



Thursfield News



Friday 17th October Edition

Weekly Joke: Why can't pirates learn the alphabet? Because they keep getting lost at C.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteachers Message

It's been another busy and enriching week at school as we head towards the end of this half term.

On Monday, our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic visit to the Staffordshire Regiment Museum. This trip offered an engaging, hands-on experience that brought history to life in a meaningful way. From exploring historical artefacts to learning about life during wartime, the children were immersed in activities that sparked curiosity and deepened their understanding—an excellent springboard for their upcoming History block after the half term break.

Across the school, pupils have been concluding their current Geography units. It has been wonderful to see them applying their new knowledge to thoughtfully planned tasks that encourage critical thinking, collaboration, and real-world connections. The pride in their work has been evident in every classroom.

Next week, we are excited to welcome families of prospective Reception pupils for September 2026. Our school tours and information sessions offer a chance to see our vibrant learning environment in action and to meet the staff who will be guiding our youngest learners on their educational journey. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please do encourage them to get in touch with the school office to book a visit.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported Year 6 with their spooky-themed fundraising this week. The children's creativity and enthusiasm have shone through, and the funds raised will go towards their leavers' hoodies—a special memento of their final year with us.

Looking ahead, we're eagerly anticipating the final week of this half term, especially the return of our much-loved annual PTFA Pumpkin Patch event. It promises to be a fun-filled celebration for all the family.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warm regards,
Mrs Bradbury

**WE WANT YOUR
FEEDBACK**

Have Your Say – Wraparound Care Survey

We are currently reviewing our wraparound care provision and would really value your input.

Our aim is to ensure the service continues to meet the needs of our families, and your feedback will play a vital role in shaping its future.

Please take a few minutes to complete the parent survey and share your thoughts and suggestions. **The survey will remain open until Sunday 19th October at 5:00pm.** Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Year 5/6 Lichfield Regiment Museum



Well done to our Year 5 and 6 children who represented the school so brilliantly on their recent trip to the Lichfield Regiment Museum.

They explored fascinating artefacts, uniforms, and stories from the Staffordshire Regiment and impressed staff with their enthusiasm and thoughtful questions. The children were a real credit to the school, and it was a fantastic way to bring their classroom learning to life.

Year 5/6 Cross Country Team



Wow, Wow, Wow!!!! What an incredible achievement! A massive well done to our Year 5/6 cross country team, who have competed over the past four weeks in four events. We are so proud to share that both teams finished in 1st place overall!

A special shout-out goes to Theo, who achieved 1st place every week, and to Evie and Bella, who secured 2nd and 3rd place each week. You have all been absolutely amazing – congratulations, Team!



Wellies In School

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

With the weather changing, wellies mean we can splash, stomp, and enjoy the field all year round!

From next **Monday, 20th October**, only children with wellies in school will be allowed access to the field for our OPAL playtimes at lunch.

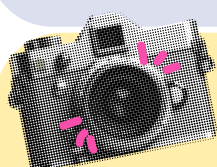
Please make sure your child brings their wellies into school from next week.

Year 6 Job Roles Badge Presentation

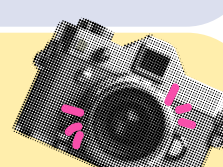
We are delighted to invite you to our Year 6 Job Role Badge Presentation Assembly, where we will celebrate the important responsibilities your children have taken on this year.

Date: Wednesday 22nd October
Time: 2:45pm
Venue: School Hall

This is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our Year 6 students as they receive their job role badges. We hope you can join us for this proud moment!



School Photos



Individual and siblings within school photographs-

Date: Tuesday 21st October.

Reception children to come in their usual school uniform - not their P.E. Kit.

