



Thursfield News



Friday 23rd November Edition

Weekly Joke: Why did the echo get detention? For answering back, back, back!

Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very positive and productive week in school, even as we experienced the first real cold snap of the season. The frosty mornings certainly haven't dampened spirits—children have continued to arrive with smiles, ready to learn and eager to take part in all the opportunities on offer. Thank you for ensuring everyone is wrapped up warm and prepared for the wintry weather ahead.

Assessment Week

This week, pupils across the school have been taking part in Assessment Week, and we could not be prouder of the way they have approached each task. The children have shown real determination, applying their knowledge with confidence and demonstrating impressive resilience when tackling more challenging questions. Their positive attitudes, focus and commitment have been wonderful to see, and we look forward to using the outcomes to continue supporting their individual progress.

Reception Visit to Apple Tree Town

Our Reception children had an exciting and enriching visit to Apple Tree Town. The day was filled with hands-on learning as the children explored the different role-play areas, practised real-life skills and engaged in imaginative play with great enthusiasm. It was fantastic to watch them develop their communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills in such a vibrant and inspiring environment. The children represented Thursfield beautifully and returned full of stories about their busy day!

Design and Technology: Food, Nutrition and Structures

This half-term in Design and Technology, pupils have been developing their skills across two key areas: food and nutrition, and structures. In food and nutrition, children have been learning about healthy choices and preparing designs and exploring ingredients linked to their making next week. In our structure's unit, pupils have been investigating how shapes, joints and materials affect strength and stability. From experimenting with different construction techniques to designing and making their own functional models, the children have shown great creativity and problem-solving ability. It has been inspiring to see their ideas come to life through thoughtful planning and hands-on making.

Wishing every member of our Thursfield family a calm, cosy and enjoyable weekend.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Bradbury

Year 5&6 Football League



On Monday night, our Year 5/6 boys' football team delivered an outstanding performance. Their teamwork, skill, and determination were clear throughout the match, leading to some fantastic goals and strong defending. We're incredibly proud of their effort and sportsmanship—well done, boys!

Reception Apple Tree Town Trip



On Thursday, our Reception Little Explorers enjoyed a wonderful visit to Apple Tree Town. The children had a fantastic time discovering, playing, and exploring the different areas. They showed great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the trip—well done, Little Explorers!

Key Dates



NOVEMBER

Wednesday 26th: School based yearly Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 26th: TRUST Dodgeball Competition

Wednesday 26th: Reception Meet the Police.

Thursday 27th: Reception Trip to the Mechanics

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

DECEMBER



Monday 1st: Year 6 Fundraising Event

Monday 1st: Year 5/6 Football League

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

Wednesday 3rd: Reception Nativity @5:30pm

Thursday 4th: Reception Nativity @2:30pm

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

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

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:

- EYFS (age 5 and under)
- KS1 (age 7 and under)

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!

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!

Goodbye and Thank You to Karen Steppe



We also bid a warm farewell to Karen Steppe, who has been a valued member of the Thursfield kitchen team for an amazing 15 years. Karen is leaving to spend more time with her family, and while we are sad to see her go, we are deeply grateful for everything she has given to our school. From returning to help at prom, to cooking booster breakfasts, to catering our Special Person meals, Karen has consistently gone above and beyond. Thank you, Karen, for your dedication, kindness and hard work. You will always be part of the Thursfield family.

Farewell to Mrs Brunt



This week we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Donna Brunt, who has been a true star in the Thursfield office for the past four years. Donna has been an incredible support to parents, staff and pupils alike—always ready with a smile, a solution, and a calm, caring presence. She will be sadly missed by everyone. As Donna takes her "ticket to anywhere" and sets off on her next adventure in a new job, we send her all our love, gratitude and very best wishes for the future.

Our Next Curriculum Block

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

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.

Parking

We have received a number of reports this week of dangerous parking outside school — cars mounting the kerb and ignoring pedestrian safety.

