



Thursfield News



Friday 4th July Edition

Our Weekly Affirmation: 'I am responsible for my actions!'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteachers Message

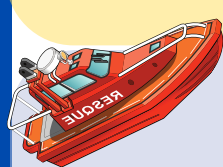
Last Saturday we enjoyed a truly amazing Summer Fayre, thanks to the incredible support of our PTFA, volunteers, staff, families, and everyone who came along. The atmosphere was fantastic, and together we raised an incredible £2,450.00! Your generosity and community spirit make a huge difference — thank you all.

On Monday, our KS1 children had a wonderful trip to Hoylake, enjoying fun in the sun while also learning the important message of keeping safe at the seaside. A huge thank you to the RNLI volunteers who shared their valuable knowledge, and to all the helpers who accompanied the children and supported the day.

This week has also been a big one for transition. Our Year 6 children have spent the last few days visiting their new high schools, getting to know the staff and making new friends. On Wednesday, the whole school took part in our move up day, where children met their new teachers and spent the morning together in their new classrooms. It was lovely to see so many of you at the "Meet the Teacher" event after school — thank you for joining us and making our new starters feel so welcome.

In particular, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Reception and Nursery children who will be joining us. We are excited for you to become part of our school community.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend,
Mrs Bradbury



KS1 Trip to Hoylake



On Monday, KS1 had a fantastic trip to Hoylake, where they learnt all about lifeboats and enjoyed playing on the beach. A huge well done to all the children for their excellent behaviour, and a big thank you to the team who supported and organised the trip!



Piano Recital



On Friday, our talented piano players performed in a recital for the whole school during our Golden Book assembly. You were all incredible — such talent on display! Well done to everyone who took part.

A letter has gone home with information on how to sign up for music lessons next year at Thursfield — don't miss out!



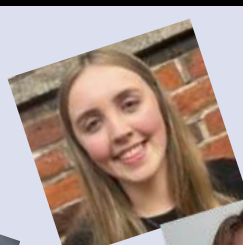
Year 5/6 Swimming Gala



This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils proudly represented Thursfield in a swimming gala at Newcastle-under-Lyme School. They performed amazingly and gave it their all — what fantastic effort and team spirit! Well done, team — we're so proud of you!



Whole School Transition



This week, we held our annual Transition Morning, where the children spent time with their new class teachers. It was wonderful to feel the excited buzz around the school as everyone looked ahead to the new school year. Roll on September!

Key Dates



JULY

Monday 7th : Year 5/6 Football — 4pm — 5:15pm

Monday 7th: Year 5/6 Show— Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 8th: Year 5/6 Show — 6pm

Wednesday 9th: Year 5/6 Show — 6pm

Thursday 10th: Year 5/6 Show — 1:30pm

Friday 11th: End of year reports sent home

Monday 14th: House Prize

Tuesday 15th: Celebration Assembly — 9am

Wednesday 16th: Year 6 PROM

Wednesday 16th: Drop in parents evening

Friday 18th: Year 6 Leavers Assembly @9am

Friday 18th: Finish for Summer

AUGUST

SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

SEPTEMBER

Return to School:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 8th : Reception Meet the Teacher @3:30pm and 5:30pm

W/C 15th: After School Clubs to Commence — Book via Arbor

Monday 22nd: SEND Coffee Evening @5:30pm

Wednesday 24th: TT Rockstars Launch Day

Monday 29th: PTFA AGM Meeting @2pm

High School Musical

Tuesday 8th: Evening Show — 6pm — Children arrive from 5:30

Wednesday 9th: Evening Show — 6pm — Children to arrive from 5:30

Thursday 10th: Afternoon Show — 1:30pm



2025 Summer Fair



A huge thank you to everyone who attended our 2025 Summer Fair — it was lovely to see so many of you there showing your support! Special thanks to our amazing PTFA for organising such a fantastic event, and to Jane for kindly lending us her fabulous marquee. We're thrilled to share that the fair raised an incredible £2,500 — what an achievement!

Parking Reminder

Thank you for working with the school, police and council regarding parking around the school. We truly appreciate your support in keeping our school safe for our children, staff and families.



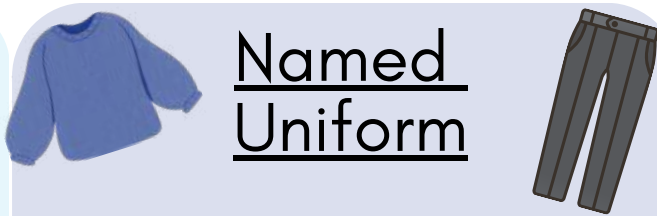
Water Bottles

Please can all children bring a water bottle to school as we are currently providing too many of the single use plastic cups.

