



Thursfield News



Friday 13th March Edition

Weekly Joke: What does a thesaurus like to eat? Synonym rolls.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Message

It has been another lovely week here at Thursfield, filled with exciting learning opportunities and special moments shared across our school community. From welcoming families into school for our Mother's Day events to celebrating our love of reading through a range of activities, it has been wonderful to see our pupils so engaged and enthusiastic.

Earlier in the week, it was wonderful to see so many family members join us in school for our Mother's Day workshops with Reception and Key Stage 1 children. The atmosphere around school was truly special, and it was lovely watching our children share these creative moments with the important adults in their lives. We hope you had a fantastic time together and that the keepsakes you made will be treasured for years to come. A big thank you also goes to the PTFA for organising the ever-popular 'Secret Room'. We know that anyone who has purchased a gift from the shop is in for a real treat this weekend! Our sincere thanks go to every member of the PTFA team for the time, effort and care they put into making this event such a success and a delight for our pupils.

Our reading events have continued to be a real highlight this week. Thank you to everyone who attended the after-school book sale; your support not only helped to raise valuable funds for the school but also encouraged our children to develop a love of reading for pleasure. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the Thursfield community for supporting our pupils in the sponsored read event. We have been absolutely blown away by the generosity of our families. Together, you helped us raise a phenomenal amount of money, enabling the school to purchase £2,000 worth of new books to be shared across our nursery, school library and curriculum resources. Words cannot express how grateful we are. Reading unlocks the curriculum for our children, and this donation will allow us to promote and nurture this love of reading for many years to come.

Finally, thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support of the school and our community. It makes such a difference to the experiences we can offer our children. From everyone at Thursfield, we would like to wish all the wonderful mothers and female relatives in our community a very happy Mother's Day this weekend.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend.
Mrs Bradbury



September 2026 Nursery Parents

Places for September in our Nursery are filling up quickly. If you would like to secure a place for your child, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

We will also be hosting an Open Day during the summer term, so keep an eye out for the announcement of the date. For more information or to request an information pack, please contact our office:

✉ office@thursfield.staffs.sch.uk

Thank you!



Parents Evening

Bookings are now open on Arbor for parents and carers of pupils in Reception through to Year 5P to schedule a parent consultation appointment on **Wednesday 25th March**.

Please log in to Arbor to select your preferred time slot. We encourage all families to book early to secure a convenient appointment time.

Thank you for your support—we look forward to seeing you there!

EYFS & KS1 Mother's Day Workshop

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Mother's Day workshops this week.

The children loved spending time with you making Mother's Day crafts, and we hope you enjoyed the time together too. We wish you all a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday!

PTFA Mother's Day Secret Room

A big thank you to the PTFA for organising the wonderful Mother's Day Secret Room event. Over 400 gifts were sold, and we hope all the special people receiving them enjoy opening them with their children on Sunday.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA volunteers who kindly gave up their time to purchase, wrap, and sell the gifts at the stall. We really appreciate the time, effort, and dedication that goes into organising events like these for our children.

Netball League



Well done to our Year 5/6 netball team who played brilliantly in their match this week. The team showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and great sportsmanship throughout the game. We are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm you all showed while representing our school. Keep up the fantastic work!

5/6 Football Match



A big well done to our football team who played brilliantly in their match this week. The team showed great determination, excellent teamwork, and a fantastic attitude throughout the game. They represented our school wonderfully and should be very proud of their effort and commitment. Keep up the great work, team!

Key Dates

MARCH

- Tuesday 17th:** KS1 Trip to Chester Zoo
- Thursday 19th:** Trust TT Rockstars Competition
- Thursday 19th:** Year 6 First Aid Training
- Friday 20th:** Comic Relief
- Monday 23rd:** Year 6 Fundraiser Event
- Monday 23rd:** Year 6 Bikeability - all week
- Wednesday 25th:** Parents Evening (Not 5/6 Classes)
- Wednesday 25th:** Year 5 Kings Taster Day
- Thursday 26th:** Year 3/4 Easter Performance
- Thursday 26th:** Easter Bonnett PTFA Event

30th March - 12th April - Easter Break
INSET Day - 13th April - Children return on the 14th April

APRIL

- Monday 20th:** PTFA Meeting @2pm
- Monday 20th:** Reception Trip to Ash End Farm
- Monday 27th:** Year 6 Fundraising Event
- Thursday 30th:** SEND Coffee Morning



MAY

- Monday 4th:** **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Friday 8th:** Year 5&6 Football Tournament
- Monday 11th:** Year 6 SATs Week
- Monday 18th:** Year 2 SATs Week
- Friday 22nd:** Thursfield's Got Talent



Our Next Curriculum Block

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






Comic Relief

Our School Council met this week to discuss plans for celebrating Red Nose Day. They came up with some fantastic ideas for the whole school to take part in.