Key Dates



OCTOBER

Tuesday 21st: Academy Photography (Individuals and Siblings)

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

Wednesday 22nd: Year 6 Job Roles @2:45pm

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

Wednesday 26th: 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

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

Tuesday 9th: KS1 Christmas Show @2pm

Wednesday 10th: Parents Evening

Thursday 11th: KS1 Christmas Show @5:30pm

Friday 12th: Non-Uniform Day PTFA Donation

SORRY! WE'RE CLOSED

INSET DAY

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Monday 3rd November
school closed to pupils
(Return Tuesday 4th)



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.

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!

Class of the week!

Year 4 for their knowledge in Geography.



Attendance

100%

Well done to Year RSB Class for achieving 100% attendance last week!

Facebook Page



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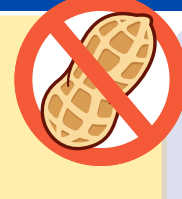


School Website

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



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.

Healthy Snack

Remember we are a Healthy Snack School! Please bring in healthy snacks only.



Wraparound Care

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



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!



Our Next Curriculum Block

For the next two weeks, the curriculum block for Years 1-6 will be **Religious Education (R.E.)**



Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Science

RB - Landon D.

RSB - Reggie S.

Y1P - Isaac H.

Y1/2R - Ronnie C.

Y1/2T - Noa P.

Y3H - Abigail W.S.

Y3/4R -

Y4W -

Y5P - Bertie T.

Y5/6B -

Y5/6O - Noah D.

Well done!

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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

Jacob B.



House Points

Bridgewater - 345

Wedgwood - 267

Moorcroft - 230

Doulton - 207



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.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MEMES

Memes may look like simple jokes, but for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Nearly eight in ten teenagers share memes (79%, Ypulse), making them part of daily life. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- SPREADING MISINFORMATION**
While memes help to communicate complex topics, they can also spread misinformation. Memes that contain false information, especially around health, politics, or current events, can be spread quickly, often without fact-checking.
- EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
Memes are widely circulated, and not every meme is appropriate. Young people may encounter inappropriate content, such as explicit language, sexual content, or harmful stereotypes, when scrolling through social media feeds.
- MASKED MESSAGES**
Some memes are designed to be humorous, but they can also contain hidden messages or stereotypes. These messages can be harmful to certain groups of people, even if the intent is to be funny.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS**
Talk regularly with young people and try to understand their online world. Discuss what they're seeing about the memes, and why. By listening without judgement, you can help them to think about how to respond to them.
- MODEL HEALTHY BOUNDARIES**
Young people and teens often have a strong sense of humor, but they can also be vulnerable to cyberbullying. Set clear boundaries around what is acceptable and what is not. Encourage them to report any inappropriate content to the platform.
- MEET OUR EXPERT**
Dr. Cristina Moreno-Almeida is a Senior Lecturer in Digital Culture at Queen Mary University of London. She specialises in memes, online networks, and youth culture, examining how digital spaces shape identity and everyday life.

HIDDEN HARMS & LOSING SENSITIVITY
When serious topics like violence, racism, or mental health are turned into jokes, children may lose sight of the seriousness of these issues. While a funny meme may seem harmless, it can also contribute to a culture where serious issues are trivialized. Encourage children to think about the impact of their humor and to be sensitive to the feelings of others.

PERMANENT DIGITAL FOOTPRINT
Unlike spoken jokes, memes leave a trail. Created or shared memes can resurface later and be misinterpreted, even if intended as harmless. Encourage children to think about the long-term consequences of their online actions. Remind them that anything they post online can be seen by others, even if it's private.

TEACH DIGITAL LITERACY
Help children and young people learn to question what they see online. Encourage them to think about the source of the information and whether it's reliable. Discuss the importance of critical thinking and how to spot misinformation.

