



Thursfield News



Friday 8th May Edition

Weekly Joke: Why did the girl eat her homework? Because she didn't have a dog.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Message

I hope everyone had a lovely long Bank Holiday weekend and enjoyed some well-deserved time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school, ready for another busy and exciting week of learning.

Our pupils have completed the first week of their History Block, and it has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and engagement across the school. They have shown great curiosity, asked thoughtful questions, and demonstrated a real passion for learning as they explore new topics and develop their understanding of the past.

A huge thank you to everyone for your generous raffle donations for our upcoming colour-themed raffle! Your kindness and support have helped make this event extra special, and we truly appreciate the time and effort you've put into contributing. Thanks to your wonderful donations, we'll have an exciting and vibrant raffle for everyone to enjoy. Your support means so much and helps make our event a great success!

Next week is Assessment Week for our Year 6 pupils and we would like to take this opportunity to say how incredibly proud we are of each and every one of them. They have shown remarkable dedication, resilience, and maturity in preparing for this important time. Their hard work and commitment to their studies have been outstanding and they should feel extremely proud of all they have achieved so far.

Everyone at Team Thursfield is fully behind them, supporting and encouraging them every step of the way. We know they will approach next week with confidence and determination, and we wish them all the very best of luck.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Bradbury



Year 3/4 Cross Country



Well done to all of our Year 3/4 children who took part in this week's cross country event! You all showed true Thursfield spirit, resilience, and determination throughout the competition, and we are incredibly proud of every single one of you. A special congratulations goes to Henry Smith for achieving an amazing 2nd place overall, and to Addie Lang for coming 3rd overall — what fantastic achievements! You represented the school brilliantly, supported one another, and gave your very best effort. We are so proud of you all and cannot wait to see what the next event brings!



Key Dates

MAY

- Monday 11th:** Year 6 SATs Week
- Monday 11th:** Yr3/4 Football Event
- Wednesday 13th:** Year 6 Residential Parents Meeting 3:30pm and 5:30pm
- Friday 15th:** Year 6 trip to BeWILderwood
- Monday 18th:** Year 2 SATs Week
- Monday 18th:** Year 3/4 Football Match
- Wednesday 20th:** New Intake - Reception 2026 Parents Information Meeting @5:30pm
- Friday 22nd:** Thursfield's Got Talent
- Friday 22nd:** Reception Trip to the Church
- Friday 22nd:** Non-Unifrom - Bring a bottle or Tombola

25th May - 29th May - Half Term

JUNE

- Monday 1st:** Y4 Multiplication Test Week
- Monday 1st - Friday 5th:** Y6 to Laches Wood
- Friday 5th:** Y5 Tag Rugby
- Monday 8th:** **INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Monday 8th:** Year 1/2 Phonics Test Week
- Tuesday 9th:** Y6- Tween safe course
- Wednesday 10th:** Academy Photos - Leaver & class photos
- Wednesday 10th:** Year 6 First Aid
- Wednesday 10th:** New Reception Children 1:45pm-2:45pm
- Wednesday 10th:** Disco
- Friday 12th:** Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament
- Saturday 13th:** PTFA Summer Fair
- Saturday 13th:** PTFA Summer Party Night
- Monday 15th:** Year 5/6 Girls Football
- Tuesday 16th:** New Reception Children Lunch
- Tuesday 16th:** EYFS Fathers Day Workshop 2pm
- Wednesday 17th:** KS1 Fathers Day Workshop 2pm

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!

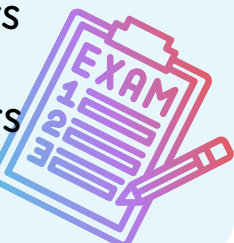


Year 6 SATs Week

Breakfast will be available for all Year 6 children

Monday-Thursday from 8:20am.

- Monday 11th May - Grammar Papers
- Tuesday 12th May - Reading Papers
- Wednesday 13th May - Maths Papers
- Thursday 14th May - Maths Papers



Killer Mile



On Thursday 7th May, children from our school took part in the Killer Mile event. Taking part in such a challenging event is a fabulous achievement, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who was involved. All of the children showed fantastic determination, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout the event and represented our school brilliantly. Well done to everyone who took part — you should all be very proud of yourselves!

