



Thursfield News



Friday 19th June Edition

Weekly Joke: Why did the dog do so well at school? Because he was the teacher's pet.

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to begin by reflecting on the events of last weekend and the week that has followed. It has been wonderful to see our school community come together on so many occasions, creating memories and celebrating the spirit that makes our school such a special place. The support shown by families, friends and the wider community has been fantastic and has once again demonstrated the strength and warmth of our school family.

Last Saturday was truly a day to remember. During the day, we welcomed families and members of our local community to our PTFA Summer Fair. It was a fantastic occasion, filled with fun, laughter and a wonderful atmosphere. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. Special thanks must go to our incredible PTFA team and all of the volunteers who gave up their time to organise and run the fair. Without their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work, events such as these simply would not be possible. Later in the day, many families returned for our Summer Party. Once again, there was a great atmosphere with games, dancing and lots of smiling faces. It was a lovely evening and a wonderful way to round off such a successful day.

Sport has continued to feature heavily this week, with children enjoying a range of opportunities to represent the school and experience new activities. Our girls' football team took part in a competition and demonstrated excellent determination and sportsmanship throughout. Year 5 pupils enjoyed an Alternative Sports Enrichment Day, trying new challenges and developing their teamwork skills. Today, we finished the week with our annual Sports Day. A huge thank you to ASM Sports for facilitating the event and ensuring that all children had the opportunity to participate and enjoy themselves. It was wonderful to witness such excellent displays of teamwork, resilience and encouragement. Thank you also to all the parents and family members who came along to support the children and help make the day so special.

This week, we were also delighted to welcome so many fathers, grandfathers and other male relatives into school for our Father's Day events. It was heart-warming to see families spending quality time together, completing activities and making special memories with their children. Experiences like these are incredibly important and create lasting moments that our children will cherish. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all fathers and male members of our school community a very happy Father's Day on Sunday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The final weeks of the school year are always busy and exciting, and we look forward to sharing many more special moments with you all.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Bradbury



Year 5/6 Girls Football



A massive well done to our fantastic Year 5/6 girls' football team, who played brilliantly on Monday! You were an absolute pleasure to watch, and we are so proud of how you represented the school. We can't wait to see how you get on in the rest of your games — keep it up, girls!

KS2 Sports Day



We had an amazing time on Friday at our KS2 Sports Day! The sun was shining, spirits were high, and every single child gave it their all. From sprints to sack races, the determination, teamwork, and cheering were just brilliant to see. We were so proud of how everyone took part with such great energy and sportsmanship — whether they were racing, supporting their team, or picking themselves up and trying again. What a resilient bunch you are! A huge thank you to all the parents and families who came to support your cheers, encouragement and smiles really helped make the day feel so special. Well done, KS2 — you were all superstars!

Key Dates

JUNE

- Monday 22nd:** Nursery Father's Day Stay & Play
- Tuesday 23rd:** Y6- Tween safe course
- Tuesday 23rd:** Year 3/4 Science Workshop @2pm
- Wednesday 24th:** New Reception Children Lunch 12pm
- Wednesday 24th:** LEGO Studio Trip - Invited Children
- Friday 26th:** Year 5 Kings Primary Day
- Monday 29th:** Kings Transition Week
- Monday 29th:** Year 5 & 6 girls Football
- Tuesday 30th:** Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala

JULY

- Wednesday 1st:** Whole School Transition Morning
- Wednesday 1st:** New Nursery Children Visit
- Wednesday 1st:** Meet the Teacher - 3:30pm and 5:30pm
- Thursday 2nd:** Year 4 Egyptian Workshop Day
- Monday 6th:** PTFA AGM Meeting @2pm
- Tuesday 7th:** Tween safe - Year 6
- Tuesday 7th:** Year 6 End of Year Show 6pm
- Wednesday 8th:** Year 6 End of Year Show 6pm
- Thursday 9th:** Nursery Parents Meetings - All Day
- Thursday 9th:** Year 5&6 Art Workshop
- Friday 10th:** End of Year Report Cards
- Monday 13th:** ASM House Prize
- Tuesday 14th:** Celebration Assembly
- Wednesday 15th:** Year 6 Prom
- Wednesday 15th:** Drop in Parents Evening
- Thursday 16th:** Nursery Graduation Picnic 1:30pm
- Friday 17th:** Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Friday 17th:** Finish for Summer!