Water bottles are needed during our Summer Term.

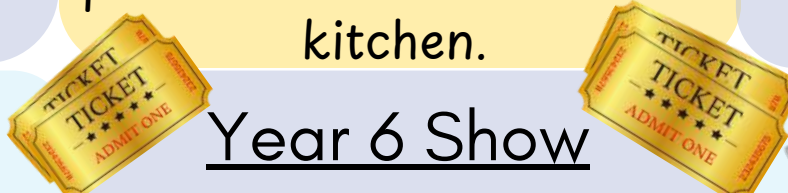
Named Uniform

Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labeled with your child's name.



OPAL Updates

If you have any old pots and pans or kitchenware (metal or plastic) that you are getting rid of - please donate to our mud kitchen.



Year 6 Show

Tuesday 8th Evening Show - 6pm
- Children to arrive from 5:30

Wednesday 9th Evening Show - 6pm
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Thursday 10th Afternoon Show - 1:30pm

New Reception Starters

It was so lovely to see our new Reception starters on Wednesday for their final transition session! We really enjoyed spending so much time with you in your new setting and watching you explore your classroom. You all did brilliantly, and we're super excited to see you again in September for the start of your exciting school journey!



Class and Team Photos

All class and team photo order forms have now been distributed. Please ensure they are returned by the date specified on the photo envelope. Thank you!



Clubs

Next week (7th July) will be the **LAST** week of clubs.

Year 6 - Important Dates

Tuesday 15th Celebration Assembly - 9am - Year 6 Parents Invited

Wednesday 16th Year 6 PROM @6pm - 8pm - Parents invited afterwards.

Friday 18th Year 6 Leavers Assembly @9am - Parents Invited.

Friday 18th: Finish for Summer



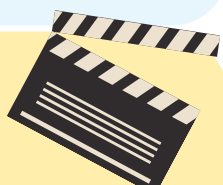
Reception Meet The Teacher

Monday 8th September
Reception Meet The Teacher
3:30pm & 5pm



Tickets for High School Musical

The letter for tickets has now been sent home with all Year 5 and 6 children taking part in the end-of-year show. Please return the completed forms next week as soon as possible so we can begin distributing tickets. Each family may request up to 4 tickets across the three shows. However, there may be additional tickets available—just pop any extras on the form and we'll do our best. Thank you!



Class of the week!

Year 6

for being amazing during their high school transitions this week.



Attendance

100%

Well done to 1M

for achieving 100% attendance last week!

Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Sports Day

RB - Archie S.

RKT - Ava P.

Y1M - Woody L.

Y1/2R - Henry T.

Y1/2B - Sonny D.

Y3TA - Lennon F.

Y3/4R - Jasmine R.

Y4W - Annabelle T.

Y5P -

Y5/6B - Oliver J.

Y5/6O - Zac D.F.

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

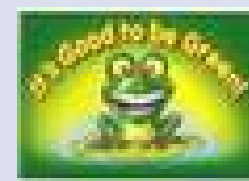
Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.



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

Good To Be Green Winner

Teddy M.



House Points

Bridgewater - 2473

Doulton - 2444

Moorcroft - 2276

Wedgwood - 2122

LET'S GO!

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Free activities for 8-17 year-olds during the school holidays



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MULTI-SPORTS & INFLATABLE FUN PARK

Kidsgrove Sports Centre ST7 1DR

Come and join us for some sports, games and inflatable fun throughout the summer holidays. Let the children burn off some energy with our bespoke drop-in sessions within a safe and fun environment.

Multi-Sports (Thursday's & Friday's)

**PICKLEBALL · SHORT MAT BOWLS · HOCKEY
FOOTBALL · TABLE TENNIS · BASKETBALL
CRICKET · TENNIS · TAG RUGBY · LACROSSE
DODGEBALL · HANDBALL + MUCH MORE!**

09:00-15:30 £22.50

Inflatable Fun Park (Tuesday's)