FOSTER EMPATHY ONLINE
Remind children and young people that memes should never come at someone else's expense. Encourage them to think about how their humor might affect others. Promote a culture of kindness and respect online.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WakeUp Wednesday

The National College



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

WANTED

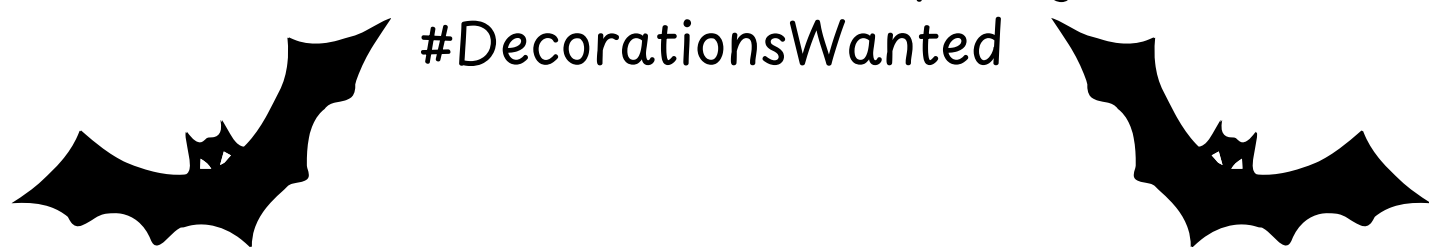
If you're having a clear-out, we'd love any unwanted Halloween decorations you're happy to donate!

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



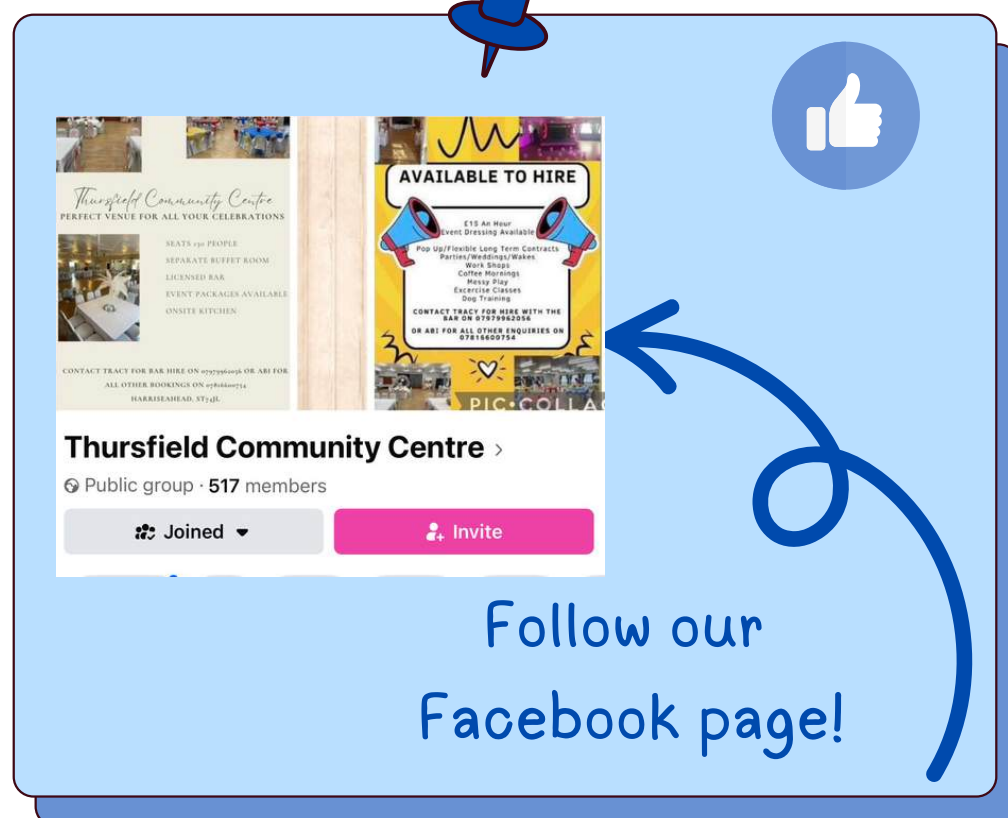
Future Events:

- **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...



