



Thursfield News



Friday 28th November Edition

Weekly Joke: Why didn't the fish go on holiday? Because he was always in school

Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and productive week in school, I wanted to share some updates and celebrate the wonderful learning and experiences your children have enjoyed.

Assessment Fortnight Continues

This week, pupils across the school have continued with their assessments. These help us understand the progress each child is making and identify any areas where they may need additional support or challenge. We are incredibly proud of how focused and resilient the children have been, approaching each task with maturity and determination.

Design & Technology Highlights

Our Design and Technology block has been a great success, with children engaging in both the making and evaluation stages of the design process.
- In KS2, pupils have been busy creating cheese turnovers and healthy filled Staffordshire oatcakes—developing practical cooking skills and learning about balanced diets.
- KS1 have taken on an exciting construction challenge, designing and building their own moving vehicles. They enjoyed testing and evaluating how well their creations travelled!

Trust Dodgeball Competition

This week, our Y3/4 dodgeball team represented the school brilliantly at the Trust Dodgeball Competition, finishing second out of five schools. A huge well done to the team for their effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Thank you also to the staff who organised and supported the event—your hard work is much appreciated.

Reception Visit to Sandyford Garage

Our Reception children had a wonderful trip to Sandyford Garage, where they learned about a local business and enjoyed exploring the vehicles and tools used there. The staff commented on how curious and well-behaved the children were—well done, Reception!

A Magical Theatre Experience

We finished the week with a special treat for Years 1–6 as they visited the New Vic Theatre to watch a magical performance of The Little Mermaid. The children were captivated from start to finish, and it was a joy to see their faces light up throughout the show.

As we look ahead to next week, we will be entering the month of December and all the excitement it brings. We look forward to welcoming you into school over the festive period to share some special moments together.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend.
Mrs Bradbury

TRUST Dodgeball Competition



Huge congratulations to our Year 3/4 Dodgeball Team, who represented Thursfield brilliantly at the Trust Dodgeball Competition at Manor Hill Primary. They showed excellent teamwork, quick reactions, and great sportsmanship throughout—and their hard work earned them an impressive 2nd place overall! Well done, Team Thursfield—you made us proud!

Reception Visit to Sandyford Car Garage



Our Little Explorers enjoyed an exciting visit to Sandyford Car Garage this week. They were full of curiosity, asking brilliant questions about how cars are fixed and the tools mechanics use. The children loved seeing cars lifted and learning about the important jobs that keep vehicles safe. A big thank you to the Sandyford team for being such welcoming hosts. Well done, Little Explorers—you listened beautifully, showed great curiosity, and made us very proud!



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.

Key Dates



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
- 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
- Monday 26th:** Year 5/6 Football League

Whole School Theatre Trip - The Little Mermaid



Today, children from Years 1 to 6 had the wonderful opportunity to watch The Little Mermaid at the New Vic Theatre. The performance was fantastic from start to finish, and the children were truly captivated by the magical storytelling, music, and incredible staging. It was a memorable experience that left everyone inspired and full of excitement on the journey home!

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!

PTFA - Advent Calendars


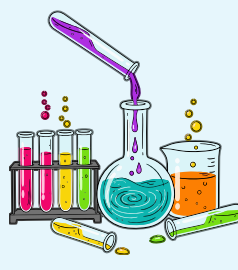


A huge thank you to our amazing PTFA, who have kindly bought an advent calendar for every child in school. What a lovely festive treat! Their generosity means all our children can enjoy a magical countdown to Christmas together. We're so grateful for everything they do to make school life even more special.

Thank you



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.

Reception September Starters

Come along to our final Open Evening on Monday 8th December- Christmas Craft Theme.
5:30pm
We vcan't wait to see you there!






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.

Nativities

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

Monday 15th: Nursery Nativity @2:30pm




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!

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

★★★★★



Attendance 100%

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

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!

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

Leo H.




House Points

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

GO TEAM



PLEASE DONATE TO OUR FOOD BANK

As we approach a time of year that can be financially challenging for many, we want to make sure that all parents and staff at Thursfield have access to the support they need. Our on-site food bank is here to help, and we need your support to keep it stocked!

We're asking for donations of non-perishable items such as:

- Tinned goods (e.g., beans, soups, vegetables)
- Packets (e.g., pasta, rice, cereals)
- Toiletries (e.g., soap, toothpaste, toilet roll)
- Biscuits & snacks

Your generous contributions can make a big difference to those who may be struggling this season. Any donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated! Please drop any donations off at reception.

Thank you for your kindness and support. Together, we can help make a difference.