**OBSTACLE COURSE · BOUNCY CASTLE · SUMO SUITS
GLADIATOR DUEL · HUNGRY HIPPOS · CATERPILLAR TRACKS**

09:30-11:30 OR 12:00-14:00 £15.00



Book now at asmports.co.uk

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives - and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overload.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- COSTLY TO REPAIR**
Unlike some other children's tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high-end screen mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. It is a good idea to use a protective case and to supervise children when they are using the device. Apple also offers a 'Screen Protection' service, which can help protect the screen from scratches and scuffs.
- DATA PRIVACY**
While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many of the apps installed on children's iPads collect and share data. Over 40% of the tested apps used at least one piece of user information to share personal data. Parents should be aware of the data collection practices of the apps their children use.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
The App Store and other app providers provide a wide range of content, but not all content is suitable for children. Parents should be aware of the content their children are accessing and should consider using parental controls to restrict access to inappropriate content.
- BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS**
While Apple's 'Screen Time' feature allows parents to restrict access to certain apps and content, children can sometimes find ways to bypass these restrictions. Parents should be aware of the limitations of these controls and should consider using additional measures to protect their children's devices.
- SCREEN ADDICTION**
Excessive use of iPads can lead to screen addiction, which can have negative effects on a child's physical and mental health. Parents should encourage their children to take regular breaks from screen time and to engage in other activities.
- REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT**
Excessive use of iPads can lead to reduced attention spans and cognitive skills. Parents should encourage their children to engage in activities that promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ENABLE FAMILY SHARING**
Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and to manage their device remotely. This can help you monitor their app usage and restrict access to certain apps and content.
- FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES**
Parents can use Screen Time to restrict access to certain apps and websites. They can also restrict in-app purchases, which can help prevent children from making unauthorized purchases.
- USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY**
Screen Time allows you to set limits on screen time and to monitor app usage. Parents should use these features to establish healthy screen time habits for their children.
- PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING**
Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Parents should be aware of the limitations of these controls and should consider using additional measures to protect their children's devices.

Meet Our Expert
Cathy Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. She is a regular contributor to various media outlets, including the BBC, ITV, and The Guardian. She has a deep understanding of the digital world and is a valuable resource for parents and educators.

