



Thursfield News



Friday 3rd July Edition

Weekly Joke: Teacher: If I had 6 oranges in one hand and 7 apples in the other, what would I have? Student: Big hands!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Message

It has been another incredibly busy and successful week here at Thursfield, with our pupils continuing to impress us through their enthusiasm, resilience and achievements both in and beyond the classroom. As we approach the end of another fantastic academic year, it has been wonderful to see so many opportunities for learning, celebration and new experiences taking place across the school.

A huge congratulations goes to our girls' football team, who have been crowned league champions. Their commitment, teamwork and determination have been evident throughout the year, and they thoroughly deserve this fantastic achievement. We are extremely proud of every player for the way they have represented the school with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Our swimmers have also enjoyed tremendous success at this week's swimming gala. Not only did they perform brilliantly against strong competition, but Millie Hopper also achieved something truly remarkable by breaking a long-standing gala swimming record. Every pupil who took part should be immensely proud of their effort, determination and the way they supported one another throughout the event.

Preparations for the new academic year are now well underway, helping to ensure a smooth and positive transition for all of our pupils. This week, our Year 6 children have enjoyed their transition days at their secondary schools, giving them the opportunity to meet new teachers, make new friends and begin to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings. We know this is an exciting milestone, and we hope these visits have helped to build confidence ahead of September. Across the rest of the school, pupils took part in our whole-school transition morning, spending time in their new classrooms with their new teachers. It was wonderful to see the excitement across the school as children began looking ahead to the next stage of their learning journey. We would also like to thank all parents and carers who attended our after-school 'Meet the New Class Teacher' event. Your continued support and partnership with the school are greatly appreciated, and we hope you found the opportunity to meet staff and ask questions both helpful and reassuring.

On Thursday, our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable Egyptian activity day, bringing their history learning vividly to life. Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of hands-on workshops and immersive activities that explored the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. They discovered more about the lives of pharaohs, the importance of the River Nile, the process of mummification and the significance of Egyptian artefacts and hieroglyphics. The excitement and curiosity shown by the children were wonderful to see, and the experience has undoubtedly deepened their understanding of this fascinating period in history. Thank you to all the staff and visitors who helped make the day such a memorable and enriching experience.

There is certainly no slowing down as we head into another exciting week. We are all looking forward to our Year 5 and Year 6 production of The Lion King, which promises to be a spectacular showcase of the children's talent, confidence and hard work. We know they are eager to perform and cannot wait to share the results of weeks of rehearsals with their families. We are also delighted to be taking part in filming for the Trust's Vision 30 project, providing an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful opportunities, values and aspirations that make our school such a special place.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout another busy week. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting week of learning and celebration.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

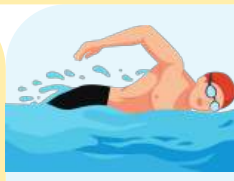
Yours sincerely,
Mrs Bradbury



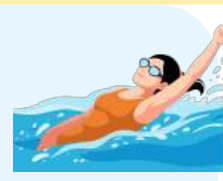
Year 5/6 Girls Football



Well done to our Year 5 and 6 girls, who represented our school brilliantly at their football tournament. They played with great determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the competition, making us all incredibly proud. Every player gave their all, supported one another, and demonstrated a fantastic attitude both on and off the pitch. Regardless of the results, they were outstanding ambassadors for our school. Well done, girls - you were brilliant!



Year 5/6 Swimming Gala



TCongratulations to our Year 5 and 6 swimming team, who performed brilliantly at this week's swimming gala. Every member of the team showed great determination, teamwork, and resilience, representing our school with pride. A special well done to the team for their fantastic achievements, including breaking a swimming gala record - an incredible accomplishment! We are so proud of all of the swimmers for their outstanding effort and excellent sportsmanship. Well done to everyone involved!

Key Dates



JULY

Monday 6th: PTFA AGM Meeting @2pm

Tuesday 7th: TweenSAFE - Year 6

Tuesday 7th: Year 6 End of Year Show 6pm

Wednesday 8th: Year 6 End of Year Show 6pm

Thursday 9th: Nursery Parents Meetings - All Day

Thursday 9th: Year 5&6 Art Workshop

Friday 10th: End of Year Report Cards

Monday 13th: ASM House Prize

Tuesday 14th: Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 15th: Year 6 Prom

Wednesday 15th: Drop in Parents Evening

Thursday 16th: Nursery Graduation Picnic 1:30pm

Friday 17th: Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 17th: Finish for Summer!



