



Thursfield News



Friday 5th September Edition

Our Weekly Joke: 'What is a Snake's favourite subject at school? Hisssssstory'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteachers Message

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and enjoyed some special time with your families. It is wonderful to welcome everyone back to Thursfield for the start of this new academic year.

This year marks a very special milestone for our school, as Thursfield Primary now provides an education for children aged 2-11 years old. We are delighted to have extended our provision to include our youngest learners, and it has been fantastic to see how quickly they have settled into school life. The nursery children look so smart in their Thursfield uniform and have brought such enthusiasm and joy as they begin their journey as part of Team Thursfield.

As staff, we began the week with two days of INSET training, preparing for the year ahead and reflecting on how we can continue to provide the very best for our children. The excitement across the team is clear, and with our expansion comes the growth of our dedicated staff family. It has been especially lovely to welcome the nursery children into the main school hall at lunchtimes, where they are already making wonderful connections with the rest of the school.

A very warm welcome also goes to all our new staff members, including the nursery team, Miss Hilton and Mrs Marsden. We are thrilled to have them on board and know they will play an important role in helping us make this year a truly memorable one.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead - one where we live our values, breathe our motto, and achieve our mission of providing every Thursfield pupil with their 'Ticket to Anywhere'.

With warm regards,
Mrs Bradbury

OPAL Working Party.



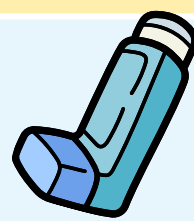
This Friday, 12th September, right after drop-off, we'll be getting started on our brand-new OPAL digging area.

We'd love as many helpers as possible to join in - the more spades and shovels, the quicker we can bring this exciting new play space to life! If you can spare a little time, please come along and get stuck in with us.

**Volunteers
needed**



Asthma Register



If your child is on our asthma register, you should have received a copy of the school's Asthma Policy. Please complete Appendix 1 and 2 and return them to school as soon as possible.

We also ask that you check and update any medical conditions for your child on Arbor to ensure our records are accurate. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Key Dates

SEPTEMBER

Return to School:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 8th : Reception Meet the Teacher @3:30pm and 5:30pm

W/C 15th : After School Clubs to Commence - Book via Arbor

Monday 22nd : SEND Coffee Evening @5:30pm

Wednesday 24th : TT Rockstars Launch Day

Thursday 25th : Year 5 Trip to Sandyford Fire Station

Thursday 25th : Year 5/6 Cross Country

Monday 29th : PTFA AGM Meeting @2pm

OCTOBER

Thursday 2nd : Year 5/6 Cross Country

Monday 6th : Year 3/4 Pottery Tour

Wednesday 8th : Reception Open Evening @5:30pm

Thursday 9th : KS1 Harvest Assembly @9am

Thursday 9th : Year 5/6 Cross Country

Monday 13th : Year 5/6 Trip Regent Museum

Thursday 16th : Year 5/6 Cross Country

Tuesday 21st : Academy Photos

27th - 31st - October Half Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd : **INSET Day**

Tuesday 4th : Children back in school

Tuesday 4th : KS1 Trip - National Arboretum

Wednesday 12th : EYFS Open Morning 9:15am

Friday 14th : Children In Need

Tuesday 25th : Yearly Flu Vaccinations

Friday 28th : New Vic Theatre - KS1 & KS2

Annual Calendar



Keep an eye out for this year's school calendar, coming home with your child next week. It's packed with all the key dates and events you'll want to have to hand for the year ahead!

Planners & Reading Challenge



Look out for your child's planner, which will be coming home this week or early next week. Planners are an important part of school life - they will be used to record any messages between home and school, as well as to track your child's progress in our Reading Challenge. Children will collect reading stamps throughout the year, so please help support them by making sure their planner comes into school every day.

Scarecrow Event



A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for their amazing support over the summer. Working alongside members of the local community, they organised the Scarecrow Festival and raised an incredible £1,060! We are extremely grateful for their hard work and dedication - what a fabulous achievement!