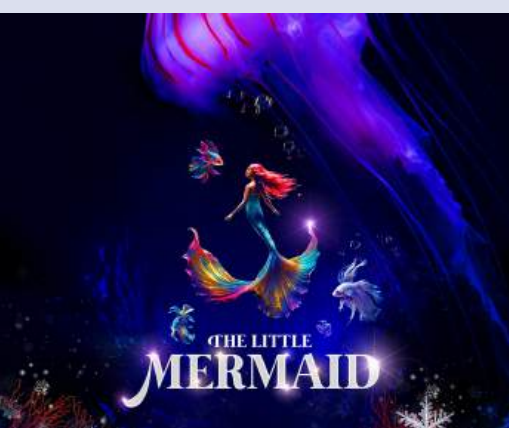
This creates a serious risk for our children and families. Please park with care in surrounding streets and watch out for pupils at drop-off and pick-up.

Vehicles parked unsafely will be reported to parking enforcement.

Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who has generously donated to Children in Need. Thanks to your support, we have raised an incredible £141 to help improve the lives of children and young people across the UK.

Theatre Trip



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

Remembrance Day

We received a lovely call from Sylvia at the Poppy Appeal, who shared some fantastic news. Our school raised an impressive £291.76, the highest total among all the schools in her area! Altogether, over £17,000 was raised across the Kidsgrove community.

Sylvia asked us to pass on a heartfelt thank you to all our children, families, and staff for their generosity and support. Well done, everyone!

A little reminder that our Year 1 to Year 6 theatre trip is coming up very soon on Friday 28th November! Children will be heading to the theatre to enjoy a magical performance of The Little Mermaid. Families have been aware of this visit for some time, and we're all looking forward to sharing this wonderful experience together.

Tickets remain available for payment via Arbor. We can't wait for the children to enjoy this enchanting show!

Class of the week!

KS1 for their super effort when practicing for their Christmas Nativity.




Golden Book Winners

Theme:- History

RB - Ella C.	Y3H - Alisha M.
RSB - Sammy B.	Y3/4R - Atticus M.
Y1P - Harley J.H	Y4W - Ada J.
Y1/2R - Isla P.	Y5P - Madoc B.
Y1/2T - Callum C.	Y5/6B - Oliver K.
	Y5/6O - William F.C.

Well done!

Attendance 100%

Well done to Year RSB 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.

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.

Good To Be Green Winner

Leo H.




House Points

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



School Website

Please visit our website for information regarding school policies including mobile phones and attendance. You will also find information regarding our curriculum.

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-GENERATED VIDEOS

AI-generated videos are increasingly difficult to spot and easy to share. From fake news clips to deepfakes, children and young people face new risks every day online. These videos can mislead and propagate false narratives or even generate harmful content from scratch. Understanding these dangers is crucial for schools and families who want to protect children in a fast-evolving digital world.

DEEPFAKE ABUSE CONTENT
 Deepfakes, artificial intelligence is now being used to create realistic audio or video content. These generated images and videos can be used to spread misinformation, impersonate someone, or create harmful content. This technology is being used to create realistic audio or video content that can be used to spread misinformation, impersonate someone, or create harmful content.

EMOTIONAL MANIPULATION
 AI-generated videos can be used to create realistic audio or video content that can be used to spread misinformation, impersonate someone, or create harmful content.

DISINFORMATION
 AI-generated videos can be used to create realistic audio or video content that can be used to spread misinformation, impersonate someone, or create harmful content.

IMPERSONATION AND SCAMS
 With just a few photos or video clips, AI tools can create realistic audio or video content that can be used to spread misinformation, impersonate someone, or create harmful content.

USED FOR BULLYING
 Deepfake technology is increasingly being used to create realistic audio or video content that can be used to spread misinformation, impersonate someone, or create harmful content.

TEACH HOW IT WORKS
 Explain to children how videos can be faked — and show them how to spot deepfakes. Use simple examples of deepfakes to show how they can be created.

