



Thursfield News



Friday 20th March Edition

Weekly Joke: How can you make seven even? Take away the 's'.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Message

It has been a truly lovely week in school, enhanced by the welcome arrival of some beautiful spring sunshine. The brighter weather has brought a wonderful energy across the school, with pupils making the most of their time both in and out of the classroom. It has been a pleasure to see the school community thriving and enjoying all that this term has to offer.

I am delighted to share the fantastic news that we have been awarded a Silver grade in our recent Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) review. This is a significant achievement and reflects the dedication and commitment of so many within our school community. A huge thank you goes to everyone involved in making this possible, with special recognition to Mrs Page, Mr Moreton, our PTFA, and all the parents who have generously volunteered their time to support the developments on our school site. It is truly heartwarming to see pupils from Nursery through to Year 6 playing together, collaborating, and engaging in imaginative play. We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents into school to share in these play sessions during the summer term.

Our Key Stage 1 pupils had a fabulous time on their recent trip to Chester Zoo. The children were full of excitement as they explored the zoo, learning about a wide range of animals and their habitats. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they observed the animals up close and asked thoughtful questions throughout the day. Experiences like this bring learning to life and create lasting memories. My sincere thanks go to the staff and volunteers who supported the trip and helped ensure it was such a success.

Well done to our Year 4 and Year 5 teams who took part in the Trust Times Table Rockstars event at Langdale Primary School. The children represented Thursfield brilliantly, demonstrating both excellent mathematical skills and great teamwork. We are very proud of their effort and attitude—well done to all involved!

Finally, thank you to everyone for your support of Comic Relief. It has been wonderful to see our school community come together in support of such an important cause, truly embracing our values of kindness and thinking of others. Your generosity and enthusiasm make a real difference.

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!



KS1 Trip to Chester Zoo



On Tuesday, our KS1 children went to Chester Zoo. They had an amazing day exploring the zoo and seeing a wide variety of animals. They represented our school beautifully throughout the trip. A big thank you to all the staff who organised the visit and supported the children during such a fantastic experience.

Key Dates

MARCH

- 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

25th May - 29th May - Half Term



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!

Year 6 First Aid Training



On Thursday, our Year 6 children took part in their first aid training sessions. They listened carefully and followed instructions well throughout. The children have now learned the basics of first aid - well done to everyone involved!

Year 3/4 Easter Assembly

Just a reminder to our Year 3 and 4 parents - next Thursday (26th) at 9am will be the Year 3 & 4 Easter performance.

The children have been working very hard and are excited to share their performance with you. We can't wait to welcome you and see you all there!



Our Next Curriculum Block

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



Class of the week!

Year 1&2 for thier amazing trip to Chester Zoo!



Attendance **100%**

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

Lunchtime Award



- Rosela F.
- Edidson C.
- Eleanor L.
- Oliver M.

Comic Relief

A big thank you to everyone who helped raise money for Comic Relief. The children looked fantastic, all dressed in red, and it was wonderful to see so many creative outfits across the school.

We had a brilliant day celebrating such a fantastic cause, filled with laughter, jokes and, of course, plenty of fabulous red noses! It was lovely to see the children getting involved and understanding the importance of helping others.

Thank you again for your generosity and support - it is truly appreciated.

PTFA Easter Bonnet Competition

Please see the information linked to the PTFA Easter Bonnet Competition!

Thursday 26th March.



Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Geography

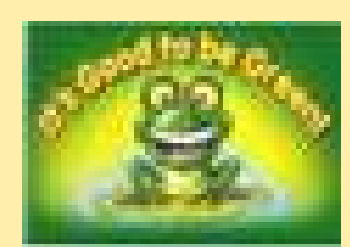
- RB - Lily H.
- RSB- Isabella G.
- Y1P- Georgie B.
- Y1/2R - Kayden P.E.
- Y1/2T -Jacob B.

- Y3H- Robin C.
- Y3/4R - Mia A.
- Y4W - Ruari R.
- Y5P - Bobby W.T.
- Y5/6B - Eleanor L.
- Y5/6O - Maggie H.

Well done!

Good To Be Green Winner

- EYFS/KS1- Albie B.
- LKS2 - Harry G.
- UPKS2 - Abel D.



House Points

- Bridgewater - 1623
- Wedgwood -1393
- Doulton - 1337
- Moorcroft - 1198

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE TRENDS ENCOURAGING VIOLENCE