Thank you



Parking

Please **do not** park on the curbs outside the school during drop-off and pick-up times.

We are increasingly concerned about the potential risk of a **traffic incident**, and we want to **ensure the safety of all our Thursfield pupils**.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe.



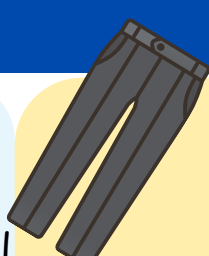
Water Bottles

Please ensure that all children bring a reusable water bottle to school each day.

We are currently using too many single-use plastic cups, and we'd like to reduce this for environmental reasons.

All bottles should be clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any mix-ups.

Thank you for your support in helping us become a more sustainable school!



Named Uniform

As we begin the autumn term, many children are starting the year with brand-new uniform. We kindly remind all families to clearly label every item with your child's name.

New uniform is costly, and we'd hate for anything to go missing. Labelling makes it much easier for us to return lost items quickly and helps avoid mix-ups.

Thank you for your support in keeping everything safe and organised!



P.E Timetable



Monday - KS1
Tuesday - Reception
Wednesday - Nursery
Thursday - LKS3 (Year 3&4)
Friday - UKS2 (5&6)



Snack & Lunch



Please remember to book your child's lunch and snack via Arbor in advance.

Thank you for helping us ensure a smooth start to the new school year!



Clubs



Clubs commence Monday 15th September- these are to be booked via Arbor.



Wraparound Club



We are hoping to have Wraparound Care available to book via Arbor by today. Any questions - please call our office team or pop in and we can help you.

Thank you for your patience and support as we get things up and running!

First Curriculum Block



For the next two weeks, the curriculum block for Years 1-6 will be **Science**.

Class of the week!



Attendance

100%

Well done to
for achieving 100% attendance last week!

Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Staff Choice

RB -
RKT -
Y1M-
Y1/2R -
Y1/2B -

Y3TA-
Y3/4R -
Y4W -
Y5P -
Y5/6B -
Y5/6O -

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

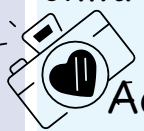
Please visit our website for information regarding school policies including mobile phones and attendance. You will also find information regarding our curriculum.



ARBOR

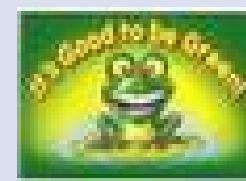


Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.



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

Good To Be Green Winner



House Points

Bridgewater -
Doulton -
Moorcroft -
Wedgwood -



Our Class Names

Nursery - Mini Explorers
Reception - The Little Explorers
Year 1 - Mrs Parkinson's Pandas
Year 1/2T - The Learning Lions
Year 1/2R - Marvellous Stars
Year 3 - Miss Hilton's Heroes
Year 3/4R - The Reddish Rockstars
Year 4 - We Roar As 4!
Year 5 - Awesome Achievers
Year 5/6K - The Legendary Learners
Year 5/6BA - The Fab 5/6's

CAMHS Open Day

Saturday 13th September 2025
9:30am - 12:30pm
Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre

Core
CAMHS

Mental
Health
Support
Teams

Partner
Agencies

CAMHS
Looked
After
Children

ELEVATE
YOUTH COUNCIL

Come along to our open day to find out more about the services we offer!

