28th: Children Return to School
Monday 5th: Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 6th: Year 2 SATs start
Wednesday 7th: Year 3/4 Kidsgrove football
Friday 9th: VE Day Celebrations - 80th Anniversary
Monday 12th: Year 6 SATs Week Commences
Monday 12th: Year 3/4 Football
Friday 16th: Year 6 Bewilderwood Trip
Monday 19th: Year 3/4 Football
Wednesday 21st: Careers Fair 2pm - 4pm
Thursday 22nd: Year 3/4 Cross Country
Friday 23rd: PTFA Non-Unitofrm Day - Summar Fair Items
Friday 23rd: Thursfield's Got Talent
Half Term - Monday 26th - Friday 30th

JUNE

Monday 2nd June: INSET DAY
W/C 2nd June: Year 4 Multiplication Test
W/C 9th June: Year 1 Phonics Test
Tuesday 10th: EYFS Fathers Day Workshop @2pm
Wednesday 11th: Leavers Photos with Academy
Wednesday 11th: KS1 Fathers Day Workshop @2pm
Thursday 12th: PTFA Fathers Day Pop Up Shop
W/C 16th June: Year 6 Kings High School Transition
Tuesday 16th: Year 3/4 Science Workshop @2pm
Wednesday 18th: Whole School Sports Day (Weather Permitting) **KS2 - 9AM / KS1 1:45PM**
Tuesday 24th: EYFS Trip to Reaseheath Farm
Wednesday 25th: Year 3/4 Trip To Chester (Romans)
Friday 27th: Year 5/6 Tag Rugby
Saturday 28th: PTFA Summer Fair @11am - 2pm
Monday 30th: KS1 Trip to Hoylake
W/C Monday 30th: Kidsgrove Secondary Year 6 Transition Week



Our School Day



	Doors Open	Registration	End of Day
Reception	8:35	8:45	3:15
KS1	8:40	8:50	3:20
KS2	8:40	8:50	3:20

Parking Reminder

Thank you for working with us to keep our school safe. We appreciate your support!



Clubs

Clubs are now available for you to book via Arbor.

OPAL Updates



Please can all children bring in a pair of wellies or old trainers.

Healthy Snack



Remember we are a Healthy Snack School!



Water Bottles

Please can all children bring a water bottle to school as we are currently providing too many of the single use plastic cups.



Tapestry Permissions

Please keep an eye out for any updates on Tapestry.

Teachers have started to upload class updates onto their class pages.



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Monday 28th April: Children Return to School



Thursfield Pre-School CELEBRATE 50 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY!

Join us at our Summer Garden Party in the school playing fields.

Bring your own picnic & drinks!

Entry by ticket only, available to purchase from the Pre-School

Adults £10 Child £5

Family Ticket (2 Adults & 2 Children) £25

Entertainment by The Vows-Function Band & Disco

June 28th 4-10.30pm

THE VOWS Function Band



Contact Pre-School on 07816531173

Year 6 Booster Sessions



Just a reminder that sessions run every **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** from **8:00 AM**.

Class of the week!

Year 3/4 for their incredible Easter Performance on Thursday!



Attendance

100%

Well done to RB & 1/2R for achieving 100% attendance last week!

Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Music

RB - Ralph T.

RKT - Penny M.

Y1M- Dolly May F.

Y1/2R - Lenny K.

Y1/2B - Ellie C.

Y3TA- Milo B.

Y3/4R - Orlagh G.

Y4W - Elicia M.

Y5P - Kaidan R.P.

Y5/6B - Poppy C.

Y5/6O - Bobby S.

Well done!

Facebook Page



Thursfield has a Facebook page. The purpose of the page is to provide parents with a window in to the school day. To join search Thursfield Primary School.



School Website

Please visit our website for information regarding school policies including mobile phones and attendance. You will also find information regarding our curriculum.



ARBOR



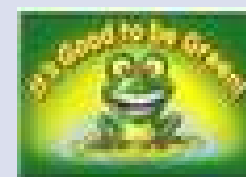
Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.



Additionally, you can adjust your photo permissions through Arbor at any time.

