



Thursfield News



Friday 5th December Edition

Weekly Joke: Why did the echo get detention?

For answering back, back, back!

Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has most certainly arrived at Thursfield! The school is looking wonderfully festive, and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped to bring the magic of the season to life. A huge thank you to the PTFA for the fabulous Christmas trees, to Leigh Speakman for the stunning winter window displays, and to Anthony Rorbach Pointon for the beautifully crafted Christmas tree stand. We are also incredibly grateful to all the pupils who have spent time making paperchains and handmade decorations that are now brightening our classrooms and the hall. Your creativity and enthusiasm truly make the school sparkle at this special time of year.

Our Christmas events are now well underway. This week, Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed their Winter Workshop, a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and get creative. Thank you to all the parents who joined us—it was lovely to see you working alongside the children to create such beautiful winter-themed crafts. Your involvement makes these moments even more memorable for the pupils. This week also saw our Reception children perform their nativity, and what a joy it was to watch. The children were absolutely amazing—their singing was magical, their confidence shone through, and each child spoke their lines with such clarity. We could not be prouder of them. Thank you to the families who joined us and helped make the performance such a warm and special occasion.

Across KS1, we have continued our focused work on reading groups. Staff have been closely monitoring progress and celebrating the wonderful steps the children are taking on their reading journey. We would like to thank parents for their ongoing support at home—your encouragement and shared reading time make a tremendous difference. Together, we are building strong, confident readers.

A special congratulations goes to Archie E, who won the Nursery and Reception CLPT Design-a-Christmas-Card Competition. Well done, Archie! We are so proud of you and cannot wait to see your artwork featured on the official CLPT Christmas card this year.

As we move further into this festive season, I wish everyone a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing you next week at our parent consultations and during the continued Christmas events taking place across school.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend.
Mrs Bradbury



Year 3/4 Winter Workshop



This week we held our annual Year 3/4 Winter Workshop, and what a wonderful afternoon it was! The children had a fantastic time creating Christmas and winter-themed crafts.

Reception Nativity



What a fantastic performance from our Reception children! You were all amazing! Your singing and acting were incredible, and you should all be extremely proud of yourselves!

Key Dates

DECEMBER

- Monday 8th:** Reception Open Evening @5:30pm (New Parents for September 2026)
- Tuesday 9th:** KS1 Christmas Show @2pm
- Wednesday 10th:** Parents Evening
- Thursday 11th:** KS1 Christmas Show @5:30pm
- Friday 12th:** Non-Uniform Day PTFA Donation
- Monday 15th:** Year 6 Booster Meeting @3:30pm
- Monday 15th:** Nursery Nativity @2:30pm
- Tuesday 16th:** Reception Trip - Dear Santa Theatre
- Wednesday 17th:** Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
- Thursday 18th:** Community Christmas Party
- Thursday 18th:** Year 5/6 Carol Service
- Friday 19th:** Non-Uniform Day and Toy Day



22nd December- 4th January - Christmas Break

JANUARY

- Monday 5th:** Children Return to school
- Tuesday 6th:** Year 6 Boosters Start
- Monday 12th:** Year 5/6 Football League
- Monday 19th:** Year 4 Multiplication Test Meeting 3:30pm and 5:30pm
- Monday 19th:** PTFA Meeting @2pm
- Tuesday 20th:** 1/2R Special Person Lunch
- Wednesday 21st:** 1M Special Person Lunch
- Thursday 22nd:** 1/2B Special Person Lunch
- Friday 23rd:** - SEND Coffee Morning @9am
- Monday 26th:** Year 5/6 Football League
- Tuesday 27th:** 3RT Special Person Lunch
- Wednesday 28th:** 3/4R Special Person Lunch
- Thursday 29th:** 4W Special Person Lunch

FEBRUARY

- Monday 2nd:** Y5/6 Visit to Manchester Science Industry Museum
- Tuesday 3rd:** 5P Special Person Lunch
- Wednesday 4th:** 5/6O Special Person Lunch

Our School Christmas Trees



We'd like to extend a big thank you to our PTFA for their hard work decorating the Christmas tree around our school this year. You've done an excellent job, and the school looks incredibly Christmassy! The festive cheer is well and truly alive—great job!

