



Thursfield News



Friday 7th November Edition

Weekly Joke: How do bees get to school?

On the school buzz!

Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful half-term break and enjoyed some well-earned rest and family time. The children have returned to school settled, enthusiastic, and raring to go for the second half of the autumn term.

During our recent INSET day, staff took part in training focused on the teaching of reading and lesson sequence pedagogy. The day provided a valuable opportunity for us to reflect on best practice and to continue developing our approaches to ensure the very best outcomes for our pupils.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the PTFA Pumpkin Patch event before the break. It was a fantastic community occasion, and the money raised has already been put to excellent use — we have purchased a number of new reading books to support children's learning across the school. These books will be shared with pupils throughout the year, and we thank parents in advance for helping children to care for them and for continuing to support their reading journey at home.

This week, our Key Stage 1 pupils enjoyed a wonderful trip to the National Memorial Arboretum. The visit linked closely with our learning around Remembrance Day, helping the children to develop a deeper understanding of remembrance, respect, and the importance of honouring those who have served our country.

It was also lovely to welcome so many new visitors to school on Wednesday during our Reception Open Event. The children were a real credit to the school, and we hope to see many of our visitors returning to join our school community in September.

Earlier in the week, our Nursery children were treated to a special visit from the local fire station, who brought along their fire engine. The children were thrilled to meet the firefighters and learn about the important and brave work they do to keep our community safe.

Finally, as we approach the weekend, many families may be celebrating with fireworks. If you are, we hope you have a wonderful time — but please do remember to stay safe.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mrs Bradbury

KS1 Trip to National Arboretum



On Monday, our Key Stage 1 children visited the National Arboretum. During the day, they learned a great deal about Remembrance and took part in a range of thoughtful and reflective activities.

Their behaviour throughout the trip was excellent, and it was wonderful to see the respect and kindness they showed to others. Well done, Key Stage 1 — you represented Thursfield beautifully!



School Council Children in Need Fundraiser

On Friday, 14th November, we'll be joining in to support the incredible work of BBC Children in Need!

Pupils are invited to come to school dressed in pyjamas, non-uniform, fancy dress, or Pudsey-themed clothing and accessories. We kindly ask for a £1 donation via Arbor, which can be made anytime between 13th and 17th November. There will also be an exciting class competition during the day — with prizes for the winning class!

All funds raised will go directly to BBC Children in Need, helping to improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Reception Open Morning



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Reception Open Morning on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

If you were unable to attend and would like to visit, we will be hosting one more open evening event on the 8th December at 5:30pm or please contact our school office to arrange an appointment for a walkaround with our Headteacher.



Anti-Bullying Odd Socks Day



On Monday 10th November, we will be launching Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day.

Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and to show that it's okay to be different.

We look forward to seeing lots of bright, fun socks around school as we kick off an important week of learning and reflection!

(you can find information on this if you search anti-bullying week)



Reading Books

We are delighted to share that our PTFA have very kindly purchased brand new reading books for our Reception, KS1, and KS2 children — an incredible donation worth over £2,000!

They have also provided each child with a plastic wallet to keep their reading books safe as they travel to and from school. **Please ensure that all books are kept inside these wallets to help prevent any damage.**

We would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing PTFA for their generosity and support. These new books will make a wonderful difference to our children's reading journeys — **let's all do our part to look after them carefully!**

Key Dates



NOVEMBER

Monday 10th: Year 5/6 STEM Workshop – parents invited. 1:45pm–3:00pm

Thursday 13th: Reception Trip to Library

Friday 14th: Children in Need (Non-Uniform)

Monday 17th: Year 5/6 Football League

Tuesday 18th: Yr5/6 Dodgeball Competition @Keele

Thursday 20th: Reception Trip to Apple Tree Town

Wednesday 26th: School based yearly Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 26th: TRUST Dodgeball Competition

Wednesday 26th: Reception Meet the Police.

