



Thursfield News



Friday 12th September Edition

Our Weekly Joke: 'What does Maths make pupils sad? Because it's full of problems!'

Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now completed our first full week of the new school year, and I am delighted to share how well the pupils have settled back into school life. It has been wonderful to see them engaging so positively with their learning and adapting quickly to the routines of the day. Their enthusiasm and energy are a joy to witness.

This week, pupils have also begun their afternoon science block, which forms part of our Thursfield Curriculum Boxset. This approach helps children to build and retain knowledge in a carefully sequenced way, linking new learning to the science work they completed last year. It has been inspiring to see them making these connections and growing in confidence as young scientists.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with school uniform. The pupils look incredibly smart and ready for learning, and your commitment to maintaining our high standards is very much appreciated.

Today, we are also sending home our annual calendar of Thursfield events. We work hard to give families as much notice as possible for activities, performances, and special occasions. We hope this helps you to plan ahead, and we look forward to welcoming you into school throughout the year.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We cannot wait to see you across the many events and milestones ahead this year.

With warm regards,
Mrs Bradbury

SEND Coffee Evening



Come along to our next SEND Coffee Evening on Monday 22nd September.

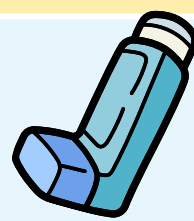
This is a great opportunity to:

- Hear the latest updates and information regarding specific SEND needs
- Connect with other parents and carers
- Share support, experiences, and expertise
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We hope you'll be able to join us!



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

W/C 15th: Clubs Commence

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

Monday 22nd: PTFA AGM Meeting @2pm

Wednesday 24th: TT Rockstar's Day

Thursday 25th: Y5 to Sandyford Fire Station

Thursday 25th: Y5/6 Cross Country @Thursfield

OCTOBER

Thursday 2nd: Y5/6 Cross Country @Springhead 4pm - 5:30pm

Monday 6th: Y3/4 Pottery Tour Trip

Wednesday 8th: Harvest Assembly - KS1 & EYFS @9am

Thursday 9th: Y5/6 Cross Country @St Saviours 4pm - 5:30pm

Friday 10th: Wear yellow to school (Children's Mental Health Day)

Monday 13th: Y5/6 Trip to Staffordshire Regiment Museum

Thursday 16th: Y5/6 Cross Country @Dove Bank 4pm - 5:30pm

Tuesday 21st: Academy Photography (Individuals and Siblings)

Wednesday 22nd: EYFS Open evening @5:30pm

Thursday 23rd: PTFA Pumpkin Patch @3:30pm

Thursday 23rd: PTFA Pumpkin Workshop @6pm

27th - 31st - October Half Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd: INSET Day

Annual Calendar



This year's school calendar is being emailed out to parents today. It's packed with all the key dates and events for the year ahead. We aim to stick as closely as possible to these dates, though on rare occasions some may be subject to change.

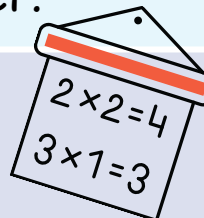
OPAL Working Party - Thank You!



A big thank you to Teddy and Tilly's dad who came along to help with our digging area. We really appreciate your support with our OPAL project and can't wait to see the children enjoying and making use of the space.

THANKYOU

TT Rockstars Day



On Wednesday 24th September, we are excited to be launching TT Rockstars once again! To celebrate, we invite all children to come to school dressed as a rockstar for the day.

Throughout the day, children will be taking part in lots of fun times tables and maths challenges — and there may even be a whole-school Times Table-Off in the hall!



Wraparound Club



We kindly remind all families that bookings for wraparound care must now be made through Arbor.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transitioned to this system over the past week. If you experience any difficulties with bookings, please don't hesitate to contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



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.



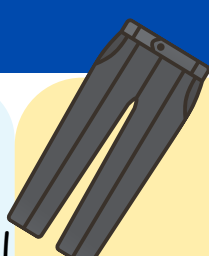
Water Bottles

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.



Reception Parents



Thank you to all the parents who attended the 'meet the reception teacher' event on Monday!. Your presence and participation are invaluable in creating a supportive and collaborative environment for our Thursfield pupils'

First Curriculum Block



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

Class of the week!

Mrs Parkinson's Class for their super work in English linked to The Tiger Who Came For Tea!



Attendance

100%

Well done to Reception and Yr 3 & 4 for achieving 100% attendance last week!

Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Staff Choice

RB - Josh C.

RSB- Billy-Joe N.

Y1P- George M.

Y1/2R -George E.

Y1/2T - Bridget G.

Y3H- Riley C.

Y3/4R - Ellie C.

Y4W - Lennon F.

Y5P - Phillip G.

Y5/6B - Ebrima F.

Y5/6O - Oliver J.

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



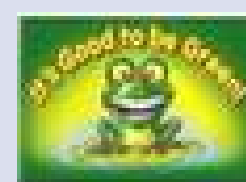
Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.