Nursery Update & Wraparound Update

A letter has been emailed to all parents regarding changes to Nursery and Wraparound arrangements next week while work takes place in the setting.

Please note that Wraparound Care will be held in Miss Williams' classroom. Families should enter the school through the main gates for drop-off and collection.

Nursery sessions will take place in the Reception classrooms for the week. Please drop children off at 9:00am via the Reception door. If you have any questions, please contact the school office and we will be happy to assist.

Reading Awards!



It has been wonderful to see so many children receiving their Bronze Certificates this week for completing 10 weeks of reading!


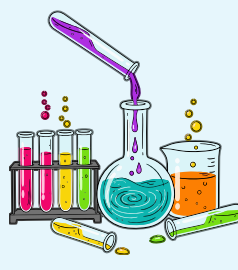
Congratulations to all the achievers—your hard work is truly paying off! Remember to read at least three times a week to collect those stamps and raffle tickets for a chance to be entered into the draw to win a new story book. Keep up the great work and enjoy your reading journey!



Book now via Arbor!



Our Next Curriculum Block

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



Winter Weather

Please can all children ensure that they are dressed appropriately for the winter weather. Coats must be worn to school. Please bring hats, scarfs and gloves to wear.


Nursery Places

We have a few places left for children aged between 3 & 4 to start after Christmas. If you would like anymore information - please pop into our school office.

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.**




Parent Consultations

Bookings for our parent consultations for pupils in Reception to Year 6, taking place on Wednesday 10th December, are now live on Arbor. We encourage all parents and carers to log in and select a suitable appointment time. These meetings are an important opportunity for you to speak with your child's class teacher, hear about the progress they have made during the autumn term, and discuss how we can continue to support their learning together. We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing a detailed update on your child's achievements and next steps.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us for the Thursfield Primary School Annual Community Christmas Party!

We'd love to welcome grandparents, former staff, local care home residents, and anyone who enjoys mince pies, carols, and a game of bingo. Let's share some festive cheer and spend Christmas time together!

DECEMBER 18TH THURSDAY | 9:30-11:30AM
THURSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL PLEASE BOOK AT THE OFFICE



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.



Class of the week!

Reception for their super Christmas Nativity.




Golden Book Winners


Theme:- PE

RB - George C.	Y3H - Henry T.
RSB - Raphael W.T.	Y3/4R - Lenny K.
Y1P - Lawson M.	Y4W - Oscar C.
Y1/2R - Bobby S.	Y5P - Ramsay L.
Y1/2T - Keira A.	Y5/6B - Izzy G.
	Y5/6O - Amber H.

Well done!

Attendance

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



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

Elicia M.




House Points

Bridgewater - 837
Wedgwood - 699
Doulton - 651
Moorcroft - 548



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TIKTOK

13+

Advice for Parents & Educators

Wake Up Wednesday The National College



Thursfield Primary Reception Places September 2025

Come along to our open morning this Monday 8th December @5:30pm

Come along to our open morning where you'll have the chance to:

- **Get Creative with Christmas Crafts:** Fun activities for children to enjoy and take home!
- **Speak to Our AMAZING EYFS Team:** Learn more about our Early Years Foundation Stage and how we support your child's learning and development.
- **Tour the Reception Classroom:** Take a look at our classroom environment and see where the magic happens!
- **Meet Other Parents:** Connect with other families in the school community.
- **Ask Lots of Questions:** We're here to answer any questions you have about the school, curriculum and your child's experience.

We can't wait to see you there!





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' hoodies.