Friday 28th: Year 1 – Year 6 Trip to the theatre – The Little Mermaid

DECEMBER



Monday 1st: Year 6 Fundraising Event

Monday 1st: Year 5/6 Football League

Wednesday 3rd: Year 3/4 Winter Workshop– parents invited @2pm

Wednesday 3rd: Reception Nativity @5:30pm

Thursday 4th: Reception Nativity @2:30pm

Monday 8th: Reception Open Evening @5:30pm (New Parents for September 2026)

Tuesday 9th: KS1 Christmas Show@2pm

Wednesday 10th: Parents Evening

Thursday 11th: KS1 Christmas Show @5:30pm

Friday 12th: Non-Uniform Day PTFA Donation

Monday 15th: Year 6 Booster Meeting @3:30pm

Tuesday 16th: Reception Trip – Dear Santa Theatre

Wednesday 17th: Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

Thursday 18th: Community Christmas Party

Thursday 18th: Year 5/6 Carol Service

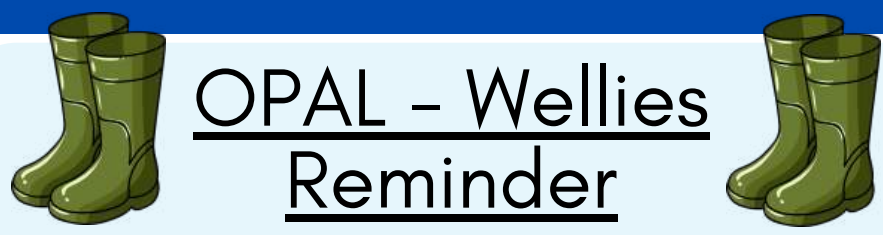
Friday 19th: Non-Uniform Day and Toy Day

22nd December- 4th January - Christmas Break

Remembrance Day



On **Tuesday 11th November** at 11 o'clock we will take part in the two minutes silence. If your child attends a uniformed group e.g. Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies, cubs they are welcome to come to school in their group uniform on this Tuesday.



OPAL - Wellies Reminder

Please can all children bring a pair of wellies into school. Children will not be allowed onto the field to enjoy our OPAL play sessions without them. Thank you for your support in helping us keep playtimes fun and safe for everyone!



Water Bottles

Bring a reusable water bottle every day!

Please label it with your child's name — let's cut down on plastic and be a greener school together.



Allergy Awareness - Important Reminder

We have pupils at Thursfield with severe peanut allergies, and their safety is a top priority. Please be mindful of this when sending food items into school, and avoid products that contain peanuts or peanut butter. Thank you for helping us keep all of our children safe and well.



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.



Admissions

We are currently consulting on our admissions arrangements for the 2027-2028 academic year. Details of the proposed policy and how to share your feedback have been shared in a recent email.



Clubs

Clubs are underway!

Haven't signed up yet? Book via Arbor today and don't miss the chance to try something new this term!



Wraparound Survey

A huge thank you to all our pupils who took the time to share their thoughts and feedback in our recent Wraparound Care Survey. Your contributions are incredibly valuable and will play a key part in helping school leaders and governors as we plan and make important decisions about Thursfield's provision moving forward.



Our Next Curriculum Block

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



Class of the week!

KS1 for their amazing behaviour and learning during their trip.



Attendance

100%

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

Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Writing

RB - Holly G.
RSB- Nancy S.
Y1P- Rocko L.
Y1/2R -Paisley G.
Y1/2T -

Y3H- Sebastian D.
Y3/4R -
Y4W - Ruari R.
Y5P - Jake S.
Y5/6B -
Y5/6O - Aveyja 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



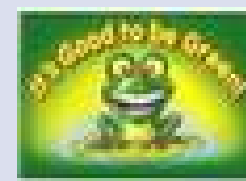
Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.



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

Good To Be Green Winner

George C.