Good To Be Green Winner

Albert P.



House Points

Doulton - 1938

Bridgewater - 1891

Moorcroft - 1813

Wedgwood - 1570

LET'S GO!

NEWCASTLE TOWN NETBALL CLUB



Join Our Club

Are you in school year 5?

- We train term-time on Wednesdays between 6.00-7.00pm at Newcastle-Under-Lyme School (indoors)
- Year 5 compete in the Winter and Spring U11 Staffordshire Netball Leagues (indoors)
- There are Year 5 spaces available now



newcastletownnetball@hotmail.co.uk



Let's Move, Let's Jump

FUNDED GROUP TRAMPOLINING SESSION

★ Opportunity to try Trampolining with our qualified British Gymnastics Coaches showing you the basic skills.

★ Open to schools, children's groups, special schools and disability groups in Stoke-On-Trent and surrounding areas.

★ Each session can cater for up to 16 pupils

★ 1hr 15min of Trampolining activity skills and conditioned games to support development

★ 2 Coaches supervising 4 trampolines

★ Certificate provided for every child

★ £16 for the session (usually £100)

£16



Northwood Community

Sports, ST1 6PB

May - September 2025

Tuesdays:

1.45 - 3.00pm

3.00 - 4.15pm



Please enquire: nstrampolining@gmail.com

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SEARCH ENGINES

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life - with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS**: Although search engines take steps to ensure the accuracy of their results, they can be manipulated by malicious actors. This can lead to children seeing results that are not relevant or even harmful.
- MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION**: Search engines can spread false information, which can be harmful to children's health and safety.
- ENGINE BEYOND GOOGLE**: Even if Google is the most popular search engine, there are many others out there. Some of these are not as well-regulated as Google and can be used to spread misinformation.
- ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE**: Search engines are designed to return relevant results, but they can also return results that are illegal or harmful to children.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE**: Search engines can return results that are inappropriate for children, such as images or videos that are sexually explicit or violent.
- UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES**: AI-generated summaries can be unreliable and can spread misinformation.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS**: While no parental controls are perfect, they can help reduce the risk of children seeing inappropriate content.
- IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS**: One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing adverts to their users. Parents and educators should be aware of these adverts and avoid clicking on them.
- PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY**: Encourage children to question the information they find online and to think critically about what they see.

Meet Our Expert: Alan Smith, an experienced technology journalist who has written for The Guardian, The Independent, and The Telegraph.

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



PTFA

Upcoming Events...



Having a Clear Out?

If you're having a sort out at home, we'd love your help! Please consider donating any unwanted toys and games for our upcoming Bric-a-Brac Stall. All donations will be gratefully received and will help make the stall a great success. Thank you for your support!



AT A GLANCE

- New SEND area complete!
- Garden area progressing!
- Book bus a huge success!

This term we have raised £1829.02!* Plus £250 worth of books!!!

*This amount does not include the Easter Egg hunt as the profits go to the school as we are still counting this, check out our Facebook for a total count!

Since we started back in January we have raised a huge amount. Through our book bus visit alone we were able to receive £250 worth of books. I think it was safe to say we've never seen Mrs Bradbury so happy to be on a bus! Our Mother's Day stall was a complete sell out & we had to go out and buy more! We couldn't believe how popular it was & can't wait to see what the children pick out for the Dad's in June. We had a great turnout at our Valentine's disco & we were lucky enough to receive nearly £400 from the Asda Cash pot just from you all doing your shopping. We would also like to highlight the huge generosity from local businesses that have helped purchase Easter eggs this year & a massive thanks to our donor who supplied the Football Teams new kit!

Each event we have held this year so far we have had a huge success with and we can't thank you all enough for that support. Our heartfelt thanks also goes to the teachers, staff & Mrs Bradbury in all that you do to support us in being able to create these wonderful moments for the children & raise some much needed extra funds for the children of Thursfield!



What have we spent it on?

Our biggest focus this term has been the SEN sensory area. The PTFA have been able to purchase Sensory mats, toys, posters, a spinny chair, some supportive books plus other items, alongside creating a beautiful safe and calming space for our children at Thursfield with additional needs.

