



Thursfield News



Friday 1st May Edition

Weekly Joke: Why didn't the nose want to go to school? It kept being picked on.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting week in school, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the wonderful learning and experiences that have been taking place across our classrooms and playgrounds.

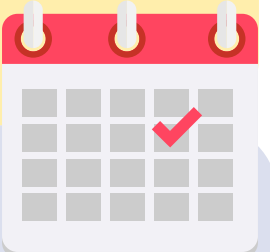
Our children have been finishing off their recent science block with a focus on seasons and forces. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring how the world around them changes throughout the year and investigating how different forces act upon objects. From learning about seasonal patterns and weather changes to understanding pushes, pulls, friction and gravity, the children have approached their learning with real curiosity and enthusiasm. They have also taken part in a range of practical science investigations, making predictions, carrying out fair tests and recording their findings carefully. It has been fantastic to see them thinking like young scientists, asking thoughtful questions and developing their understanding through hands-on exploration.

This week, I have been absolutely blown away by the writing taking place in Upper Key Stage 2. The children have been working incredibly hard to create some fantastic pieces of writing linked to their class text, *The Lost Happy Endings*. The quality of work produced has been truly exceptional. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading their compositions, which have been full of imagination, carefully crafted detail and impressive use of high-level vocabulary and grammar. The children have shown great maturity in their writing, using ambitious sentence structures and powerful language choices to engage their readers. Their effort, pride and determination have really shone through, and they should all feel incredibly proud of what they have achieved.

Our OPAL playtimes have also continued to provide wonderful opportunities for creativity and collaboration. This week, I was particularly impressed by the children's use of loose parts to create their very own slide outdoors. Using a range of resources and working together brilliantly, they demonstrated excellent teamwork, problem-solving skills and thoughtful risk analysis as they planned, built and tested their creation. Their imagination and creativity were wonderful to see, and most importantly, they had enormous fun doing it! It was lovely to see so much laughter and excitement during lunchtime play—and I even spotted Miss Statham having a go yesterday!

As we head into the long bank holiday weekend, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. I hope you and your families have a wonderful, restful break and enjoy some well-deserved time together.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.
Yours sincerely,
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

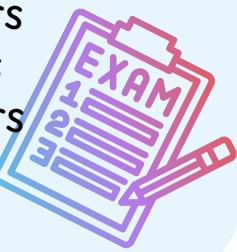
Thank you!

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



Year 3/4 Football



The Year 3 & 4 boys football team played their very first match—and what a fantastic start it was! They showed great teamwork, determination, and enthusiasm throughout the game. Every player gave their best, and it was brilliant to see their confidence grow on the pitch. We are incredibly proud of them all and can't wait to see how they continue to develop this season!



Election Day



Please be aware that the nursery building will be used for this year's election on Thursday 7th May.

On this day, our nursery children will be based in one of our Reception classrooms. We kindly ask that you drop off and collect your child from the Reception classroom, rather than the nursery building.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Key Dates

MAY

- Monday 4th:** BANK HOLIDAY
- Wednesday 6th:** Y3/4 Cross Country
- Thursday 7th:** Election Day
- Friday 8th:** Non-Uniform - Colour donation PTFA
- 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:** Non-Uniform - 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
- Monday 15th:** Year 5/6 Girls Football

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 8th May: Non-Uniform - Colour donation PTFA - SEE POSTER!

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

Wednesday 10th June: Summer Disco

Saturday 13th June: PTFA Summer Fair

Summer Term 1 Key Dates

Save the Date

Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May

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

Children return - Monday 1st June

INSET Day - Monday 8th June

Class of the week!

Year 5 for their angles and protractors work in Maths.

★★★★★

Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar


RB - George B.C.	Y3H - Theo M.
RSB - Reggie S.	Y3/4R - Lyla B.
Y1P - Ava P.	Y4W - Annabelle T.
Y1/2R - Phoebe E.J.	Y5P - William B.
Y1/2T -Sophia H.	Y5/6B - Edee K.
	Y5/6O - Nicholas S.

Well done!

Attendance 100%

Well done to Miss Bathew's Class for achieving 100% attendance last week!


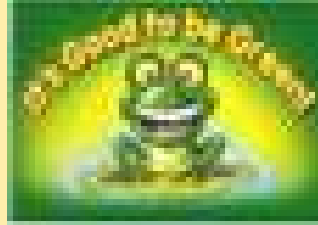
Lunchtime Award



Phoebe J.
Harlow H.
Eliza J.
Thea M.

Good To Be Green Winner

EYFS/KS1- Sophia H.
LKS2 - Mercedes F.
UPKS2 - Oliver K.

House Points

GO TEAM

Bridgewater - 1846
Wedgwood -1526
Doulton - 1557
Moorcroft - 1339

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.
- TRENDS AND CHALLENGES**
Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.
- EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT**
The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.
- AUTOPLAY**
YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.
- CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS**
YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.
- SUGGESTED CONTENT**
YouTube Shorts - short, fast-paced videos - are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.
- SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT**

Advice for Parents & Educators

- CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS**
YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.
- CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS**
If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.
- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.
- WATCH TOGETHER**
Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.

Meet Our Expert
Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.

#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

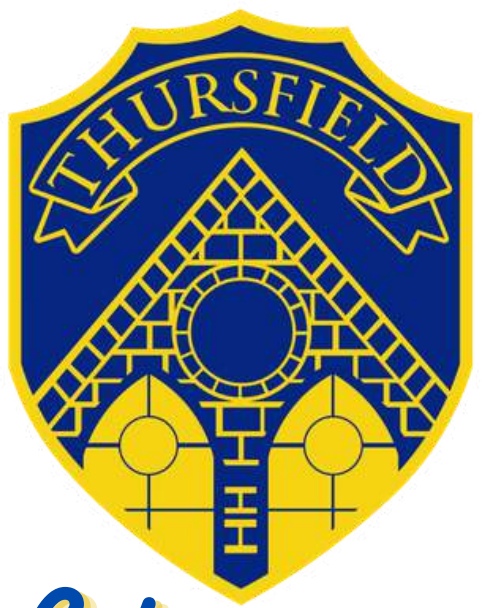
PLAYDOUGH	SAND & WATER
BAKING TINS	PLAY SAND
ROLLING PINS	SAND TOYS
UTENSILS	FUNNELS
WOODEN SPOONS	BATH TOYS
CUTLERY	SCOOPS
SILICONE CASES	

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.

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!

I will officially be stepping down as Chair and Trustee on 30th June 2026. Thank you, Danielle Simm

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.

COLOUR Raffle!

Each class has a colour to bring!
You can bring anything in that colour - bottles, sweets, smellies and more!

NURSERY RED	RECEPTION ORANGE	YEAR 1 YELLOW	YEAR 2 GREEN
YEAR 3 BLUE	YEAR 4 PURPLE	YEAR 5 PINK	YEAR 6 RAINBOW

NON UNIFORM in return of an item to bring in
FRIDAY 8TH MAY

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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