A big thank you to all the dads, grandads, and special male role models who joined us for our Father's Day Workshops. We hope you enjoyed spending time with your children and taking part in the fun activities together!

Your support, enthusiasm, and involvement made the event extra special, and we are grateful for the wonderful memories created. We look forward to welcoming you to more exciting events in the future.

EYFS & KS1 Sports Day



What a brilliant afternoon we had at our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day! The field was filled with laughter, excitement, and lots of proud smiles as the children took part in all the different activities. From hopping and skipping to throwing, running, and balancing, everyone gave it a go and had so much fun. The children showed great enthusiasm, fantastic effort, and lots of happy teamwork throughout the morning. A big thank you to all the grown-ups who came along to cheer and support- it meant so much to the children and made the day extra special. A huge well done to our youngest superstars - you were fantastic!

Parent Governor Update



We are pleased to announce that Chris Harrison has joined our Local Governing Board as a Parent Governor. As there were two parent governor vacancies available, there was no requirement for an election to take place and Chris has been appointed to the role. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Chris and look forward to working with him over the coming years.

At the end of this academic year, Kate Lang will be stepping down from her role as Parent Governor. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Kate for her commitment and support over the past four years. Her contribution to the Local Governing Board has been greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Minibus Drivers Needed



We are looking to recruit a team of volunteer drivers to support the school by driving our minibus during the school day for educational visits, enrichment opportunities and sporting competitions. If you hold a full driving licence and passed your driving test before 1 January 1997, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office for further information. As part of the induction process, all volunteers will be required to complete the relevant safeguarding procedures and training and DBS checks. Thank you in advance for helping us provide these valuable experiences for our pupils.



Our Next Curriculum Block

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


New Reception and Nursery Events

Wednesday 24th: New Reception Children Lunch 12pm
Wednesday 1st: New Reception Children Transition Morning
Wednesday 1st: New Nursery Children Visit



Meet The Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 1st July: Meet the Teacher - 3:30pm and 5:30pm



Class of the week!

Well done



Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Making a difference

RB - Isla H.
RSB- Dominic S.
Y1P- Teddy H.
Y1/2R - Isla P.
Y1/2T -Lottie S.A.


Y3H- Sebastian D.
Y3/4R - Annie-May C.
Y4W - Tabitha B.
Y5P - Ivy S.
Y5/6B - Fin E.
Y5/6O - Freya K.

Well done!

Attendance 100%



Well done to _____ for achieving 100% attendance last week!

Lunchtime Award




Good To Be Green Winner

EYFS/KS1-
LKS2 -
UPKS2 -

House Points

Bridgewater - 2170
Doulton - 1828
Wedgwood - 1757
Moorcroft - 1553



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS

An allergy is an overreaction of the immune system to a food or substance that's usually harmless. Symptoms can be mild, but for some people they can be very serious. This is known as anaphylaxis.

HOW TO SAY ANAPHYLAXIS: ANA-FIL-AX-IS

ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS

- Mild allergy symptoms are treated with antihistamines.
- Anaphylaxis is treated with adrenaline, which is administered via an adrenaline device, injected into the outer upper thigh or using a nasal device.
- Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency and a threat to life.

WHAT ADRENALINE DOES

Adrenaline reduces swelling, opens the patient's airways and raises their blood pressure. Patients must go to hospital for monitoring, as the reaction could return.

TOP 14 FOOD ALLERGENS: (However, be aware people can be allergic to anything.)

- CELERY, FISH, CRUSTACEANS, EGGS, MILK, SOYA, LUPIN, CEREALS, TREE NUTS, SESAME, MUSTARD, MOLLUSCS, PEANUTS, SALIPUTES

NON-FOOD ALLERGENS:

- POLLEN, PET HAIR/DANDER, INSECT VENOM, MEDICATION/DRUGS

ANAPHYLAXIS SYMPTOMS

AIRWAY
Symptoms include swelling in the throat, tongue or upper airways; tightening of the throat; a hoarse voice; and difficulty swallowing.