NHS
North Staffordshire
Combined Healthcare
NHS Trust

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

On messaging apps, social media and online games, group chats are one of the most popular ways that children connect. Group chats allow messages, images and videos to be shared in one place and help friendships flourish; however, they also come with a number of risks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- TEASING AND BULLYING**
Children of all ages are likely to be teased or bullied in group chats. This can be especially harmful if the group chat is used to spread rumors or to exclude someone. Children may feel pressured to join in with the teasing or bullying, even if they don't want to.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
Group chats can be a place where children are exposed to inappropriate content, such as images, videos, or text that is sexual, violent, or otherwise harmful. Children may also be exposed to scams or phishing attempts.
- UNKNOWN MEMBERS**
Children often don't know who is in their group chat. This can be a risk because children may be contacted by strangers or people who are not who they seem to be.
- EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION**
Children may be excluded from group chats, which can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness. This can be especially harmful if the child is excluded from a chat that is important to them.
- PEER PRESSURE**
Children may feel pressured to do things they don't want to do or to say things they don't want to say in group chats. This can be a risk because children may be exposed to peer pressure or bullying.
- VIDEO AND LIVE CHATS**
Many popular apps allow children to engage in live video or live chats. This can be a risk because children may be exposed to inappropriate content or to people who are not who they seem to be.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS**
Group chats can be a place where children are exposed to teasing and bullying. Parents and educators should encourage children to be kind and respectful to others in group chats.
- SET SOME GROUP CHAT RULES**
Parents and educators should set some rules for group chats, such as no sharing of inappropriate content, no bullying, and no exclusion.
- BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE**
If a child is exposed to inappropriate content or to people who are not who they seem to be, parents and educators should encourage the child to block, report, and leave the group chat.
- SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT**
If a child is exposed to teasing and bullying in group chats, parents and educators should provide support and encouragement, rather than judgement.
- PRACTISE SAFE SHARING**
Children should be encouraged to be safe when sharing photos, videos, or other content in group chats. They should not share content that is inappropriate or that could be harmful to them or others.
- SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS**
Children should be encouraged to turn off notifications for group chats if they are not using them frequently. This can help to reduce the risk of distraction and to protect their privacy.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Chloë Griffiths is a clinical psychologist and a member of the British Psychological Society. She has worked in the field of child and adolescent mental health for over 10 years. She is currently a senior clinical psychologist at the Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre.

Wake Up Wednesday

The National College



PTFA

Upcoming Events...



WE NEED YOU!



 **PTFA AGM - Get Involved**
 **Date - Monday 29th September**
 **Time - 2:00pm**
 **Location - Thursfield Primary School**

We're holding our AGM (annual general meeting). All of the PTFA roles will be up for election! This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and help make a real difference for our school and community.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing information about each role and what's involve. Whether you're a seasoned or brand new to the school. We would love to see new faces step forward and help shape the future of the PTFA.

REMEMBER - It's all for the children!





PUMPKIN WORKSHOP
WITH A PROFESSIONAL FLORIST

23RD OCTOBER
6:00PM
£40PP
£10PP DEPOSIT TO BE DROPPED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

NO CHILDREN ALLOWED



A HUGE AMOUNT RAISED VIA MOW COP SCARECROW TRAIL

£1060!

Thank you to everyone who joined in on the fun & raised such an incredible amount!