SNOWMAN SOUP

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

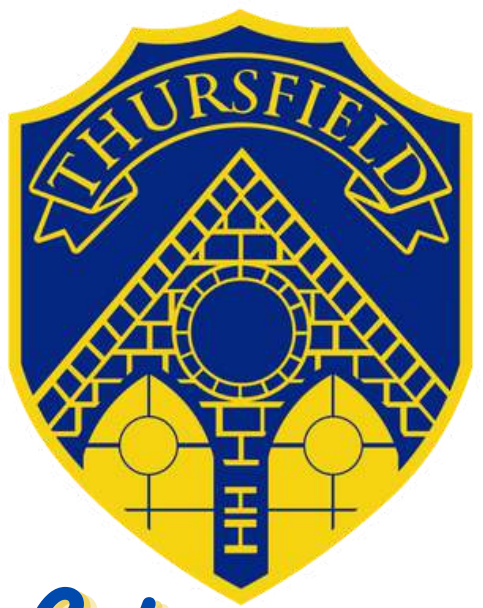
Treat yourself to a Snowman Soup—not just any hot chocolate cone, but a luxurious blend of velvety hot chocolate, fluffy marshmallows, crisp candy canes and melt-in-the-mouth chocolate buttons. All in support of our wonderful Year 6 children as they raise money for their leavers' hoodies.

Monday 1st December 2025

£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 ❤️

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



A huge thank you to the dads who kindly carried our Christmas tree into school today, and to the lovely lady who generously donated the tree—your support is truly appreciated.

We are now hoping to decorate it in our school colours and would welcome any blue or gold Christmas decorations you may be able to donate. If you have any to spare, please drop them off at the school office by Thursday if possible.

Let's make Thursfield shine this Christmas! ✨



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

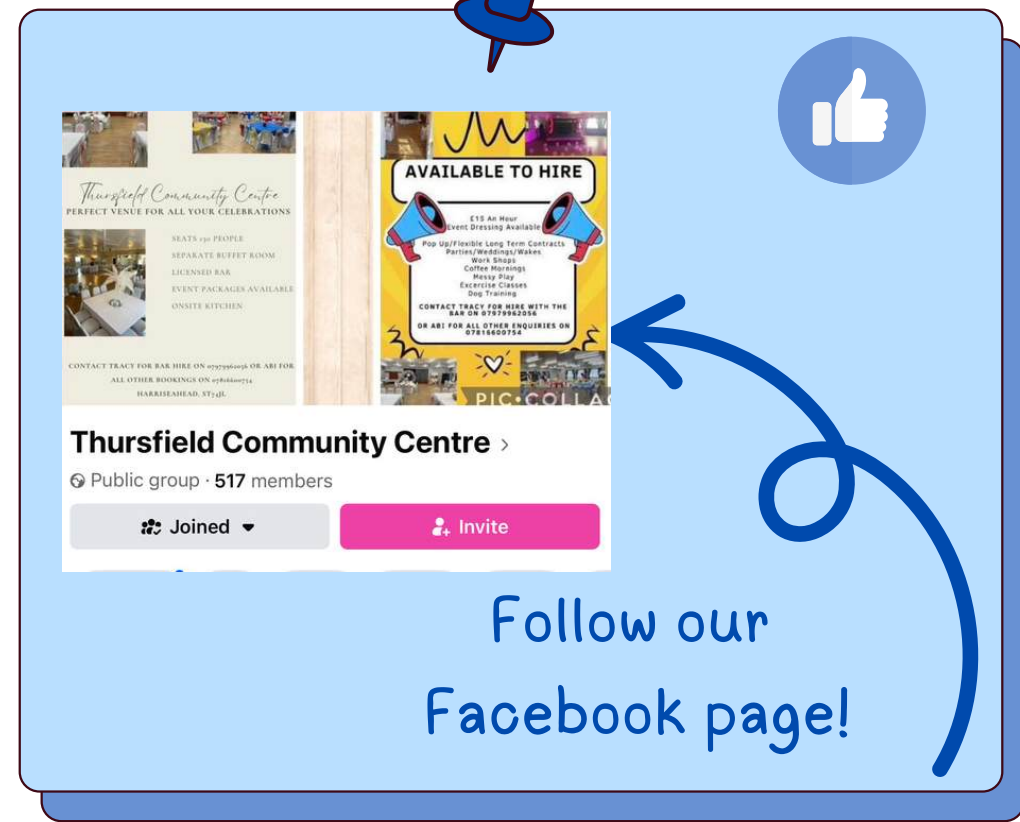
Future Events:

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