SUMMER FAIR

WHERE: Thursfield School Fields

WHEN: Saturday 13th June 2026

TIME: 11am to 3pm

INFLATABLES

LOCAL STALL HOLDERS

FACE PAINTING

FOOD

& LOTS MORE!

WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT...

THURSFIELDS GOT TALENT

FRIDAY 22ND MAY

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD SOON!
1X ACT PER CLASS!

GET PRACTISING!

Our Next Curriculum Block

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

PTFA Events

Friday 22nd May: Non-Unifrom - Bring a bottle for our Tombola

Wednesday 10th June: Summer Disco

Saturday 13th June: PTFA Summer Fair

Saturday 13th June: PTFA Summer Party Night

Summer Term 1 Key Dates

Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Children return - Monday 1st June

INSET Day - Monday 8th June

Class of the week!

Year 6 for their SATs practice! Good luck next week!

Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Science

RB - Isabella W.
RSB - Billy-Joe N.
Y1P - George M.
Y1/2R - Tommy R.
Y1/2T - Felix L.

Y3H - Esme W.
Y3/4R - Ellie-Rose I.
Y4W - Jude P.
Y5P - Hudson M.
Y5/6B - Oliver K.
Y5/6O - Lexi S.

Attendance 100%

Well done to Miss Ronson and Miss William's Class for achieving 100% attendance last week!

Good To Be Green Winner

EYFS/KS1 - Myla P.
LKS2 - Adam
UPKS2 - Evie T.

House Points

Bridgewater - 1975
Doulton - 1665
Wedgwood - 1618
Moorcroft - 1437

Lunchtime Award

Alfie
 Noah
 James

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators HELPING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN NAVIGATE THE ONLINE WORLD

Neurodivergent people tend to be early adopters of technology, and many influential innovators in this space are neurodivergent themselves. It's therefore likely that a neurodivergent child or young person may be drawn to the online world from an early age. This isn't a concern in itself, but understanding both the benefits and potential risks is essential. Here are ten key considerations to support safe and positive online experiences for neurodivergent children.

- TREAT ONLINE LIKE THE REAL WORLD**
You wouldn't allow a child to cross a road without guidance - you'd hold their hand, use a pedestrian crossing, and model safe behaviour. In the same way, a neurodivergent child's first experiences online should be supported by an adult who can guide and explain safe and responsible digital behaviour to them from the outset.
- MODEL RESPONSIBLE USE**
Children learn from what they see. Show all children, regardless of neurotype, what responsible internet use looks like. Reflect on your own use of social media and AI. Consider how often you use them and your own understanding of these platforms. Talk openly about when and why you use these tools, helping all children develop a balanced and informed approach.
- KNOW YOUR LIMITS**
Current government guidance suggests no solo screen use below the age of two, with a maximum of one hour per day for two- to five-year-olds. Screen time can support communication and connection when shared with an adult. However, passive watching can affect neurodivergent children's attention and language skills. Focus on the type of content they watch, encouraging slower-paced and meaningful material rather than fast-paced, overstimulating content.
- CONSIDER AGES AND STAGES**
For older children and teenagers, agreed limits are important. Screen time can be beneficial, but it should form part of a balanced lifestyle. Neurodivergent children may find online communication easier than real-world conversation, supporting their social interaction. However, it shouldn't be their only option. Encourage a range of activities, including creative play, physical exercise, and opportunities for real-world connections.
- KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN**
Discussions about online safety should begin early and continue as children grow. However, neurodivergent children may worry about getting things wrong or being misunderstood, meaning these kinds of conversations should feel open and fair, rather than like a lecture. If a child encounters a problem - such as a scam or inappropriate content - they need to feel able to speak to a trusted adult without fear of judgement or embarrassment.
- BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE**
You aren't expected to be an expert, but it's important to stay informed about the platforms, games, or apps neurodivergent children use in order to provide practical support. Social media platforms have age limits, and many apps and games offer parental settings that can control access. Schools and families should work together to understand these tools, helping neurodivergent children use them safely while keeping up to date with new features and changes.
- SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES**
Children and young people often know more about current technology than adults, meaning it's important to recognise that controls may be bypassed. Clear, predictable boundaries should be used, based on trust and consistency. Involving children in discussions that affect them helps them feel heard. This is particularly important for neurodivergent children, who may respond strongly to perceived unfairness.
- UNDERSTAND AI CONTENT**
The internet now includes large amounts of AI-generated content, including images, videos, and stories. These can be difficult to identify. Children should be encouraged to question what they see and check the information using trusted sources. Neurodivergent children may interpret content literally, meaning adult guidance is important in helping them recognise what's real and reliable - and what isn't.
- EXPLAIN AI LIMITATIONS**
AI isn't the same as a search engine. It generates responses based on prompts and patterns, and its accuracy depends on how it's used. Sometimes, it produces incorrect or unrealistic information, known as 'hallucinations'. Both adults and children need to understand this and learn how to check information carefully using reliable and trusted sources.
- CLARIFY AI RELATIONSHIPS**
AI can feel conversational and personal, but it's not capable of real relationships. It learns from patterns in user input rather than human understanding. Some neurodivergent children may experience a sense of connection with AI chatbots, particularly if they find social situations challenging. It's therefore important to explain that these are simulated conversations and aren't a substitute for real, human relationships.