Year 3/4 Egyptian Workshop



On Thursday, our Year 3 and 4 children took part in a fantastic full-day Ancient Egyptian workshop. Throughout the day, they learnt so much about life in Ancient Egypt and asked lots of thoughtful questions.

Dan Tastic visited us as a Pharaoh and brought history to life through engaging activities and storytelling. The children learnt about the pyramids, explored authentic-looking artefacts, discovered the fascinating world of the Ancient Egyptian gods, and gained a real insight into this incredible civilisation.

It was a truly immersive experience from start to finish, and the children were excellent throughout the day. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and behaviour were outstanding, making it a memorable learning experience for everyone involved.

Look out for the photos on Taopestry!



Year 6 End of Year Show - Dates

We are really looking forward to seeing our Year 6 children perform 'The Lion King' at their end-of-year production. They have been working incredibly hard to put the show together, and we can't wait to see all of their hard work come to life on stage!

Upcoming Performances:

- Tuesday 7th July: Year 6 End of Year Show - 6:00pm
- Wednesday 8th July: Year 6 End of Year Show - 6:00pm

We look forward to welcoming our Year 6 families to enjoy what promises to be a fantastic performance!



PTFA AGM Meeting



Monday 6th July:
PTFA AGM Meeting @2PM.
In the school hall.





Our Next Curriculum Block

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



Final Week Events!

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Volunteer Minibus Drivers Needed



We are looking to recruit a team of volunteer drivers to support the school by driving our minibus during the school day for educational visits, enrichment opportunities and sporting competitions. If you hold a full driving licence and passed your driving test before 1 January 1997, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office for further information. As part of the induction process, all volunteers will be required to complete the relevant safeguarding procedures and training and DBS checks. Thank you in advance for helping us provide these valuable experiences for our pupils.

Class of the week!



Well done

Attendance

100%

Well done to 3H for achieving 100% attendance last week!

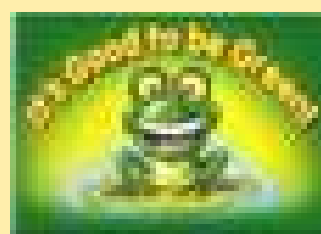
Lunchtime Award



Eleanor
 Mercedes
 Sonny
 Leo

Good To Be Green Winner

EYFS/KS1- Ronnie
 LKS2 - Jackson
 UPKS2 - Jenson



Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Sports Day & Assessments

RB - Lola W. & Noah W.
RSB - Juniper I. & Nancy S.
Y1P - Lawson M. & Isaac H.
Y1/2R - Rosella F. & Fred S.
Y1/2T - Louie P. & Ollie T.

Y3H - Isabella F. & Olivia H.
Y3/4R - Max W. & Sophia M.
Y4W - Willow P. & Adam W.
Y5P - Phillip G. & Alfie G.B. & Billy B.
Y5/6B - Kleo A & Charlie G. & Sophia B. & Leo H.
Y5/6O - Bella R. & William F.C.

Well done!



House Points

Bridgewater - 2523

Wedgwood - 2152

Doulton - 2127

Moorcroft - 1948

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

MANAGING DIGITAL BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE

Screens are part of everyday life, but they should not take over early childhood routines. For under-fives, healthy digital habits are built through simple, steady boundaries that protect sleep, play, connection, and development. Current UK guidance advises avoiding screen time for children under two – except for shared activities such as video calls – while children aged two to five should ideally have no more than one hour a day.