Monday 1st December 2025 School Quad



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 18th December
Location: School office

Every small gift makes a big difference ❤️

THURSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thursfield PTFA have this year chosen to give each child an advent calendar to bring a little extra Christmas magic home, we hope that you enjoy counting the days to Christmas

CHRISTMAS DISCO

17TH DECEMBER

Reception & KS1: 3:30pm-4:15pm
KS2: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Book your ticket now via our online platform
£3.50 each

Tuck & Merchandise Available:
Snacks & Drinks: 50p - £1
Candy floss: £1.50

You're Invited to Join

Nursery's Christmas Party

17th DECEMBER
2:00PM - 2:45PM
£1.50 EACH

Includes drink & biscuits
Merchandise and other snacks available to purchase

Cash only please hand to Nursery.



We've officially kicked off Christmas at Thursfield! Our elves have been busy, and here are two of the beautiful trees we created yesterday to start spreading the festive cheer.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

12th December 2025

Nursery, Reception & KS1: Sweets & Chocolate
KS2: Bottles of any kind

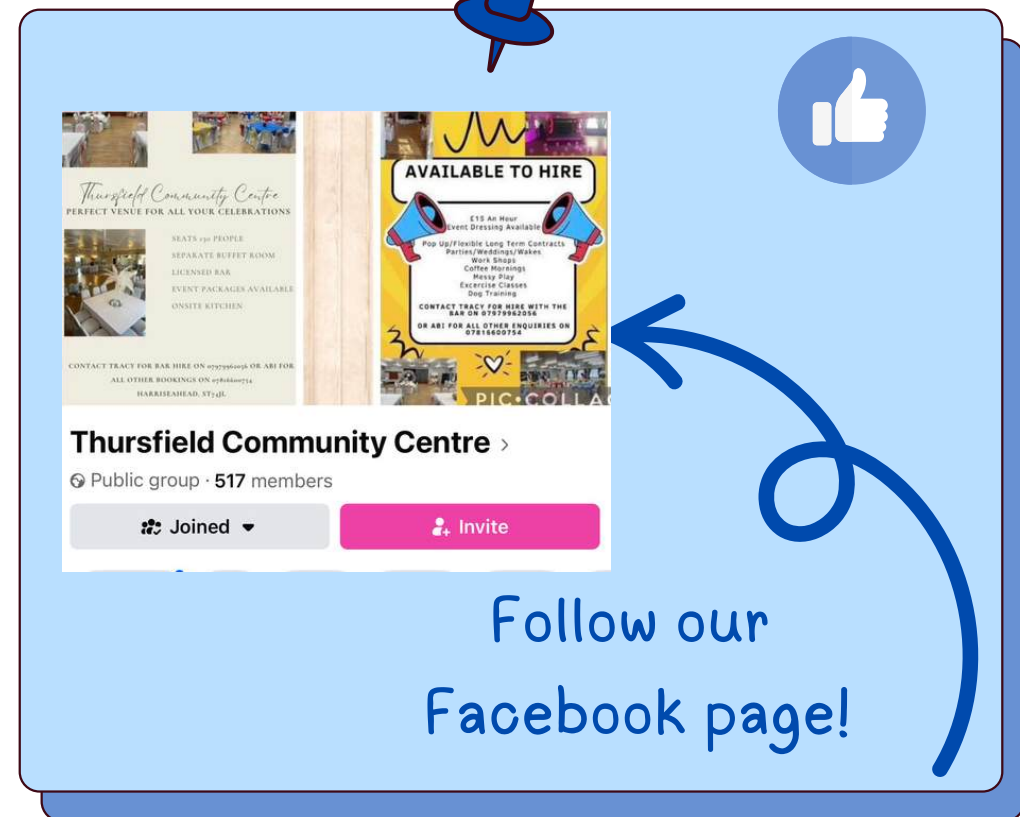
Future Events:

Wednesday 17th December - School Discos - See flyers attached
Monday 19th January: PTFA Meeting @2pm



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

Slimming World
feel real good

find real support in your local group...

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

free membership
new group experience even better 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 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