On the day, children are invited to come to school wearing red clothes. There will also be a fun competition where pupils can design their own red nose at home. A prize will be awarded for the best design in each key stage.

Classes will also take part in Red Nose Day activities, including a chance to share their best jokes in class. In addition, we will be holding a special Red Nose Day assembly the day before to introduce the event and celebrate the importance of the day. We look forward to seeing everyone's creative designs and hearing lots of great jokes!


PTFA Easter Bonnet Competition

Please keep an eye out for information regarding the PTFA Easter Bonnet Competition being held on **Thursday 26th March.**

Class of the week!

Year 5P for practising their Work in English!



Attendance 100%

Well done to 1/2T Class for achieving 100% attendance last week!


Golden Book Winners

Theme:-School Rules

<p>RB - Isabella W.</p> <p>RSB- Arianna D.</p> <p>Y1P- Penelope M.</p> <p>Y1/2R - Aaliyah P.</p> <p>Y1/2T -Alfie C.</p>	<p>Y3H- Mia D.</p> <p>Y3/4R - Freddie W.</p> <p>Y4W - Jaxon G.</p> <p>Y5P - Lily S.</p> <p>Y5/6B - Peyton G.</p> <p>Y5/6O - Evie T.</p>
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Well done!

Lunchtime Award



Erin G.
Joshua C.
Roux
Amaya
Noah D.


Good To Be Green Winner

EYFS/KS1- Lorenzo
LKS2 - Abigail
UPKS2 - Teddy M.




House Points

Bridgewater - 1552
Wedgwood -1335
Doulton - 1270
Moorcroft - 1128



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMING SERVICES

Streaming services are platforms that allow users to watch cartoons, documentaries and movies online immediately (often referred to as SVOD- streaming videos on demand). Ofcom reported that children and young adults prefer streaming services to traditional TV. With two-thirds of UK households subscribing to at least one streaming service, parents must understand how to manage screen time, set age restrictions and ensure safe viewing.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

COSTLY

Subscription services can be costly. As the main source of entertainment, most households have at least one streaming platform, and each platform has its own monthly subscription fee. Services are charging more for on-line viewing, and better quality and resolution, however, there is a cheaper option with adverts. Due to price increases, Netflix and Disney+ reported a sharp increase in users subscribing to their ad-supported tier in 2022.

ILLEGAL STREAMING

Sharing passwords or using modified Fire sticks to access streaming content without permission is illegal. Most streaming services have now put measures in place to detect account sharing. When account sharing is identified, platforms will offer an opportunity to pay for an added member or will ask the user to verify who they are.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most streaming platforms allow users to set up a profile for each family member with the option of putting specific restrictions in place. These include adding a profile lock or PIN, controlling autoplay of previous and next episodes, and limiting content based on age ratings. Nonetheless, these restrictions aren't foolproof. Content which is rated as suitable for an age group may still include themes, language, or images which children and families find inappropriate.

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Excessive screen time contributes to sedentary behaviour and can negatively impact physical and mental health. Ofcom found that 4 in 10 10-year-olds averaged 2.5 hours per day across all video-sharing platforms, not including gaming. The vast range of content available, combined with features such as autoplay, makes it easy for children to watch for extended periods of time.

BINGE WATCHING

Features such as autoplay make it easy for viewers - especially young people - to continue watching episodes without a break. This can foster unhealthy and addictive patterns, such as consuming a vast amount of content in one sitting. With binge watching come a lack of social interaction, lack of physical exercise, and often late nights and sleep disruptions which impact their mental and physical wellbeing.

