



# Thursfield News



## Friday 14th November Edition

**Weekly Joke:** Who's in charge of the pencil case? The ruler!

### Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Thursfield! It was fabulous to see so many parents and carers joining our Year 5/6 STEM workshop on Monday afternoon. The children loved sharing their learning and demonstrating their problem-solving skills through a range of exciting science, technology, and engineering challenges — the enthusiasm in the room was fantastic!

On Tuesday, the whole school came together to take part in the national two minutes' silence to commemorate Remembrance Day. Pupils showed great respect and understanding as we reflected on the sacrifices made by others. Our assembly and classroom discussions helped children think carefully about remembrance, peace, and gratitude.

On Wednesday, we welcomed our school governors into school for a learning walk focused on mathematics. Governors were impressed by the children's confidence in explaining their learning and the consistency of maths teaching across classes. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the hard work of both pupils and staff.

Our Reception children enjoyed a wonderful trip to Kidsgrove Library on Thursday, where they listened to stories, explored the bookshelves, and learned about how libraries work. The visit helped to foster a love of reading and encouraged children to see themselves as readers beyond the classroom.

Finally, it has been lovely to see the whole Thursfield community supporting Children in Need today. Pupils have enjoyed dressing up, taking part in fun fundraising activities, and learning about how their contributions help to support children across the UK. Thank you to everyone who donated and joined in so enthusiastically — your kindness and generosity really do make a difference.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Bradbury



### Year 5&6 STEM Workshop



This week, our Year 5 and 6 children welcomed their parents and guardians into school for a special STEM afternoon. Together, they worked on designing and building marble runs and a variety of creative structures. It was wonderful to see so many of you join in and share the experience. A great afternoon was had by all!

### Reception Library Visit



This week, our Reception classes visited Kidsgrove Library. It was their first trip out, and they represented our school brilliantly. The children listened to lots of stories, asked plenty of questions, hunted for books, and even checked out their very first book using their own library cards. Well done to our little explorers!

### Key Dates

## NOVEMBER

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup>:** Year 5/6 Football League
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>:** Reception Trip to Apple Tree Town
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>:** School based yearly Flu vaccinations
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>:** TRUST Dodgeball Competition
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>:** Reception Meet the Police.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup>:** Year 1 - Year 6 Trip to the theatre - The Little Mermaid

## DECEMBER



- Monday 1<sup>st</sup>:** Year 6 Fundraising Event
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup>:** Year 5/6 Football League
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Year 3/4 Winter Workshop - parents invited @2pm
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Reception Nativity @5:30pm
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>:** Reception Nativity @2:30pm
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup>:** Reception Open Evening @5:30pm (New Parents for September 2026)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>:** KS1 Christmas Show @2pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Parents Evening
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>:** KS1 Christmas Show @5:30pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup>:** Non-Uniform Day PTFA Donation
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6 Booster Meeting @3:30pm
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>:** Reception Trip - Dear Santa Theatre
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>:** Community Christmas Party
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>:** Year 5/6 Carol Service
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup>:** Non-Uniform Day and Toy Day

**22nd December- 4<sup>th</sup> January - Christmas Break**

## JANUARY

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup>:** Children Return to school
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>:** Year 6 Boosters Start
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup>:** Year 5/6 Football League
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup>:** Year 4 Multiplication Test Meeting 3:30pm and 5:30pm



### School Council Children in Need Fundraiser

Today, the School Council organised a fantastic fancy-dress fundraiser in support of Children in Need. The children looked wonderful in their creative outfits and really embraced the spirit of the day.

**Please send any donations via Arbor — the donation link will remain open until 17th November.**

Children in Need is a national charity that supports thousands of projects across the UK, helping vulnerable children and young people to feel safe, supported, and empowered. By taking part in our fundraiser, you are helping to make a real difference to the lives of children who need it most.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support for this important cause.