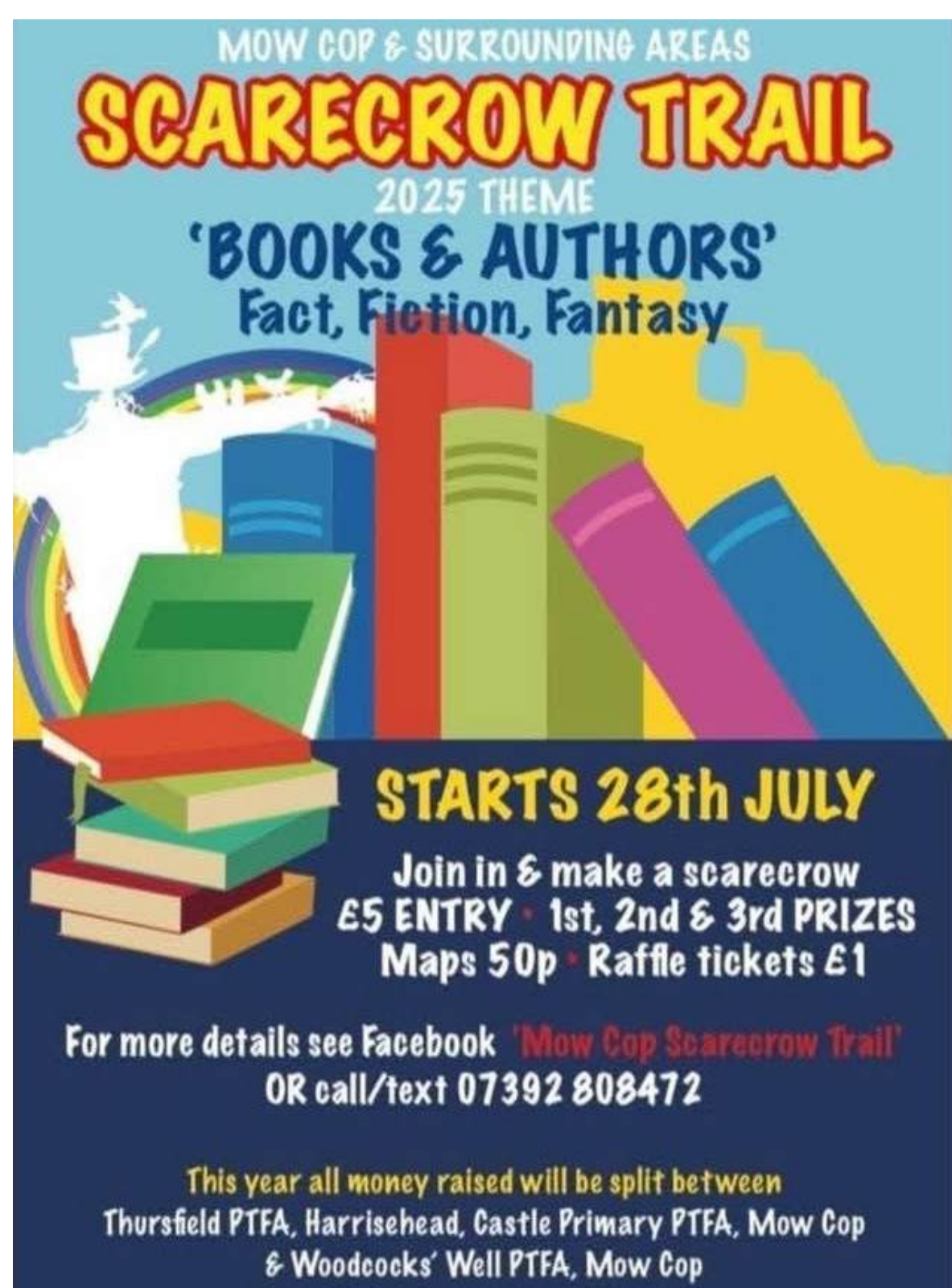
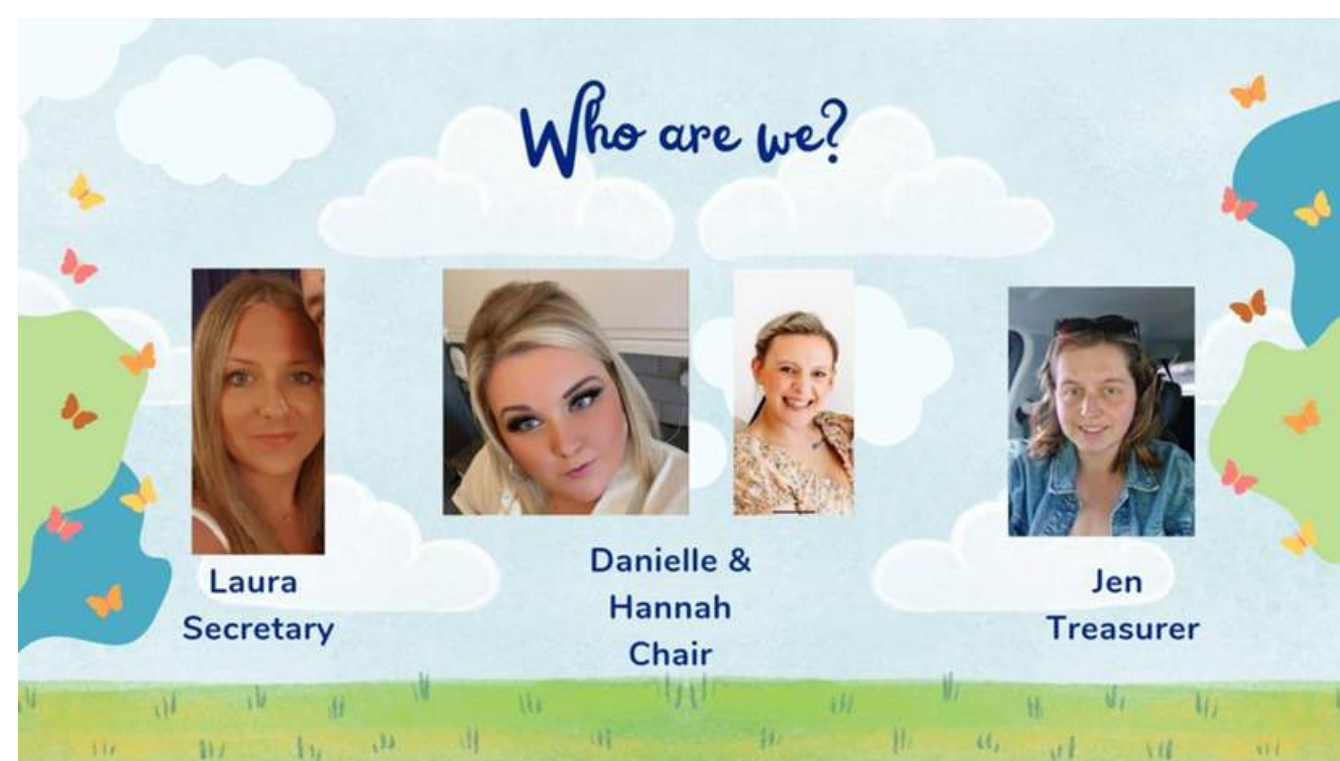
#WakeUpWednesday
The National College



PTFA



Upcoming Events...



Thank you so much to all the help and support we received for the Summer Fair this year - we couldn't have done it without you all!



We raised a phenomenal £2500!



Thank you!