Meet Our Expert
 Catrina Lovell is a neurodivergent former SENCO and Advisory Teacher who works with nurseries, schools, colleges, and businesses to improve inclusion for neurodivergent people. She is the Founder and Director of Neuroteachers and the author of 'The Other 29 - How Supporting Your Neurodivergent Learner Can Improve Teaching and Learning for the Whole Class'.

#WakeUpWednesday **The National College**

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
BAKING TINS
ROLLING PINS
UTENSILS
WOODEN SPOONS
CUTLERY
SILICONE CASES

SAND & WATER
PLAY SAND
SAND TOYS
FUNNELS
BATH TOYS
SCOOPS

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...

Thursfield PTFA
Fundraising group
Public group · 309 members

Manage Invite

Follow our Facebook page!

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

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SUMMER FAIR PARTY NIGHT!

HELP WANTED!
Looking for **TALENTED SINGERS** or **BANDS** to perform at our Summer Fair Party Night!

CHARITY EVENT - FRIENDLY PRICES!
FOOD TRUCKS & FCDS NEEDED!

DATE: Saturday 13th June
EVENT: SUMMER FAIR PARTY NIGHT

PERFORMERS & CATERERS, GET IN TOUCH!
CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS!

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, Danielle Simm

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!

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.

THURSFIELD BIG SUMMER PARTY

GO BIG OR GO HOME!

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 5PM - 10PM

LOCATION: SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS

TICKETS:
FAMILY TICKET (UP TO 5 PEOPLE) **£20**
£5 PER PERSON
Contact Laura 07471688661

INCLUDES:
PARTY DJ, LIVE MUSIC, LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE KIDS, FOOD VAN

IT'S GOING TO BE A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

SUPPORTED BY: IGNITE

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL. MAKE A LASTING IMPACT.

PACKAGE 1
£50

- A SOCIAL MEDIA POST BEFORE THE EVENT
- LOGO AND ADVERTISEMENT IN OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER BEFORE THE EVENT
- OPPORTUNITY TO PUT A POP UP BANNER UP FOR THE EVENT

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS OUR SCHOOL THRIVE!

THURSFIELD PTFA

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL. MAKE A LASTING IMPACT.

PACKAGE 2
£100

- WEEKLY SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS (4 WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE EVENT)
- LOGO AND ADVERTISEMENT IN OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (4 WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE EVENT)
- OPPORTUNITY TO PUT A POP UP BANNER UP FOR THE EVENT
- A STALL SPACE
- YOUR LOGO ON AT LEAST 50 OF OUR INFLATABLE PRE-SALE WRIST BANDS

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR SCHOOL THRIVE!

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