



Thursfield News



Friday 9th January Edition

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteachers Message

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all. I hope everyone had a lovely winter break and was able to enjoy some valuable time with family and loved ones.

Our return to school has certainly been an eventful one, with the weather causing some disruption due to snow and ice. I would like to thank parents and carers for your understanding and flexibility during this time. I am also extremely grateful to our staff for their support, particularly Mr Moreton for his hard work in keeping the school site safe, and Mrs Maybury and Mrs Bennett for ensuring clear and timely communication regarding closures and procedures.

We are hopeful that this week will mark the end of the challenging weather and that we can now move forwards positively into the spring term, focusing on learning, wellbeing and all the exciting opportunities ahead.

As we begin 2026, I would like to wish all our pupils, families and staff a very happy New Year. I hope the year ahead brings good health, happiness and success to our whole school community, and I look forward to all that we will achieve together.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend.
Mrs Bradbury

September Admissions!

Admission to primary and middle schools applications close
January 15th 2025

DON'T FORGET!

Year 4 x Tables Meeting

2x2=4
3x1=3

This June, our Year 4 pupils will take part in the Multiplication Check, designed to assess their ability to fluently recall times tables up to 12. To help parents support their children, we're hosting an information session on:

Monday, 19th January 3:30 PM 5:30 PM

During these sessions, we will share important details about the check and practical tips for at-home practice.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Page and the Year 4 Team

KS1 Phonics Workshop

We are excited to invite you to a Year 1 Phonics Workshop on: **Wednesday, 4th February at 9:00 AM**

This workshop is a great opportunity to: Learn about the Phonics Screening Check your child will complete in the summer. Discover ways to support your child's phonics learning at home. See how phonics is taught in the classroom with your child. There will also be plenty of time for any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Ronson, Miss Mott, & Mrs Tapp

Parents Evening

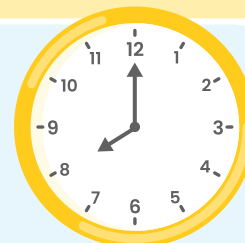
For Mrs. Kleeler's and Miss Brooke's. Mr Austin's classes:

Wednesday, 11th February

Appointments will be available to book via Arbor.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress!

Year 6 Booster Sessions



YEAR 6 boosters will commence
NEXT week!

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

SEND Coffee Morning



Friday 23rd January @9am.

All parents & carers of children with SEND are welcome - whatever their age or stage.

There will be a 'Dyslexia' focus during the meeting.

Come for support, advice, or just a cuppa and a friendly chat. We'd love to see you and welcome you into our SEND community!



Special Person Lunch

Please be aware that our Special Person Lunches take place over the next few weeks.
Please book via Arbor.



E-Safety Meeting



We are pleased to invite you to our ESafety Parent Workshop on **Monday, 9th February, from 5:30pm**

This session will provide valuable resources and tips to help you keep your children safe online at home. We'll cover: Managing screen time effectively. Guidance on how to talk to your child about online safety.

We hope you can join us to learn more about how to support your child's digital wellbeing. We look forward to seeing you there!

Key Dates



JANUARY

Monday 12th: Year 5/6 Football League

Tuesday 13th: Year 6 Boosters Start

Monday 19th: Year 4 Multiplication Test Meeting 3:30pm and 5:30pm

Monday 19th: PTFA Meeting @2pm

Tuesday 20th: 1/2R Special Person Lunch

Wednesday 21st: 1M Special Person Lunch

Thursday 22nd: 1/2T Special Person Lunch

Friday 23rd: SEND Coffee Morning @9am

Monday 26th: Year 5/6 Football League

Tuesday 27th: 3H Special Person Lunch

Wednesday 28th: 3/4R Special Person Lunch

Thursday 29th: 4W Special Person Lunch

FEBRUARY

Monday 2nd: Y5/6 Visit to Manchester Science Industry Museum

Tuesday 3rd: 5P Special Person Lunch

Wednesday 4th: 5/6K Special Person Lunch

Wednesday 4th: Year 1 Phonics Workshop 9am

Thursday 5th: 5/6BA - Special Person Lunch

Monday 9th: Year 6 Fundraising Event

Monday 9th: 5/6 Football League

Monday 9th: Parents E-Safety Meeting @5:30pm


Tuesday 10th: Reception Special Person Lunch

Wednesday 11th: Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11th: Year 5/6 Classes Parents evening



Thursday 12th: Young Voices

16th February - 20th February- Half Term




Our Next Curriculum Block

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


Parking




We have received a number of reports this week of dangerous parking outside school — cars mounting the kerb and ignoring pedestrian safety.

This creates a serious risk for our children and families. Please park with care in surrounding streets and watch out for pupils at drop-off and pick-up.

Vehicles parked unsafely will be reported to parking enforcement.




Peanut Allergy




Please be aware that we have a child at Thursfield with a peanut allergy. For this reason, please do not bring in any food items containing peanuts. Thank you for your cooperation.

Class of the week!



Attendance

Well done to Year __ Class for achieving 100% attendance last week!



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.

PLEASE DONATE TO OUR FOOD BANK




As we approach a time of year that can be financially challenging for many, we want to make sure that all parents and staff at Thursfield have access to the support they need. Our on-site food bank is here to help, and we need your support to keep it stocked!

We're asking for donations of non-perishable items such as:


- Tinned goods (e.g., beans, soups, vegetables)
- Packets (e.g., pasta, rice, cereals)
- Toiletries (e.g., soap, toothpaste, toilet roll)
- Biscuits & snacks

Your generous contributions can make a big difference to those who may be struggling this season. Any donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated! Please drop any donations off at reception.