TALK ABOUT TRUST
 Always keep lines of communication open. If a child sees something suspicious or questionable, they should feel safe discussing it with you. Create an environment where they know they will not get in trouble for reporting something suspicious.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL QUESTIONS
 Help children question what they see, hear, or read. Ask them to think about the source of the information and whether it seems realistic.

STRENGTHEN PRIVACY SETTINGS
 Advise children not to share video clips, photos, or personal details on public platforms. All data often comes from social media to create deepfakes. The privacy controls to limit and control their content are built off social recognition where possible. Foster public images means fewer opportunities for misuse.

Meet Our Expert
 Imogen O'Neill is a broadcaster and digital education specialist. She has worked with schools and families across the UK to help them understand the risks of digital safety, privacy, and parental control.

Wake Up Wednesday The National College

Chatterley Vics Football Club

Chatterley Vics u11 Girls team are after new players to join their team.

(U11 - Girls need to be in school years 5 or 6)

We have a UEFA C coach to help develop the team and 1-2-1 coaching.

We play on a Saturday mornings and train every Wednesday 6-7 in Biddulph

If you are interested or like to know more, please get in touch.

Phil 07970301985
 Sarah 07826521653



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 1st 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 18th 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!



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

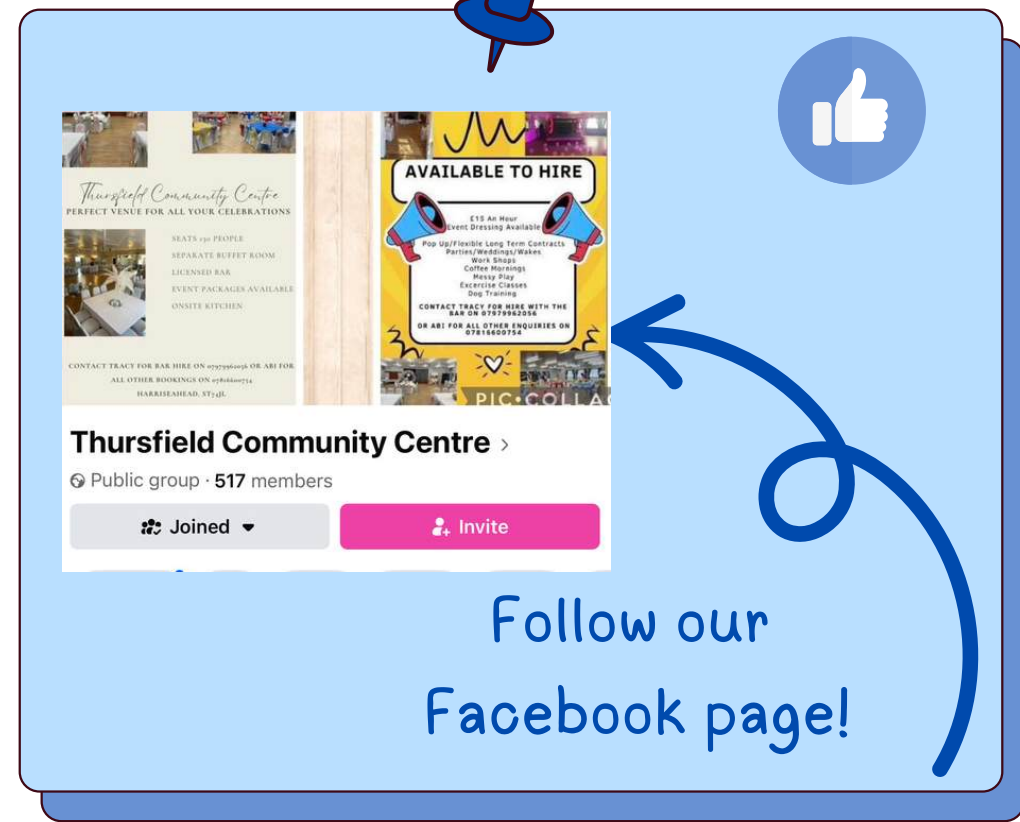
Cash only, please hand to Nursery.

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

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