HARMFUL STEREOTYPES

Many platforms track viewing habits, time consumed, and preferences, and generate recommendations to encourage your child to keep watching. This results in your child being in a 'loop' whereby they think the 'recommended' shows would be something they would enjoy rather than thinking critically for themselves. This can shape their beliefs, values, and understanding of the world from a young age without even realising it.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET UP INDIVIDUAL PROFILES AND ADD PINS

Almost all streaming services allow users to set up a profile for each family member with the option of putting specific restrictions in place. These include adding a profile lock or PIN, controlling autoplay of previous and next episodes, and limiting content based on age ratings.

TALK ABOUT ALGORITHMS

Talk to your child about how streaming services track what they watch, and base adverts and recommended shows/movies on previous viewing. Encourage them to critically think about whether the recommendations are suitable and how they want to spend their time. Discuss stereotypes with your child and challenge them to think about what they watch and how this may influence their beliefs.

MONITOR AND TALK OFTEN

Discuss with your child what they are watching, find out which programmes are trending, and watch them yourself. Have a little look at their watch history to check the content of what they're watching. Some platforms have been known to recommend or autoplay ads or graphic content after a movie has been played. While some TV shows or movies may have a suitable age rating, your child may still find the content scary, or it may explore themes you don't want to explore with your child yet.

SET TIME RESTRICTIONS

Many streaming services offer the opportunity to buy models, or add additional features to your subscription such as sports channels, as well as play games. This can increase the amount of time young people spend sitting in front of the screen. Some platforms (e.g. Apple TV) allow you to set screen time restrictions. If the streaming service doesn't allow you to set screen time limits, set a family rule and stick to it.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator, and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government, comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

#WakeUpWednesday The National College

STEAM OUT FAMILY STEAM DAYS

Join the St John Fisher Catholic College Robotics Team, CyberByte, for a morning of free, family friendly, hands on STEAM activities.

Each session will include:





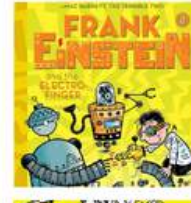
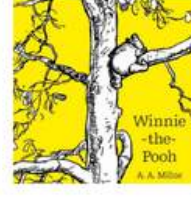
- A range of family friendly activities
- A chance to enter our design a robot competition
- A chance to learn more about our robot

Each activity takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and adult support may be needed.

Attend all 4/6 sessions to receive a prize and a certificate.

@ Newcastle Under Lyme Library from 10:30-12:30

Read it • Think it • Make it

	Dinosaurs and Fossils 28th February 2026
	Castles and Sieges 28th March 2026
	Space and Aliens 25th April 2026
	Robots and Mechanisms 23rd May 2026
	Electricity and Power 27th June 2026
	Animals and Nature 25th July 2026

THURSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Monday 23rd March

Raising money for our Leavers Hoodies!

CANDY FLOSS FOR SALE!

Straight after school - 3:20pm

Only £1.50 Each!

Treat yourself & help our Year 6 Leavers!

Thank you for your support!

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.

Have a Lovely Weekend!



PTFA

Upcoming Events...



Thank You Emerge Care and Therapeutic Solutions

for supporting the children of

Thursfield Primary School



Your generous contribution has provided a wonderful selection of new reading books that will inspire and encourage our pupils in their literacy development.



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**PTFA
March Events**

Friday 27 February - 6th March - Readathon

Monday 2nd: Mother's Day stall tickets close.

Thursday 9th: PTFA Mother's Day stall

Tues/Wednesday 10th & 11th: Book Fair after school

Thursday 26th: Easter Bonnet PTFA Competition

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the PTFA at Thursfield Primary School to kindly ask for your support for our upcoming Summer Fair, taking place on Saturday 13th June.

We are currently seeking donations of any kind to help make our event a success. This could include raffle prizes, gift vouchers, products, services, or any items suitable for our stalls and fundraising activities. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference to our school community.

The funds raised will go directly towards supporting projects, resources, and experiences that benefit our pupils. As a registered charity (Charity Number: 1103044), we are committed to enhancing the educational opportunities and environment for our children.

In appreciation of your generosity, all supporting businesses will be acknowledged on our social media platforms and in the school newsletter. We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support we receive from our local community.

Thank you very much for considering supporting our local school.

Kind regards,

Danielle Simm
Chair, PTFA