### Toy Donations Welcome!



As many families begin to sort through toys before Christmas, we'd love to offer a new home to any pre-loved items here at school. If you have small toys such as cars, dolls, action figures, play sets, or similar items your children no longer use, we would be very grateful for your donations.

These toys will be enjoyed by pupils during break and lunchtime play. Please drop any donations off at the school office. Thank you for helping make playtimes fun for everyone!

### Trust Christmas Card Competition



We're excited to launch our Trust-wide "Design a Christmas Card" competition for EYFS and KS1!

A flyer and worksheet have been sent home, but here are the key details:

#### How it works:

Children create their card design on the worksheet and hand it in. School will choose the top three from each category to send to the Trust.

#### Key Dates:

- Deadline: Wednesday 26 November**
- Winners announced: 28 November**

#### Prizes:

Winners receive an Amazon voucher and a printed, framed copy of their design.

We can't wait to see the children's festive creations!

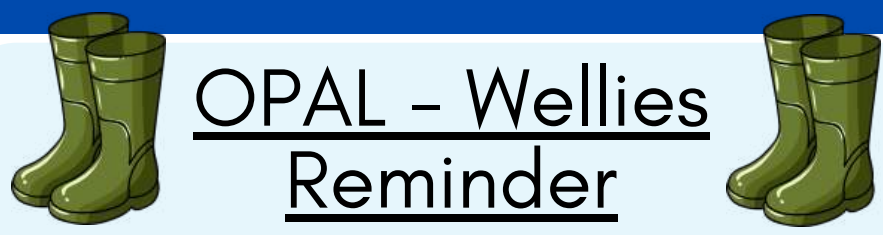
### Reception September 2026 Starters Open Evening



Is your child starting school in September 2026? We'd love to welcome you to our Reception Open Evening on Monday 8th November at 5:30pm!

Join us for a festive, Christmas-themed event where you and your child can enjoy seasonal crafts, explore our Reception classrooms, and get a feel for life at our school. It's a great opportunity to meet our wonderful Reception team, ask any questions you may have, and learn more about how we support children as they begin their school journey.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing a magical start to your child's learning adventure!



## 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!



## 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.**



## 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.

## Healthy Snack

Remember we are a Healthy Snack School! Please bring in healthy snacks only.



## 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.

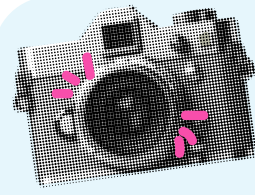


## Clubs

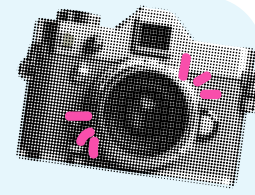


Clubs are underway!

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



## School Photographs

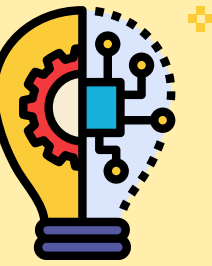


Your child's photograph proofs were sent out last week. If you would like to order a copy of their photograph, please be mindful that the return date is:  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**



## Our Next Curriculum Block

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



## Class of the week!

KS1 for the respect they have shown during Remembrance.



## Attendance

100%

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

## Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Religious Education

**RB -**  
**RSB-** Myla P.  
**Y1P-** Theo H..  
**Y1/2R -** Ralphle K.B  
**Y1/2T -** Bobby

**Y3H-** Lincoln G.  
**Y3/4R -** Harley-Jay  
**Y4W -** Tess G.  
**Y5P -** Billy B.  
**Y5/6B -** Holly L.  
**Y5/6O -** Rocco G.

*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



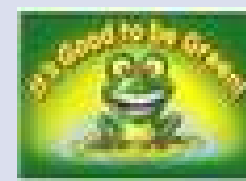
Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.



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

## Good To Be Green Winner

Kayden P.E.