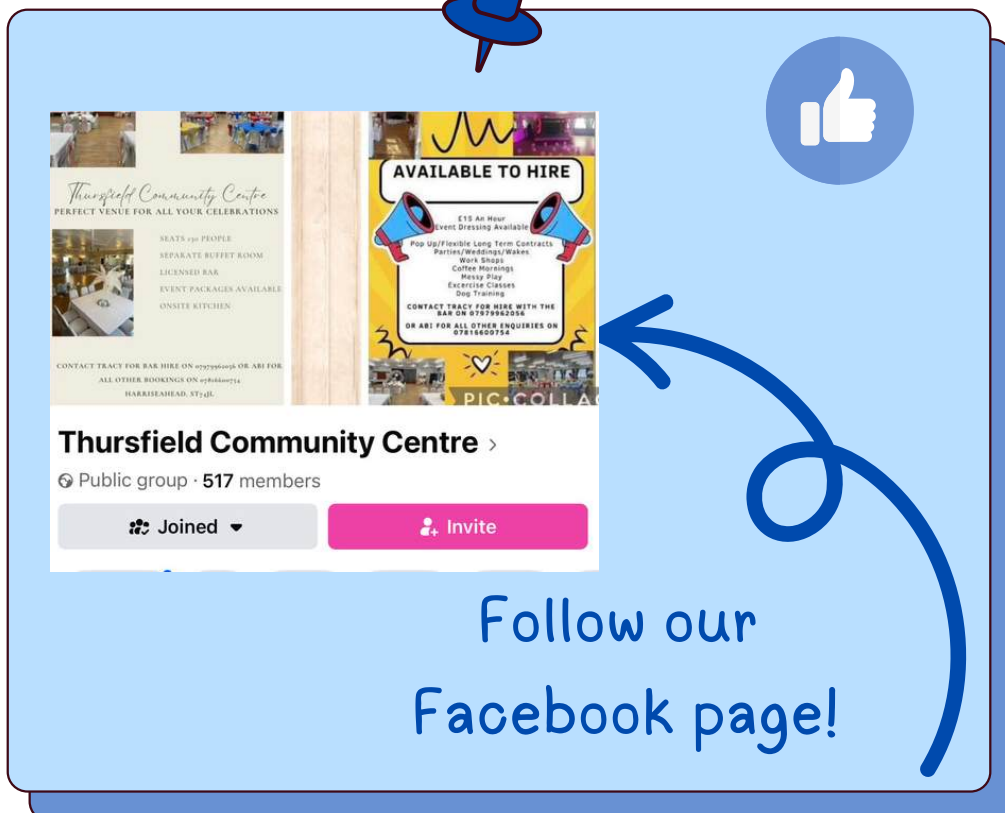
Future Events:

- **Monday 29th September:** Annual PTFA AGM 2pm



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, ST74JL

Upcoming Events For Thursfield Community Centre

JUNE 8TH 13:00-15:00 AROMA BALANCE WORKSHOP £15
JUNE 15TH POTTERY CLASS 11:00-12:30 £17
JUNE 20TH 18:00-20:30 SUMMER WREATH MAKING £27.80
JULY 12TH 10:00-12:30 WATER COLOUR ART CLASS £33.22
JULY 25TH LHB 18:30 CAKE DECORATING CLASS £45
AUGUST 7TH FELT MAKING WORKSHOP £42
AUGUST 23RD 11:00-13:00 CARTON DRAWING CLASS £22
SEPTEMBER 14TH 10:00-12:00 HSL HIGHLAND COW POTTERY CLASS £27

ALL EVENTS ARE ON EVENTBRITE AND REQUIRE TICKETS
SPACES ARE LIMITED
ALL DETAILS ON THURSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE FACEBOOK PAGE

Cake Decorating Party

FRIDAY 25TH JULY AT 6:30 PM
THURSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE



£45 per person

WHATS INCLUDED?

- Mini cake to decorate & take home
- Drink on arrival
- Nibbles
- Cake demonstration from LHB Bakery

TO BOOK, MESSAGE LHB BAKERY ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM

LHB BAKERY



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ONLY:
£45.00
/PERSON

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

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

BUDO SHIN RYU
JAPANESE KICKBOXING



THURSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
OPEN TO AGES 6 to 15 YEARS
TASTER SESSION ONLY £5.00

Whatsapp Mark on 07963 552107

COME AND JOIN US AT THE SUMMER MARKET

Sunday 6th July
11:00-14:00

Thursfield community centre
st74jl

free entry and parking

- *30 local business stalls
- *hot food & cakes
- *bouncy castle
- *face painter/glitter tattoos

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