



Thursfield News



Friday 10th October 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,

Headteachers Message

What a busy and exciting week we've had at Thursfield!

Thank you for your generous Harvest donations - your kindness will make such a difference to our local food bank and really shows the strength of our community spirit. We also enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Assembly, where the children performed beautifully. For Nursery and Reception, this was their very first time on stage, and they made us all incredibly proud.

Our Year 3/4 children had a fantastic trip to Middleport Pottery, where they learned about the history of the pot bank and even had the chance to get creative with clay. Their behaviour was exemplary, and they represented the school brilliantly.

Alongside these special events, we've also been busy starting our new Geography curriculum block across the school. The children are already showing great curiosity and enthusiasm for their learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mrs Bradbury

Reception and Nursery Places September 2026

Open Events:

Wednesday 22nd October @5:30pm
Wednesday 5th November @ 9:15am

Contact to book your place:
01782 512301

Email: office@thursfield.staffs.sch.uk

Visits to see our Reception and Nursery Setting can still be arranged if you are unable to attend our open events. Please call our office to arrange.



Wellies

We'd love every child to bring in a pair of wellies to keep at school.

The weather's on the change, and with wellies ready, we can splash, stomp and play on the field all year round!

Key Dates



OCTOBER

Monday 13th: Y5/6 Trip to Staffordshire Regiment Museum

Tuesday 14th: Reception and Year 6 - height and Weight Check

Thursday 16th: Y5/6 Cross Country @Dove Bank 4pm - 5:30pm

Friday 17th: Year 6 Fundraising Event

Tuesday 21st: Academy Photography (Individuals and Siblings)

Wednesday 22nd: EYFS Open evening @5:30pm

Thursday 23rd: PTFA Pumpkin Patch @3:30pm

27th - 31st - October Half Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd: **INSET Day**

Tuesday 4th: KS1 Trip to National Arboretum

Wednesday 5th: EYFS Open morning @9:15am

Monday 10th: Year 5/6 STEM Workshop - parents invited. 1:45pm-3:00pm

Thursday 13th: Reception Trip to Library

Friday 14th: Children in Need (Non-Uniform)

Tuesday 18th: Yr5/6 Dodgeball Competition @Keele

Thursday 20th: Reception Trip to Apple Tree Town

Tuesday 25th: School based yearly Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 26th: Reception Meet the Police.

Friday 28th: Year 1 - Year 6 Trip to the theatre - The Little Mermaid

DECEMBER

Monday 1st: Year 6 Fundraising Event

Wednesday 3rd: Year 3/4 Winter Workshop - parents invited @2pm

Wednesday 3rd: Reception Nativity @5:30pm

Year 3/4 Pottery Tour



Well done to our Year 3/4 children who visited Middleport Pottery this week. They learned all about the history of the pot bank and even had the chance to get hands-on with clay, creating their very own kiln. The children showed excellent behaviour throughout the day, and we all came away having learned so much!

EYFS & KS1 Harvest Assembly



A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Assembly on Wednesday. The children were absolutely fantastic, and we are so proud of them all. It was particularly special as it was Nursery and Reception's very first time performing to an audience - and they shone!

Year 5/6 Cross Country Team



Our fantastic Cross Country team took on a challenging course at St Saviour's and performed brilliantly! We were so impressed with their determination, teamwork, and resilience throughout the race. A special well done to Theo, who came 1st in the boys' race, Evie, who finished 2nd in the girls' race, and Bella, who came 3rd - incredible achievements!
Well done, Team Thursfield - you made us proud!

Harvest Food Bank Donations



A huge thank you for all of your generous Harvest food donations - your kindness has been overwhelming. We now have lots to take to our local food bank, which will make a real difference to those in need within our community. Your support truly shows the wonderful community spirit we have here at Thursfield.



Year 5/6 - Leaving School Reminder

Reminder for Year 6 Parents: A reminder that all Year 5 and 6 children who walk home independently should leave the school grounds via the bottom green gate. Thank you for your support in helping us keep dismissal time safe and organised.



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.



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.



Snack & Lunch



Please remember to book your child's lunch and snack via Arbor in advance.

Thank you for helping us ensure a smooth start to the new school year!

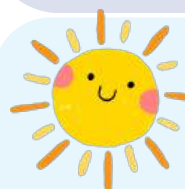


Clubs



Clubs are underway!

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



Wraparound Care



Wraparound care bookings must now be made via Arbor. If you need help, please contact the school office.



Our Next Curriculum Block

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



Class of the week!

Year Reception and Nursery for their Harvest Assembly.



Attendance

100%

Well done to Year 1/2T Class for achieving 100% attendance last week!

Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Maths

- RB - Albie B.
- RSB- Dominic S.
- Y1P- Arthur C.
- Y1/2R -Dolly F.
- Y1/2T - Rocky H.

- Y3H- Isabelle F.
- Y3/4R - William G.
- Y4W - Iona G.
- Y5P - Theo G.
- Y5/6B - Imogen H.
- Y5/6O - Freddie S.

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



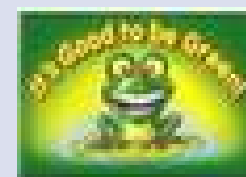
Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.



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

Good To Be Green Winner

Albie B.