- 1 ASK A GROWN-UP FIRST**
For under-fives, autonomy is important, but not when it comes to choosing digital content. Establish an "ask a grown-up first" rule early, whether at home or in an early years setting. Adults should choose the video, app, or game, therefore helping children avoid unsuitable content and understand that devices are tools to be guided, not toys to control.
- 2 PROTECT SLEEP BUFFERS**
Screens can make it harder for young children to wind down, especially when content is bright, noisy, or fast-paced. Aim for a screen-free hour before sleep or start with 30 minutes if that feels more realistic. Use this time for calming routines such as stories, both time, quiet play, or cuddles, helping children recognise that bedtime is approaching.
- 3 CO-VIEW AND CHAT**
Screen time is safer and more meaningful when adults are involved. Sit with children, even briefly, and talk about what they're watching. Ask simple questions like, "What can you see?" or "How does that character feel?" This turns passive viewing into shared interaction, supports language development, and helps adults spot adverts, unsuitable content, or confusing messages.
- 4 KEEP DEVICES HIDDEN**
Young children are more likely to ask for screens when they can see or reach them. Keep devices out of sight when they're not being used, and consider carrying content to a shared screen instead of handing over a phone or tablet to a child. This reduces private scrolling, supports shared viewing, and helps adults stay in control of what appears next.
- 5 PLAN THE TRANSITION**
The hardest part of screen time is often stopping. Before the screen goes off, tell the child what's coming next and offer two acceptable choices, such as blocks or drawing. This gives them a sense of agency without removing the boundary. A planned next activity prevents a sudden gap, which can quickly become frustration or distress.
- 6 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
Children notice adult habits long before they understand adult explanations. If they're expected to put their screens away, they need to see adults doing the same thing during meals, play, and conversations. Create a shared "phone home", such as a basket or shelf, to show that technology has a place in daily life but does not need constant attention.
- 7 MAKE SCREENS PREDICTABLE**
Young children do not always understand minutes, but they quickly learn patterns. When screen time happens at a regular point in the day, it becomes a routine rather than a negotiation. Use the same start and finish signals each time, such as a timer, goodbye wave, or tidy-away moment, so children know what to expect next.
- 8 CREATE SCREEN ZONES**
Physical boundaries help children understand digital boundaries. Keep screens out of bedrooms to protect their sleep and away from tables to preserve mealtime connections. Choose one agreed "yes space", such as a shared living room area or supervised classroom corner. This makes limits feel less personal and more like a clear family or setting routine.
- 9 USE SIMPLE SCRIPTS**
Transitions are easier when children hear the same calm language each time. Use short, repeatable phrases such as, "First tidy, then tablet," or "When the timer beeps, we stop." Avoid long explanations during emotional moments. Simple scripts reduce negotiation, help adults stay consistent, and give children clear expectations they can gradually understand and follow.
- 10 PRIORITISE SLOW CONTENT**
Not all screen time feels the same to a young child's brain. Fast-paced clips, loud sounds, and rapid scene changes can make it harder for some children to settle down afterwards. Choose slower content with simple stories, gentle voices, and natural pauses. Think of digital content like food: with more calm, nourishing choices than fast-paced, digital "sugar rushes".

Meet Our Expert
 Neha Agarwal is the founder of Cyber Ved Kids, an innovative educational initiative that transforms complex cybersecurity concepts into engaging, age-appropriate adventures for children aged 5-10. With her unique background leading cybersecurity services for corporates and serving as an expert panel advisor on internet matters, Neha brings corporate-grade cybersecurity expertise to the early years world.

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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...



AGM
WILL BE
SEPTEMBER!

**WE NEED 3 KEY ROLES FILLING
AND OF COURSE, VOLUNTEERS!**

Our PTFA does amazing things for our children and school –
but we can't do it without **YOU!**

CHAIR

Leads the PTFA and helps everything run smoothly.

- Chairs meetings
- Sets the agenda
- Provides leadership and support
- Represents the PTFA
- Liaises with the school and wider community

LEAD • SUPPORT • INSPIRE

SECRETARY

Keeps us organised and ensures good communication.

- Takes minutes at meetings
- Keeps records and files
- Handles correspondence and emails
- Helps keep everyone informed

ORGANISE • COMMUNICATE • KEEP US CONNECTED

TREASURER

Looks after the money and ensures we are financially responsible.

- Manages the PTFA bank account
- Keeps financial records and budgets
- Reports on finances
- Ensures money is used for the benefit of all children

MANAGE • RECORD • REPORT

OF COURSE... VOLUNTEERS!
EVERY BIT OF HELP MAKES A **BIG** DIFFERENCE!

You don't need a committee role to get involved.
We need helpers for events, fundraising, ideas,
baking, setting up, running stalls and so much more!

**NO TIME TO SPARE?
EVEN AN HOUR HELPS!**

**TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE MEMORIES,
RAISE FUNDS AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!**

PLEASE STEP FORWARD AND BE PART OF OUR PTFA TEAM!

Our children. Our school. Our community.

**IT'S GETTING TO
THEM
LAST FEW
WEEKS!**

**EVERYTHING'S
GETTING SMALL!**

If you have any old,
unwanted, clean condition
school clothes please
drop into the office.

Thank you!