We have also begun to develop the outdoor garden area where you can already see things taking shape with fences, raised beds and a wonderful pergola to welcome you in. Our huge thanks to Ash, Daz & Sam who helped to get this literally off the ground!

Alongside all of the above we have also provided the end of term reading winners Kindle, music stands, bird boxes and feeders amongst other smaller items!

All of this could not be achieved without the support of our parents, guardians and friends of Thursfield.



What's next?

Our biggest fundraiser is coming up with our Summer Fair on Saturday 28th June 11am-2pm, on the school fields. Please get behind us and join us for what we are planning to be a fun filled day with lots of local stalls, food, games & even a visit from Port Vale mascot, Boomer!! (you might even be able to wet a teacher or two) We are still after a few more stall holders so please contact Laura if you'd like to have one! More information coming soon!

Thank you all & roll on the Summer Term
Thursfield PTFA



Future Events:

- **Thursday 12th June:** PTFA Fathers Day Pop Up Shop
- **Saturday 28th June:** Summer Fair 11am - 2pm



A big thank you to everyone who supported our PTFA Easter Egg Hunt!

Your involvement helped make the event a huge success, and the children had a fantastic time.

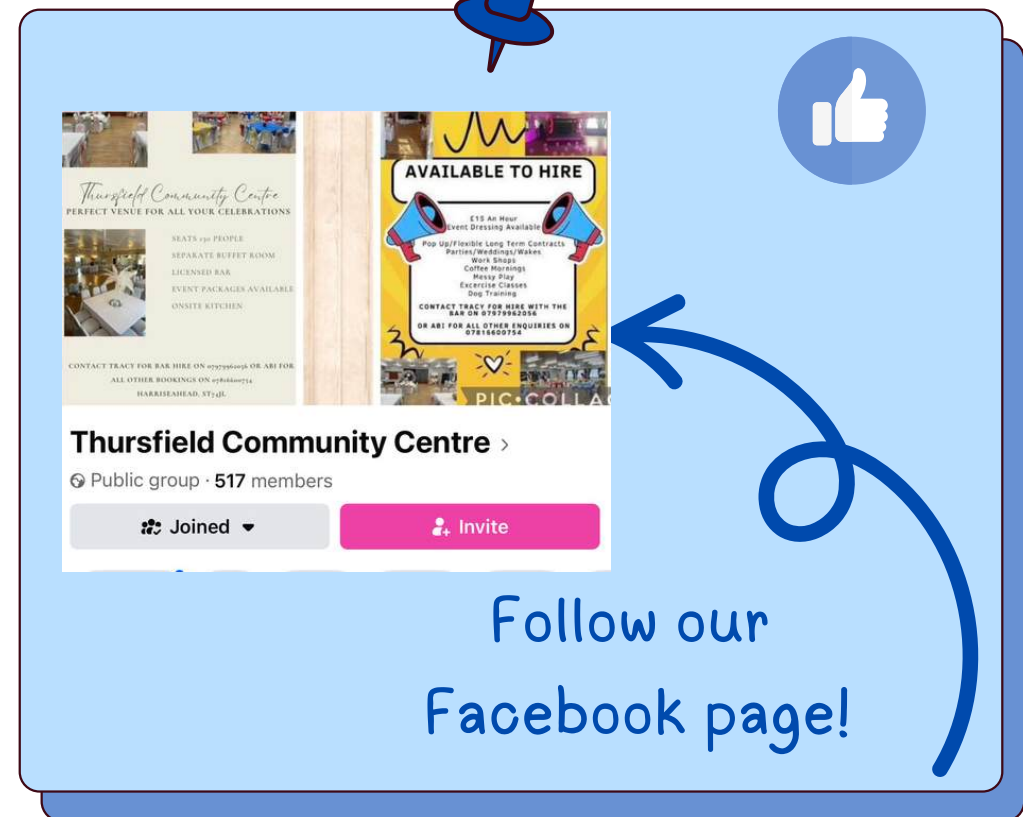
We truly appreciate your continued support—it means so much to our school community.