BREATHING
Symptoms include persistent cough; sudden onset of wheezing; breathing difficulty; and noisy breathing.

CIRCULATION
Symptoms include pale and clammy skin; dizziness; feeling faint; sudden sleepiness; tiredness; confusion; and loss of consciousness.

In extreme cases of anaphylaxis, there could be a dramatic fall in the patient's blood pressure. The patient may become weak and floppy, and have a sense of something terrible happening. Any of the AIC symptoms listed above may lead to collapse and unconsciousness and, on rare occasions, be fatal.

LINKS TO FURTHER RESOURCES - Scan the QR codes to find out more

Meet Our Expert: [AllergyWise](#), [EpiPen](#), [Jext](#), [ADRENALINE AND AADS](#)

WakeUp Wednesday, The National College

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. TV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children, though a June 2023 update has improved things greatly.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME
Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-coded by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, and in the case with PEGI-rated games, with millions of user-created experiences that inappropriate content may reach younger children and have a harmful effect.

RISK OF ADDICTION
Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can generate a sense of urgency for longer periods of time. Some games also use persuasive frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending time on Roblox can also be addictive, leading to other activities being neglected and loss of sleep.

IN-GAME SPENDING
Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and virtual items are sold for real money. Using Roblox, the platform's virtual currency, to get Robux (in-game), this Robux could be common across online games, but reporting the significant cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

MATURE CONTENT
With much of Roblox's moderation run through AI and created with varying reliability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. As of June 2023, Roblox defaults to only showing games from trusted developers to under 13s, including links with child players to their own Roblox content. But these automated systems are not infallible, and parents should always encounter content you deem unsuitable.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS
Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat to shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, many investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by predators, or a just one child could be targeted by predators, leading to the potential of children being harassed or bullied. The platform plans to use facial age verification technology to enforce these rules.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS
Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending limits, restrict chat, and restrict the types of games, users and avatars a child can interact with. Supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT
Although Roblox has introduced tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely to avoid the risk of stranger chat. This is the default for under 13s, but can be opted for any account up to the age of 17. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other platforms, such as Discord.

PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE
Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences, engagement, and social interaction available on children's internet content. This allows parents and educators to make informed decisions about the types of games played on Roblox due to its largely self-rating system.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS
Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

Advice for Parents & Educators

Meet Our Expert: Alan Martin is a technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechCrunch, The Verge, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.

WakeUp Wednesday, The National College

Have a lovely weekend!

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.



PTFA

Upcoming Events...

Follow our Facebook page!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT THE THURSFIELD SUMMER FAYRE!

What a day!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped make Thursfield Summer Fayre such a *fantastic* success!
Your support means the world to our school community!

We can't wait to see you at the next one!

THANK YOU
for coming and supporting
THURSFIELD Summer Fair!

TOGETHER WE RAISED AN AMAZING £1999.48!

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!
If you took any photos, we'd love to see them!
Share your memories in the comments

THURSFIELD PTFA NEEDS YOU!
NEW CHAIR NEEDED!

A MESSAGE FROM DANIELLE SIMM

As many of you may already be aware, I will be stepping down as Chair of Thursfield PTFA. I joined the PTFA 8 years ago when my eldest child started at the school, and I have truly enjoyed every moment of being part of such a fantastic team.

The past 2 years as Chair have been especially rewarding, and together we have achieved so much. Thanks to our fundraising efforts, we have been able to provide loads of new resources for the school, which is something I am incredibly proud of.

These past two years have been very successful, made possible by the continued support of an amazing team and our wider school community.

I will officially be stepping down as Chair and Trustee on 30th June 2026.

THANK YOU!
As my son moves on to high school this September, my time at Thursfield is coming to an end. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported our events and helped make them such a success.

FULL HANDOVER & SUPPORT PROVIDED
I will fully give a handover, have a discussion and help anyone who's interested in taking on the role. I'm also happy to chat about and help with any of the other PTFA roles too!

Thank you, Danielle Simm

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT CHAIR?
HELP US CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Get in touch or speak to us to find out more - we'd love to hear from you!

SMALL ROLE. BIG IMPACT. AMAZING TEAM.