PTFA

**MOW COP
SCARECROW TRAIL**

**Starts
20th July**

**For 2 weeks
(maybe more)**

Maps available
nearer to

MOW COP CASTLE
THE VILLAGE
SCENIC WALKS

Closing date for entries is 12th July

**RAFFLE
Prize List**

- Quirkiss crystal shop – £10 vchr
- The Maiden, The Mother & Crane Interiors – £25 vchr
- Phatlands Competitions – £50 Amazon vchr
- The Rillman – Sunday dinner for 2
- The Bleeding Wolf – vchr
- New Vic theatre – 2 show tickets
- Helen Cooke – £30 Tesco vchr
- Gladstone Pottery – 2 adult tickets
- Westport Lake cafe – £20 vchr
- HJ Lea Oakes – Pet hamper
- Sizzlers – vchr
- Biddulph fish bar – vchr
- The Loft – Handbag
- Bobbys Ice cream – vchr
- Scotts Barbers – haircut
- The Winky Pear – £20 vchr
- WD Fitness – 1 month free lesson
- White Wing Floristry – vchr
- Beaters Holistic Wellbeing – £45 Treatment voucher
- Richard Hayden – book
- One Stop Packmoor – wine
- Marks & Spencer – shortbread
- Once upon a time – play vchr
- Eloise & Co – dog treat hamper
- Paul Jones – candle/burner/nelts
- G Gee's cafe @ Glebe – coffee & cake for 2
- Mel Verrall – Labubu
- Sharon Wierall – alcohol
- Lillies bees – Honey
- Anon – Gucci compact
- Me – Midnight Bloom set
- Sams Traybakes – £20 vchr
- Trysh Hibell – Ay up mug
- Beartown Brewery – 2 tours
- JWD Plumbing – boiler service
- Adventure mini village – play voucher & mini golf vouchers
- Ashbury garden centre – Afternoon tea for 2
- Tesco Kidsgrove – tha
- Higher Ground – £20 vchr
- Castle Stores – £20 vchr
- Kerryanne Clancy – Treatment vchr
- MI's Fluffy Friends – Training package
- Medina Kidsgrove – Free meal
- Kilwicks climbing centre – hour taster for 6

Mow Cop Scarecrow trail

**RAFFLE
Prize List**

- Headway – hamper
- Me – pamper hamper
- Rose Olive Photography
- Nicolas flower lounge – envelope arrangement
- Angela Grove – Afternoon tea
- Cakes by Milline – £75 vchr
- Ian Hancock Photography vchr
- Wickenstone Equine – pony ride
- Karen Cooper – £20 vchr
- Leons chippy – £15 vchr
- Kass Kebabs – £15 vchr
- Smithy farm – vchr
- The Reiki Room
- Salon 60 – vchr
- Biddulph roller disco – vchrs
- TJB Pest control – £60 vchr
- Stoke ski centre – £20 vchr
- David Faulkner – henry gift
- My Active Biddulph – vchrs
- Lisa Cliffer fused glass – 1/2 day workshop
- Debbie Smyer-Timperley – Babylist hair curler
- Debbie Bell – Whisky
- Martin Bailey – bottle JD
- Pam Stafford – Backpack
- Ann Jepson – chocolate hamper
- Stacey's Bouquets – £10 vchr
- Beck's kitchen afternoon tea for 2
- Staffordshire Triumph – £30 vchr
- Me – Misguided seat
- Castaway Play – Play vchr
- The Wild Outcask
- Gardeners Arms – meal for 2
- The hair team – £50 vchr
- Dimensions – family swim pass
- Julie Jules – crochet scarecrow
- Carters estate agents – £50 Amazon vchr
- Leona Monaki Beante – £50 vchr & gift
- Cakes to Di for – 12 cupcakes
- Hallforbs – car wash kit
- All about elegance bakery – £20 vchr
- Siana Cooper – Hamper & voucher
- Alison Cook – tha
- Anon – Carolina Herrera bag/perfume
- The Royal Oak Harrisonhead – Pie night voucher & alcohol
- Joshua Day boat hire – voucher
- Gracefully Bored – Wellbeing box
- Clair Collier Dance Fitness – 2 free classes
- Vivian Burton – pet or person portrait
- Morrison's Daily – TBA
- Mitchell Arts Centre 2 sets tickets
- Lower Drayton Farm – adult & child
- Just Kidding – play voucher
- Middleport Pottery – heritage trail for 2
- Miley Mac's Creations – £25 voucher
- Lego Barnstable (anon)
- Great legs (anon)

Mow Cop Scarecrow trail