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

Thursfield
Community
Centre,
Harriseahead

Opening September

Call Clare 07584071643

real food, real support, real results



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**

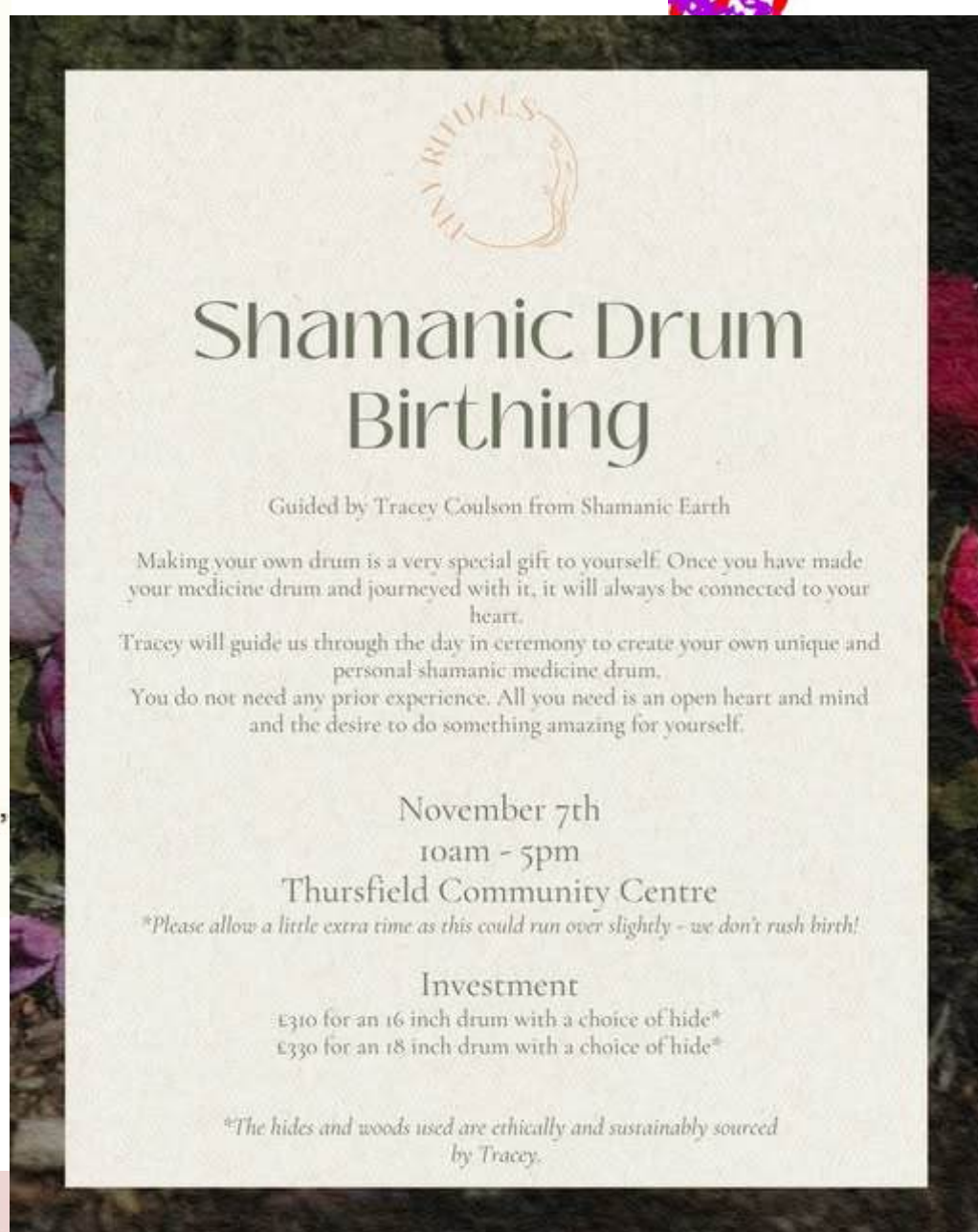


**Starts
28th May**

**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



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