## House Points

**Bridgewater - 723**  
**Wedgwood - 635**  
**Doulton - 566**  
**Moorcroft - 497**



## DO YOU NEED HELP WITH TOILET TRAINING?

ERIC is the UK's leading Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity and supports children, teenagers, and their families

ERIC free Helpline: 0808 801 0343  
Mon to Thursday, 10:00 - 14:00

### Potty Training.....



0-19 Health professionals in our Hubs can respond to any questions or concerns you may have about their child's wee, poo or toileting

Staffordshire Parents/Carers phone: 0808 178 0611

Stoke Parents/Carers phone: 0808 178 3374

ChatHealth text messaging service

Living in Stoke-on-Trent text: 07312 277161

Living in Staffordshire text: 07520 615722



## 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](mailto:info@creativetrng.com) by Wednesday 26 November 2025

## SNOWMAN SOUP

### YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Treat yourself to a Snowman Soup—not just any hot chocolate cone, but a luxurious blend of velvety hot chocolate, fluffy marshmallows, crisp candy canes and melt-in-the-mouth chocolate buttons. All in support of our wonderful Year 6 children as they raise money for their leavers' hoods.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

School Quad

£2.50



# 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

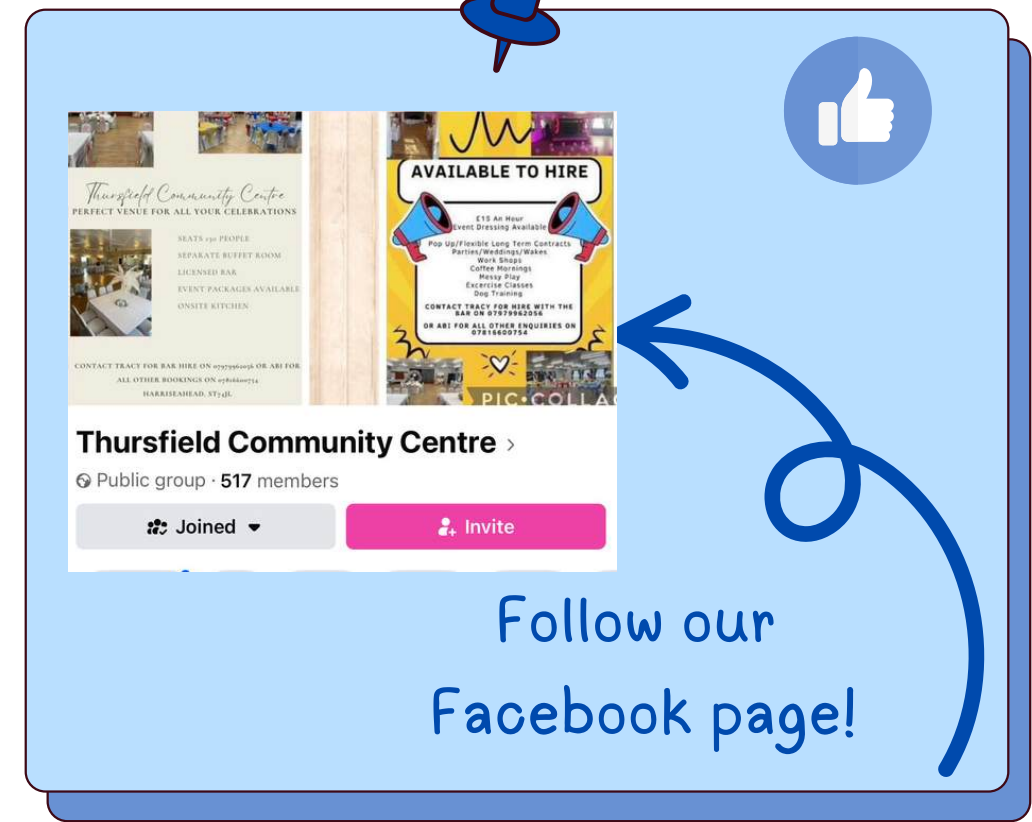


## Future Events:



# 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, ST74JL



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



**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!

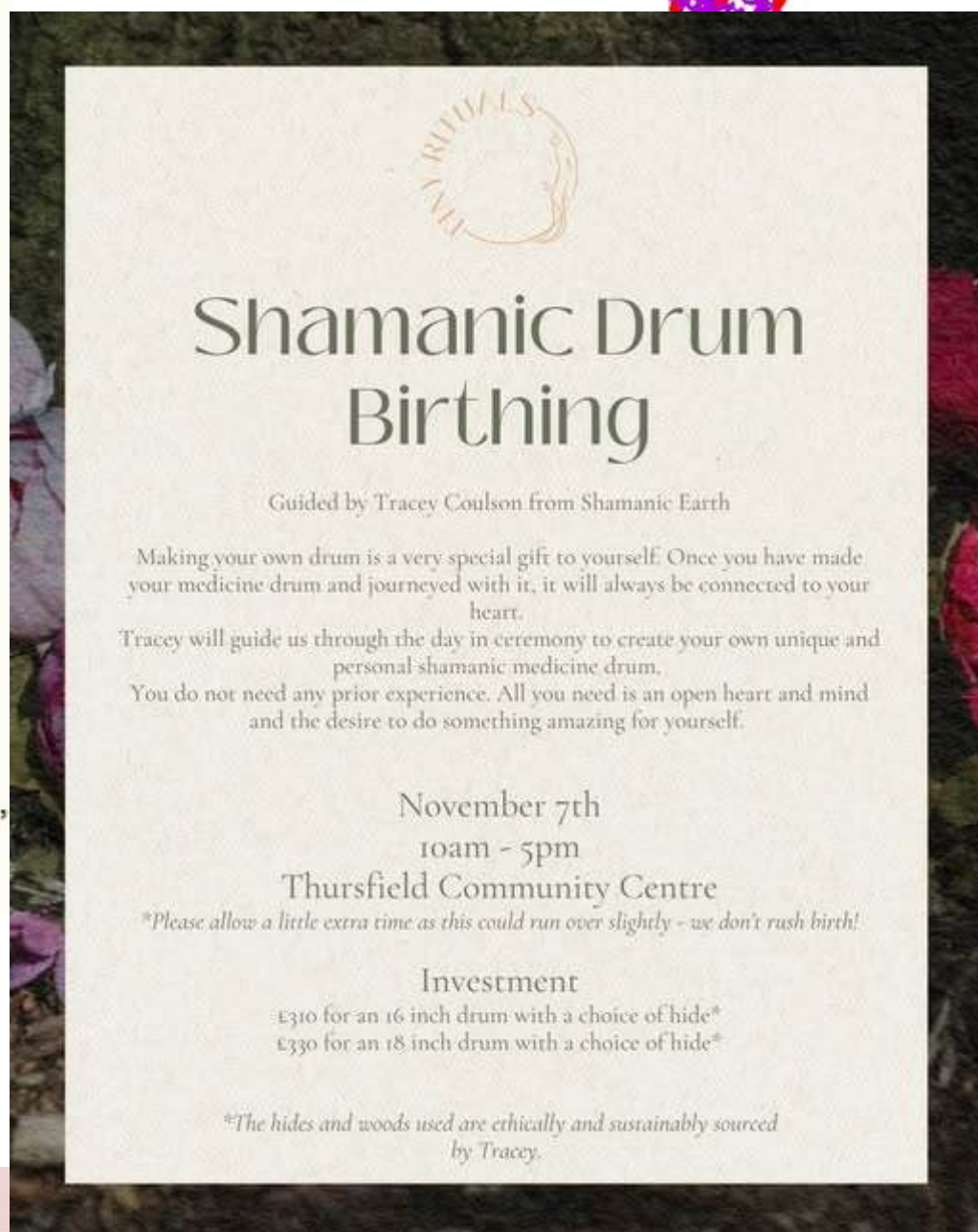
**We Are Moving!!**  
**Groove and Burn**  
Line Dancing



**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