House Points

- Bridgewater - 298
- Wedgwood - 240
- Moorcroft - 199
- Doulton - 170



Join our Spooktacular Sale

WITCHES' POTION HOT CHOCOLATE CONES

When: Friday 17th October - After School

- Where: School Quad
- Price: £2.00 per cone

Each spooky cone includes:

- Delicious hot chocolate
- Magical sprinkles
- Creepy gummy worms!

Brew up some magic and help Year 6 raise money for their leavers' hoodies!

October is **walk INTO school MONTH**

Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.

Walking to school is great for your mental health and also helps the environment!

Discover more at staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

16+

With more than two billion active users, exchanging text, photos, videos and documents is now the most popular way to communicate. However, WhatsApp messages can be viewed by the sender and may be stored on WhatsApp servers. This privacy issue has caused concern in the past, leading to reports of data breaches and encryption of private messages.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity means it is becoming a target for scammers. Scammers use WhatsApp to contact victims and attempt to persuade them to provide personal information or money. Scammers often use the 'voice recording' feature to record conversations. Please ensure you are not sharing any personal information or money via WhatsApp.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To avoid a scam, you should only accept messages from people you know. If you receive a message from someone you don't know, do not click on any links or provide any personal information. If you are unsure, contact the police.

ONLINE

The ability to send images, videos and documents is a great feature, but it also means that your child's photos and videos can be shared with others. Please ensure you are not sharing any inappropriate content via WhatsApp.

CHAT LOCK

Another great option is to use 'chat lock' to protect your child's messages. This feature allows you to lock a chat with a PIN code. If you forget the PIN code, you will lose access to the chat. Please ensure you are not sharing any sensitive information via WhatsApp.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to think before they type. They should not share any personal information or photos via WhatsApp. They should also be aware of the 'typing indicator' feature, which shows when someone is typing a message to them.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Encourage your child to think before they share any photos or videos via WhatsApp. They should also be aware of the 'view once' feature, which allows you to send a message that can only be viewed once.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's a good idea to check your child's WhatsApp settings. You should ensure that your child's privacy settings are set to 'private'. You should also ensure that your child's account is not linked to any other social media accounts.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp. Encourage your child to keep their account private. You should also encourage your child to think about who they're sharing their messages with.

Meet Our Expert: Dr. Claire Hetherington, a child psychologist and expert on child safety in the digital age.

...HEY OSCAR... #WakeUpWednesday



PTFA

Upcoming Events...



Any jars - any size and AstroTurf



♥ Thank You - PTFA AGM Success! ♥

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our PTFA AGM meeting on Monday - it was so lovely to see such a great turnout and feel the strong support for our school community.

The evening was filled with positivity, enthusiasm, and lots of brilliant ideas. With such a fantastic team of parents, carers, and staff now on board, we're feeling really excited for the year ahead!

We're delighted to share the newly elected PTFA committee roles:

- 👤 Chair: Danielle Simm
- 👤 Vice Chair: Hannah Colclough
- 📝 Secretary: Laura Simpson
- 💰 Treasurer: Kay McCallum
- 🎪 Events Coordinator: Steph Watkins

We've already begun planning some fun and exciting events for the children, and we can't wait to share what's coming soon. Your support truly makes a difference. Together, we're helping to make Thursfield an even better place to learn, grow, and thrive.

Watch this space - it's going to be a great year!

#PTFA #ThursfieldFamily #CommunitySpirit
#ExcitingYearAhead #ThankYou



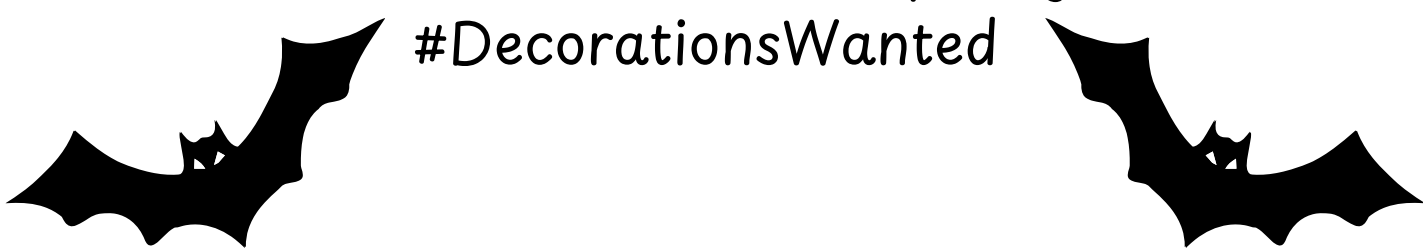
If you're having a clear-out, we'd love any unwanted Halloween decorations you're happy to donate!

We're getting ready to make the school look spook-tacular and would really appreciate your help.

Please drop off any items at the school office.

Thank you for your support! ♥🕷️

#HalloweenAtThursfield #SpookySeason
#DecorationsWanted



Future Events:

- Monday 29th September: Annual PTFA AGM 2pm
- Thursday 23rd October: Pumpkin Patch Event @3:30pm - £3 per ticket



Thursfield Community Centre

What's going on...

Follow our Facebook page!



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



NEW GROUP COMING SOON
Saturday Morning
7.30am & 9am
Opening September

Thursfield Community Centre,
Harriseahead

Call Clare 07584071643

real food, real support, real results



HARRISEAHEAD MINI MATES

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 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