Thursfield Community Centre

What's going on...



Thursfield Community Centre
PERFECT VENUE FOR ALL YOUR CELEBRATIONS



SEATS 130 PEOPLE
SEPARATE BUFFET ROOM
LICENSED BAR
EVENT PACKAGES AVAILABLE
ONSITE KITCHEN

CONTACT TRACY FOR BAR HIRE ON 07979962056 OR ABI FOR ALL OTHER BOOKINGS ON 07816600754
HARRISEAHEAD, ST7 4JL

TINY RITUALS

SEND Parents Wellbeing Morning

You can't pour from an empty cup

Tuesday 8th April
9.15 - 10.15 am £7.50 (pay on the door)
Thursfield Community Centre, ST7 4JN

A wellbeing morning for busy and tired SEND parents and carers.

These will be monthly drop in sessions, aimed to give you the time to nurture yourself and meet with others sharing a similar journey.

Our aim is to make this a relaxed environment where we will welcome you with a warm drink and maybe even a biscuit. Each session will be an interactive hour where we give you simple tools that you can take away and easily incorporate into your day as 5 minute fixes.

If you require any further information you can contact us via email: info@tinyrituals.uk or Tel: Paula - 07583366748 or Sarah - 07901902459

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Easter! Market

Thursfield Community Centre
Harriseahead
ST7 4JL

Sunday 6th April
11:00-14:00



FREE ENTRY AND PARKING

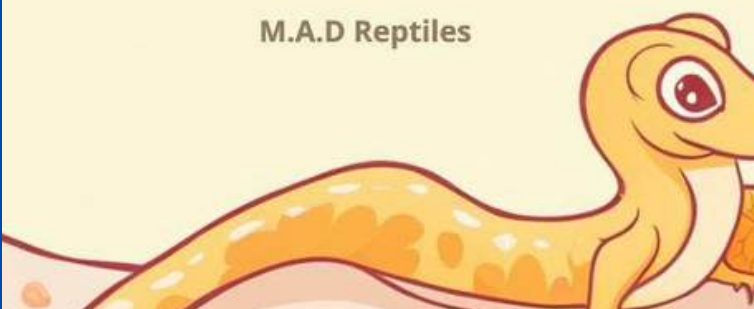
*30 LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS
*HOT FOOD & CAKES
*BOUNCY CASTLE
*FACE PAINTER/GLITTER TATTOOS

A relaxed atmosphere to interact with reptiles

Special Workshop for SEN Children

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL
11-12 & 2-3
SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME
£2PP

M.A.D Reptiles



LIZARDS AND DRAGON DAY

M.A.D Reptiles Event!

Wednesday, April 10th
11-12, 1-2, 3-4
£3pp
Drink and Cake included



LET'S LEARN & EXPLORE

M.A.D Reptiles Workshop

Thursday & Friday, April 17th/
18th at 11am, 1pm, 3pm
Talks on reptiles
Feed reptiles
Hold the reptiles
£3pp
Additional spaces



YOU'RE INVITED TO M.A.D REPTILES

SNAKE DAY EVENT

TUESDAY 22ND APRIL
11-12, 1-2, 3-4

£3 PER PERSON
DRINK AND CAKE INCLUDED



BUDO SHIN RYU JAPANESE KICKBOXING



THURSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
OPEN TO AGES 6 to 15 YEARS
TASTER SESSION ONLY £5.00

Whatsapp Mark on 07963 552107

PUPPY SOCIAL

Join us for tail-wagging fun where your pup can make new friends in a safe, supervised environment. Connect with fellow puppy owners and enjoy a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. It's the ultimate puppy playdate.

SAVE THE DATE



19TH MARCH 2025
6.30PM - 8.00PM

BOOK NOW



Thursfield Community Centre, Chapel Ln,
Harriseahead, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 4JN



COME AND JOIN US AT THE SUMMER MARKET

Sunday 6th July
11:00-14:00
Thursfield community centre
st74jl
free entry and parking

*30 local business stalls
*hot food & cakes
*bouncy castle
*face painter/glitter tattoos