7 out of 10 teens report seeing violent content on social media, with over half of that content featuring fights involving young people. Most don't "seek" it but are shown it through social media feeds or messaging groups. 91% of young people involved in violence have seen violent social media content. Viral trends, challenges, or "wars" that are spread online risk encouraging violence offline, while real-world incidents may also be recorded and promoted online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ALGORITHMIC EXPOSURE** - Social media platforms are designed to keep users engaged, meaning, neutral or extreme content can spread widely and quickly. Algorithms often recommend content that reflects users' past interactions. As a result, young people may see more violent material if they have viewed, commented on, or shared it before. Repeated exposure can make violent content appear frequently in their feeds without them fully understanding why.
- WEAPONS AND CRIMINAL RISK** - Teens exposed to high levels of real-world violence on social media sometimes report feeling an increased need to carry a weapon for self-protection; however, carrying a weapon increases the risk of serious injury (harm and injury by others) for young people. In addition, carrying a weapon is a serious offence that can lead to police arrest and a criminal record.
- SHARING VIOLENT CONTENT** - Encouraging or asking an offence is a crime in the UK, including via social media, and can lead to arrest. This means sharing, forwarding, or reposting violent content carries a risk for young people too. Showing someone violent content to someone else is inappropriate, but young people should take care not to further spread violent material by posting it online or sharing it within large messaging groups.
- FEAR, ANXIETY, AND MARGINALISATION** - Research shows young people's emotional wellbeing can be negatively impacted by repeated exposure to violent online content, especially when it depicts real-world violence (as opposed to fictional depictions in games or films). Posts featuring weapons, threats, attacks, and fights - or content that appears to glorify gang activity - can increase feelings of insecurity and fear among young people. Material that encourages violence targeting people because of their identity, such as their nationality or religion, can also create disproportionate harm for children belonging to those groups.
- AVOIDANCE AND ISOLATION** - Real-world violence on social media can increase young people's belief that their local community - or the "real world" more generally - are unsafe places. This can result in avoidant and isolating behaviours, which may negatively affect their wellbeing. As well as feeling fearful of others, teens also report feeling judged for spending time together in large groups, which may affect their social interactions and leisure time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- STAY INFORMED** - Stay alert for updates from police, schools, or local authorities, and follow the advice provided. Be cautious about unofficial accounts, fake content, and misinformation, which can spread quickly online or in chat groups. Ensure you get accurate information from trusted sources and encourage young people to do the same. Remind them never to share violent content online and to speak to a trusted adult instead.
- TALK CRIME AND SAFETY** - In most of the UK, the age of criminal responsibility is 10 (12 in Scotland). This means there can be serious criminal consequences for carrying a weapon, taking part in violence, or filming or sharing violent content. Discuss the law with young people alongside practical safety strategies. Ask questions such as: "What could you do if you feel unsafe?" Work together on action plans and remind them they can contact or trusted adult or the police if they witness or experience violence.
- DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA** - Encourage young people to talk about the content they see online and the effect it can have. This can be an opportunity to discuss topics such as misinformation, AI-generated material, the attention economy, and algorithms, helping them understand how they're exposed to content and how they can control it. Explore tools available to block, report, and remove harmful content, and signpost where to get support and advice, such as reportnearbycontent.com.
- ENCOURAGE POSITIVE ACTION** - Focus on strengthening young people's positive experiences both online and within their local communities. Discuss strategies to reduce negative social media effects, such as time limits, unfollowing certain accounts, or taking breaks from apps. Encourage offline activities such as spending time with friends, visiting local places, and taking part in hobbies that bring them joy, purpose, and connection. Remind them they can seek support with any concerns at any time via childline.org.uk.

Meet Our Expert: Dr. Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading UK expert in media law, online safety, and young people. Her PhD investigates youth understandings of criminal and legal risks in a digital context. She works in schools to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal, and ethical considerations of rapidly advancing technologies.

See full references on our website.

HELP US CLEAN UP THE NURSERY OUTDOOR AREAS!

MONDAY 30TH MARCH
TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SPRUCE UP AND CLEAN THE NURSERY OUTDOORS!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY CLEANUP AT THURSFIELD NURSERY SCHOOL. ALL HELPERS WELCOME, JUST SHOW UP READY TO GET STUCK IN!

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
	Castles and Sieges
	Space and Aliens
	Robots and Mechanisms
	Electricity and Power
	Animals and Nature

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...

Follow our Facebook page!

Summer Fair

Raffle Donations Needed!
 Help Us Make This Year's Event Bigger & Better!

Can you donate one small prize for our raffle?
 Or have brand new, unused items?

- Gift Sets
- Toys
- Chocolates & Treats
- Vouchers
- Craft Items

Every Donation Helps!

Please Send Us a Message if You Can Help!

Thank you for your support!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

NURSERY RESOURCES

WE ARE TRYING TO UPDATE OUR PROVISION AND WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE ANY DONATIONS

SMALL WORLD
 ANIMALS
 CHARACTERS OR FIGURES

PLAYDOUGH	SAND & WATER
BAKING TINS	PLAY SAND
ROLLING PINS	SAND TOYS
UTENSILS	FUNNELS
WOODEN SPOONS	BATH TOYS
CUTLERY	SCOOPS
SILICONE CASES	

PTFA EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

at
Thursfield Primary School

Thursday 26th **Thursday 26th March**

All children are invited to take part!

Please come to school wearing your Easter bonnet on the day.

Every child who enters will receive a Certificate of Participation.

One winner will be chosen from each class.

Get creative with your bonnets!
 We can't wait to see your amazing designs!

Thank you from the PTFA

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

STALL HOLDERS NEEDED

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A STALL AT OUR SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY, 13TH JUNE **THURSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**
FIELDS, ST7 4JL

11:00AM - 3:00PM

THURSFIELD PTFA