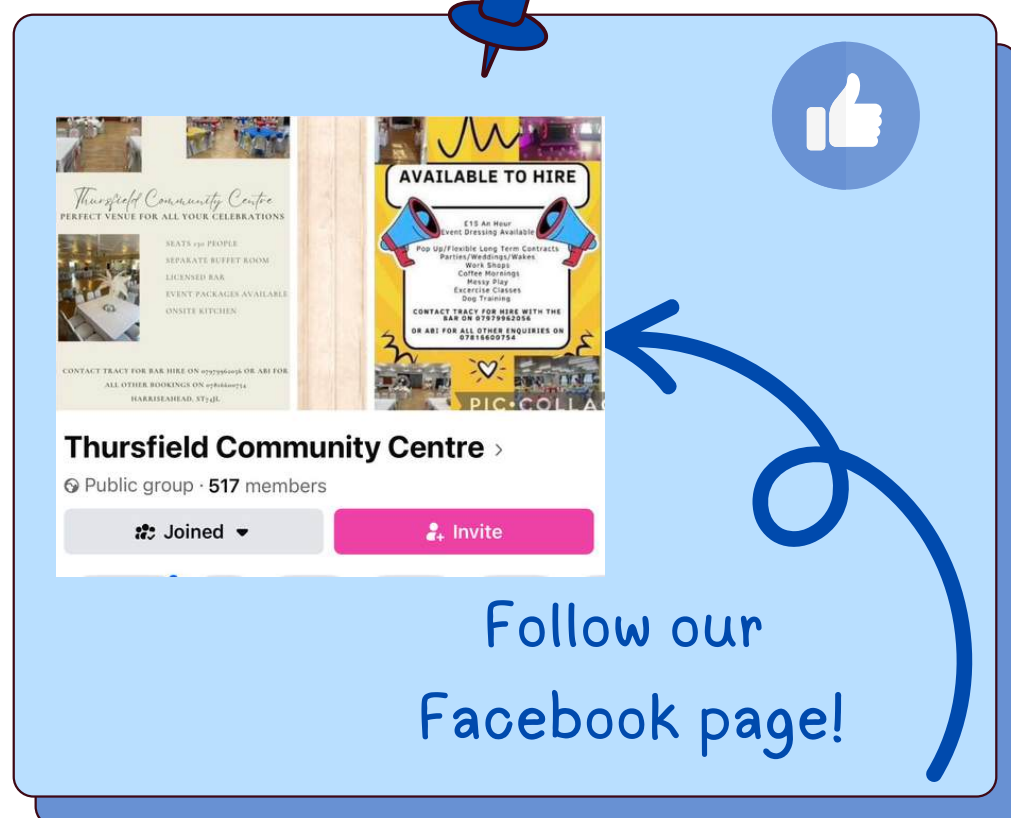
Future Events:

- **Monday 29th September:** Annual PTFA AGM 2pm



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



**NEW GROUP
COMING SOON**
Saturday Morning
7.30am & 9am

Thursfield
Community
Centre,
Harriseahead

Opening September

Call Clare 07584071643

real food, real support, real results



We Are Moving!!
Groove and Burn
Line Dancing

**NEW
Venue**



**Starts
28th May**

**Wednesday, 6:30pm -
9.30pm**

£6

Thursfield Community Centre, 7 Chapel Rd, Harriseahead,
ST7 4JN

**SEN Carer Meet
Up**

**When: First Monday of the Month
18:00-19:30 & The First Tuesday
of the Month @ 10:30-12:00**
**Where: Thursfield Community
Centre ST7 4JL**
**Cake and Refreshments provided,
donations welcome**

Due to the success of the first meeting, I'm hosting these meet ups on a regular basis. They are for anyone who cares for a SEN child. I want to provide a safe space for a chat, biscuit and a drink with others that just get it. No judgement, no expectations just a swap of knowledge and hopefully friendship building for all. No need to book just walk in, any further info please contact me - Abi on 07816600754

Ps: Children also welcome for those not able to attend school

Shamanic Drum Birthing

Guided by Tracey Coulson from Shamanic Earth

Making your own drum is a very special gift to yourself. Once you have made your medicine drum and journeyed with it, it will always be connected to your heart. Tracey will guide us through the day in ceremony to create your own unique and personal shamanic medicine drum. You do not need any prior experience. All you need is an open heart and mind and the desire to do something amazing for yourself.

November 7th
10am - 5pm

Thursfield Community Centre

*Please allow a little extra time as this could run over slightly - we don't rush birth!

Investment

£310 for an 16 inch drum with a choice of hide*

£330 for an 18 inch drum with a choice of hide*

*The hides and woods used are ethically and sustainably sourced by Tracey.

Christmas WREATH MAKING

Saturday 29th November

10:30-12:30

14:00-16:00

18:30-20:30

£45 PER PERSON

£15 Deposit Non-Refundable

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

Christmas Market

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

11:00-14:00

THURSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
ST74JN

FREE ENTRY AND PARKING

OPEN BAR

SANTAS GROTTO

*30 LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS

*HOT FOOD & CAKES

*REFRESHMENT- MINCE PIES

*BOUNCY CASTLE

*FACE PAINTER/GLITTER TATTOOS