House Points

Bridgewater - 626
Wedgwood -542
Doulton - 521
Moorcroft - 450



Year 5/6 STEM Spectacular!

Calling all Year 5 and 6 Parents! Come join us for an afternoon to work side-by-side with your child as you build, create, test and explore as you challenge your inner scientist!

Date of event: Monday 10th November
Time: 1:45-3:00pm
Where: Please come to the School Office on arrival

THE CREATIVE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP TRUST

DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION EYFS & KS1

The Creative Learning Partnership Trust's Christmas Card Competition for 2025 is here!

To enter, simply create your Christmas card design - no bigger than A4 - and hand it into your teacher. You can use our worksheet or make your own design.

Each Trust school will select their top 3 designs in each category, and these designs will go on to the final judging panel. Our judges will choose the two official Trust Christmas card designs for 2025.

There are two competition categories:
5 years & under (EY) & 7 years & under (KS1)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 26 NOVEMBER 2025

Note for teachers: Please submit your winning school entry to info@creativetrng.com by Wednesday 26 November 2025

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms - such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profiles, deliberately leaving them out of group chats, sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone, or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health - so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

- 1. GET CONNECTED**
Playing online games together with friends is a great way to build relationships. However, if your child is being bullied online, it's important to get connected to them. Talk to them about what's happening and let them know you're there to support them.
- 2. KEEP TALKING**
Regular chats with young people about their online lives are important. It's not just about what they're doing, but also about how they're feeling. If you notice any signs of distress, talk to them about it.
- 3. STAY VIGILANT**
Observe your child while they're using technology and just offer support. If you notice anything suspicious, talk to them about it. If you're not sure, it's better to ask than to ignore it.
- 4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE**
If an online bullying incident does occur, it's important to be available. If your child is being bullied, they need to know they can talk to you about it. If you're not sure, it's better to ask than to ignore it.
- 5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN**
When someone is being bullied, they need to know they can talk to you about it. If you're not sure, it's better to ask than to ignore it.
- 6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD**
Depending on their age, your child might not want to report bullying. However, it's important to let them know they can talk to you about it. If you're not sure, it's better to ask than to ignore it.
- 7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE**
Cyber-bullying often happens on social media. If you notice anything suspicious, report it to the platform. If you're not sure, it's better to ask than to ignore it.
- 8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY**
Encourage your child to be empathetic towards others. If they see someone being bullied, they should be encouraged to help them. If you're not sure, it's better to ask than to ignore it.
- 9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE**
If you're not sure what to do, seek expert advice. There are many resources available online. If you're not sure, it's better to ask than to ignore it.
- 10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES**
If the bullying is severe, involve the authorities. There are many resources available online. If you're not sure, it's better to ask than to ignore it.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Clare Butler is a senior cyber safety consultant, educator and researcher who has been working in the field of cyber safety for over 10 years. She has written numerous articles and books on the topic of cyber safety. She is also a frequent speaker at conferences and events.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday



PTFA

Upcoming Events...



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL!

This holiday season, let's spread some joy!
We're collecting new toys to help bring smiles to children in need.



How to help:

Bring your new, unwrapped toys to the school office

The sleigh is waiting there — let's fill it up together!



Collection ends:
Thursday 18th December



Location:
School office

Every small gift makes a big difference ❤️

THURSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

🎄 Looking for a Christmas Tree Stand Donation 🎄

We're hoping to find a 15ft tree stand to help brighten up our school and bring some Christmas spirit to Thursfield! 🎅✨

If anyone has one they could donate or lend, or knows someone who might be able to help, we'd be so grateful.

Please get in touch — it would make a big difference for our students and staff this festive season!

Thank you and merry Christmas in advance!



New Books for Reception, KS1 & KS2

We're delighted to let you know that the PTFA has recently purchased £2000 worth of new books for our Reception and KS1 children.