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

Good To Be Green Winner

Ellie C.



House Points

Bridgewater -
Doulton -
Moorcroft -
Wedgwood -



GATHER'S YOUTH HUBZ

STARTING 12TH SEPTEMBER

6PM-8PM

11-16 YEARZ OLD

**NEWCASTLE FAMILY HUB
CEMETERY ROAD
KNUTTON
ST5 6DH**

**FITNESS
ACTIVITIES**

BOXING

SNACKS

KICKBOXING

ARTZ & CRAFTZ

GAMES



NHS
North Staffordshire
Combined Healthcare
NHS Trust

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**



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

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 done by peers, but it can also be done by adults. Group chats can be a place where children are teased or bullied, and this can be very harmful. It can also be a place where children are teased or bullied by adults. Group chats can be a place where children are teased or bullied, and this can be very harmful. It can also be a place where children are teased or bullied by adults.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Children often don't know who is in a group chat. This can be a problem because children may not know who is in the chat, and they may not know who is sending them messages. This can be a problem because children may not know who is in the chat, and they may not know who is sending them messages.

PEER PRESSURE

Children may feel that they have to do something in a group chat that they don't want to do. This can be a problem because children may feel that they have to do something in a group chat that they don't want to do. This can be a problem because children may feel that they have to do something in a group chat that they don't want to do.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Group chats can contain inappropriate content. This can be a problem because children may see content that is not appropriate for them. This can be a problem because children may see content that is not appropriate for them.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

Children may feel excluded or isolated in a group chat. This can be a problem because children may feel excluded or isolated in a group chat. This can be a problem because children may feel excluded or isolated in a group chat.

VIDEO AND LIVE CHATS

Group chats can include video and live chats. This can be a problem because children may see content that is not appropriate for them. This can be a problem because children may see content that is not appropriate for them.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

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SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

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SET SOME GROUP CHAT RULES

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PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

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BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

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SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

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Meet Our Expert

Dr. Chika Okeke is a senior lecturer at the University of Birmingham, who has been researching and writing about online safety for many years. She is a member of the National Cyber Security Centre's research team and has been involved in many projects to help children stay safe online.

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!



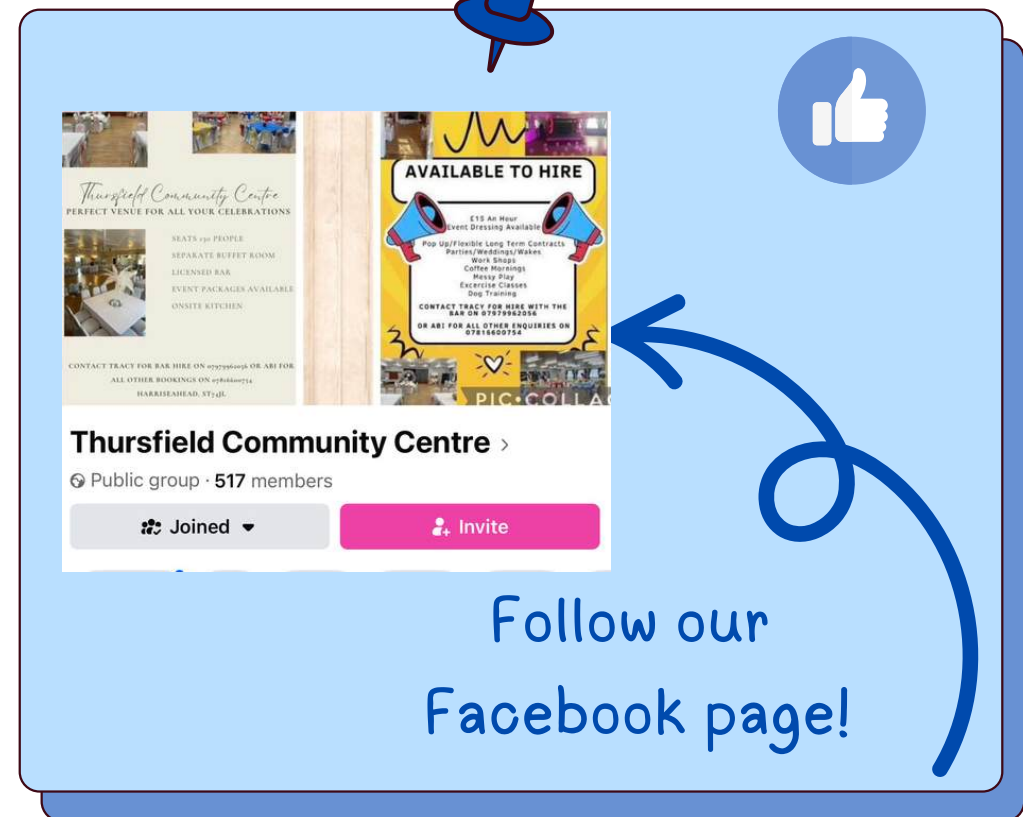
Future Events:

- **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

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.

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

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