Thank you for your kindness and support. Together, we can help make a difference.



Winter Weather



Please can all children ensure that they are dressed appropriately for the winter weather. Coats must be worn to school. Please bring hats, scarfs and gloves to wear.

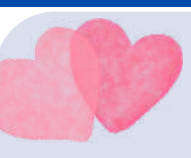


Reviewed Policies

The policies reviewed at our recent Governors' meeting are now available on the school website. These include key policies relating to teaching and learning, early years, safeguarding, and health and safety. Some policies have also been updated with additional information specific to nursery and wraparound provision.

Reception Applications

For Staffordshire Reception applications (starting September 2026), the main application deadline is 15 January 2026. Please note that Nursery parents will still need to apply via their local council's website. If you need any help with the application process, please contact the school office — we'll be happy to assist. Thank you.



Children's Wellbeing

This week, Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, has published a new guide offering practical support and advice for children, families and professionals. The guide highlights key issues affecting children today and provides clear, helpful guidance to support their wellbeing and development. We encourage parents and carers to click on the online link to read the report in full and access the advice available.


<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

School Dates




School closes for Christmas:-
Friday 13th February

Children return:-
Monday 23rd February



Nursery Places



We currently have a small number of places available for 3-4-year-olds in our nursery. Please collect a Nursery Information Pack from the school office for further details.

Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Design and Technology

RB - Oliver T.

RSB- Archie E.

Y1P- Ernie A.

Y1/2R - James T.

Y1/2T - Zayus H.

Y3H- Lilianna H.

Y3/4R - Freddie J.

Y4W - Willow P.

Y5P - George S.

Y5/6B - Albert P.

Y5/6O - Jemima R.

Well done!

Good To Be Green Winner




House Points

Bridgewater - 1059

Wedgwood -855

Doulton - 817

Moorcroft - 690



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

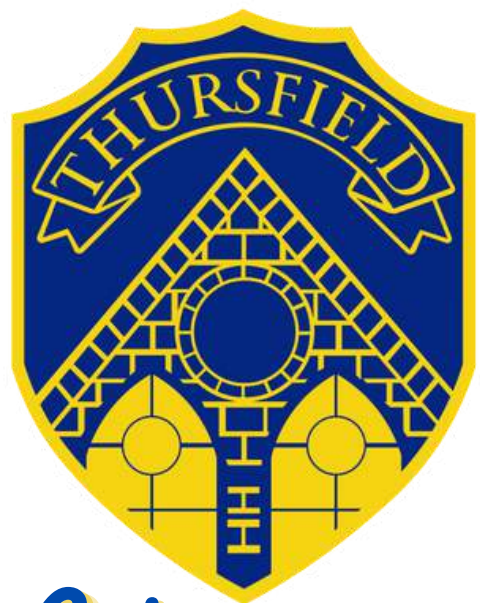
Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

- TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS**
Making 'greater' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe. They're more responsible and aware of their surroundings when they're out on the road. Encourage them to walk or cycle to school, or to the park, or to the shops. They can learn to navigate the roads safely and confidently.
- BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN**
Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and children need to be seen by cars, bikes and motorbikes. Encourage them to wear reflective clothing, or to carry a reflective bag or jacket. They should also wear their seatbelts when in a car.
- EYES UP**
Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly check for traffic and potential dangers—checking the road before crossing—looking right, left and then right again.
- LIMIT DISTRACTIONS**
Where possible, devices the phone should be kept away from children while out and about. If they're using a phone, they should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a child needs to use a phone, they should be taught to use it safely, such as using a speakerphone or a text-to-speech app.
- SLOW DOWN**
Discuss the importance of slowing down when crossing the road. They should be taught to stop and look both ways before crossing. They should also be taught to use the zebra crossing and to wait for the green light before crossing the road. They should avoid crossing the road when it's busy or when there's a lot of traffic. If traffic seems to be moving slowly, it could still be dangerous to cross.
- STOP BEFORE THE KERB**
Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb—not right at the edge of it. Stopping before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything is coming, whether getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's a car, they should wait until it's safe to cross. They should also be taught to look for cars in the distance, not just the cars immediately in front of them.
- CROSS SAFELY**
Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pedestrian crossings. They should use the outside edge of the road, where they can see traffic coming from both directions. They should also be taught to look for cars in the distance, not just the cars immediately in front of them. They should also be taught to use the zebra crossing and to wait for the green light before crossing the road. They should avoid crossing the road when it's busy or when there's a lot of traffic. If traffic seems to be moving slowly, it could still be dangerous to cross.
- PARKED VEHICLES**
Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of the road, where they can see traffic coming from both directions. They should also be taught to look for cars in the distance, not just the cars immediately in front of them. They should also be taught to use the zebra crossing and to wait for the green light before crossing the road. They should avoid crossing the road when it's busy or when there's a lot of traffic. If traffic seems to be moving slowly, it could still be dangerous to cross.
- REVERSING VEHICLES**
Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle—it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for engine sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?
- WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE**
When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to move before crossing the road. They should also be taught to look for cars in the distance, not just the cars immediately in front of them. They should also be taught to use the zebra crossing and to wait for the green light before crossing the road. They should avoid crossing the road when it's busy or when there's a lot of traffic. If traffic seems to be moving slowly, it could still be dangerous to cross.

Meet Our Expert

There's a year-round educational campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviour—whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking—with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



PTFA

Upcoming Events...



PTFA MEETING

Join us for a chat all things PTFA and share some exciting ideas of fundraising for our children in 2026!

Monday 19th January 2026

@ 2pm in the school hall



Future Events:

Monday 19th January: PTFA Meeting @2pm