You'll soon see some of these lovely new books coming home with the children. Please help us by making sure they are well looked after and returned in good condition, so everyone can enjoy them for a long time to come.

Thank you for your continued support!

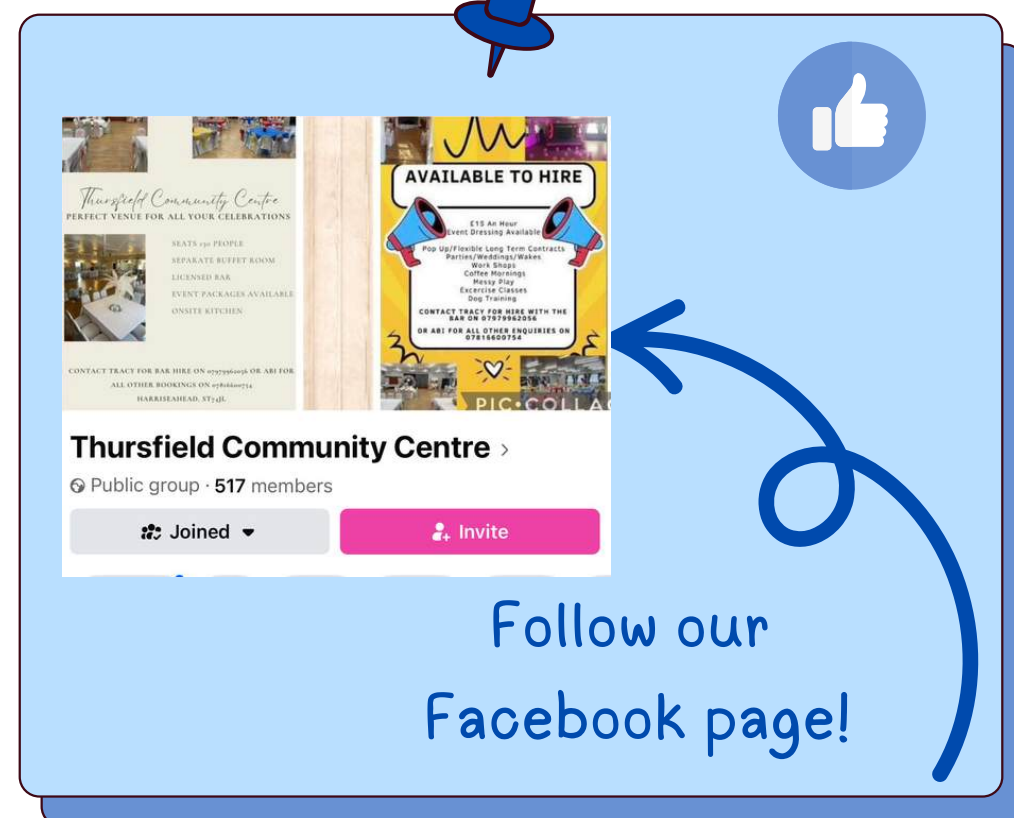


Future Events:



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

Slimming World
feel
real
good

find real support in your local group...

Harriseahead Slimming World
Thursfield Community Centre
Every Saturday
7.30am & 9am
Clare - 07584071643

free membership
new group experience
even better results

HARRISEAHEAD MINI MATES

Mini Mates Baby & Toddler Group
Come play, learn, and make new friends!

Looking for a fun and welcoming place to bring your little one? Join us at Mini Mates — a relaxed and friendly group for babies, toddlers, and their grown-ups!

- For ages 0+
- Toys, songs, snacks, and free play
- Hot drinks and chats for parents & carers
- Crafts and seasonal activities

When: Thursdays 9:30-10:45
Where: Community Centre, Chapel Lane, Harriseahead
Cost: £3.50 per child and adult then 50p every extra person

Whether you're a new parent, grandparent, or carer — everyone is welcome! No need to book, just drop in.

Come along and be part of our lovely community
We can't wait to meet you!

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**