



Thursfield News



Friday 19th September Edition

Weekly Joke: 'Why did the egg get thrown out of class? Because it kept telling yolks.'

Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week it has been fabulous to see so many of our pupils taking part in a wide range of after-school clubs. The enthusiasm and commitment they bring is wonderful to see, and these opportunities are a great way for children to develop new skills, build confidence, and make lasting friendships.

The children have also really been enjoying exploring and playing in our new OPAL digging area. This has been a huge hit, particularly with our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils, who have been able to apply their knowledge of rocks and soils from their science lessons while having fun outdoors. It has been lovely to see their curiosity and teamwork shining through in this space.

Today, we say a very special farewell to Jane Fern, who after 35 years of dedication to the Harriseahead and Thursfield community is leaving to focus on her family. Over the decades, Jane has taught generations of children, supported families, and touched thousands of lives with her kindness, care and commitment. On a personal note, I thank Jane for the support she has given me during my nine years here, especially over the past 12 months as we prepared for the next chapter in Thursfield Preschool's journey. Her leadership of the Before and After School Club has provided our families with invaluable support. Jane, we are so grateful for everything you have done to give children their "Thursfield Ticket To Anywhere." Thank you for caring, sharing and daring to dream - we wish you and Alan all the best.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.
Mrs Bradbury



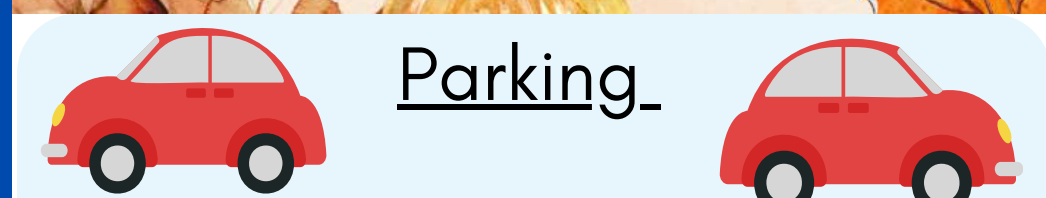
AUTUMN TERM SEND Coffee Evening

All parents & carers of children with SEND are welcome – whatever their age or stage.

- Meet other families who understand your journey
- Share experiences & expertise
- Chat with our friendly staff & parent champions

Come for support, advice, or just a cuppa and a friendly chat.
We'd love to see you and welcome you into our SEND community!

Monday 22nd September 2025,
Time: @5:30pm
At Thursfield Primary School



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.



TT ROCKSTAR LAUNCH DAY!

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

On Wednesday 24th September, we're relaunching Times Tables Rockstars with a fun-filled day!
Children are invited to come dressed as rockstars and will take part in exciting maths challenges linked to times tables and number bonds.

The aim of Times Tables Rockstars is to:

- ② Build confidence with times tables & division facts
- ② Boost speed in multiplication recall
- ② Improve accuracy in maths

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE OUR SCHOOL FULL OF ROCKSTARS READY TO ROCK THEIR MATHS!



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!



CAN YOU HELP US...

Digging Area Donations Needed!

We're making a digging zone for our OPAL playtime fun — but we need tools for little hands!
Got any children's spades, trowels, buckets, plastic plant pots or diggers at home? We'd love them!

Pop your donations into the school office and help us get digging!



Key Dates SEPTEMBER

Return to School:
Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 22nd: SEND Coffee Evening @5:30pm
Wednesday 24th: TT Rockstar's Day
Thursday 25th: Y5 to Sandyford Fire Station
Thursday 25th: Y5/6 Cross Country @Thursfield
Monday 29th: PTFA AGM Meeting@2pm

OCTOBER

Thursday 2nd: Y5/6 Cross Country @Springhead 4pm - 5:30pm
Monday 6th: Y3/4 Pottery Tour Trip
Wednesday 8th: Harvest Assembly - KS1 & EYFS @9am
Thursday 9th: Y5/6 Cross Country @St Saviours 4pm - 5:30pm
Friday 10th: Wear yellow to school (Children's Mental Health Day)
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
Thursday 23rd: PTFA Pumpkin Workshop @6pm

NOVEMBER

27th - 31st - October Half Term
Monday 3rd: **INSET Day**



Year 6 – High School Admissions

Reminder for Year 6 Parents: Secondary school applications must be submitted by the **end of October**.



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.



Named Uniform



Please label all your child's belongings!

It helps us cut down on lost property and makes sure items find their way back quickly. Thank you!"



Asthma Register



If your child is on our asthma register, you should have received the school's Asthma Policy. Please complete and return Appendices 1 & 2 promptly.

Also, check and update your child's medical details on Arbor to keep our records accurate.



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.



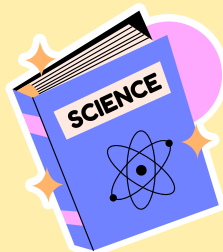
Our Next Curriculum Block

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



Class of the week!

Miss William's Class for their super Science Experiments!



Attendance

100%

Well done to Mrs Bennett's Class for achieving 100% attendance last week!

Golden Book Winners

Theme:- Following the Class Charter

RB - Penelope W.

RSB- George C.

Y1P- Ralph T.

Y1/2R -Matilda R.

Y1/2T - Tilly G.

Y3H- Sadie J.

Y3/4R - Amelia W.

Y4W - Tabitha B.

Y5P - Ivy S.

Y5/6B - Bradley H.

Y5/6O - Sienna M.

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



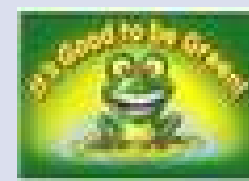
Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.



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

Good To Be Green Winner

Isabella G.



House Points

Bridgewater - 84

Doulton - 27

Moorcroft - 36

Wedgwood - 54



Sorry to see you go...

This Friday, 19th September, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs. Jane Fern, who is leaving Thursfield after an incredible 35 years of service.

Jane has devoted her career to caring for and inspiring generations of children, and her kindness, dedication and community spirit have touched countless lives. We are deeply grateful for all she has given to our school, especially her thoughtful leadership of Preschool and the Before and After School Club.

Jane will be truly missed, but her legacy will live on in every child she has supported.

On behalf of the whole Thursfield community, we wish Jane and her husband Alan all the very best for the future.

THANK YOU

KIDSGROVE SECONDARY SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

"If you do enough small things right, big things can happen."

Thursday 2nd October 2025

5-7.30pm

Gloucester Road ST7 4DL

- Tour the school
- Meet teachers
- Review curriculum
- Ask questions

For more info: 01782 948250

Email: communications@kss.set.org

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10-15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope, a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

- 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE**
Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe on a team they've joined, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.
- 2 REACH OUT**
It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.
- 3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS**
If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.
- 4 OFFER TO HELP**
Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get to touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!
- 5 POST POSITIVELY**
Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.
- 6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION**
If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude counts nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.
- 7 BE UNDERSTANDING**
Showing empathy towards others is an act of kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.
- 8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS**
When you see something online that makes you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.
- 9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING**
Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could also help you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to, it's better to post positively or not at all.
- 10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE**
If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert
Early years and primary school teacher with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of the school's newsletter, she now a freelance technology journalist, author and consultant.

National Online Safety
#TakeUpWednesday



PTFA



Upcoming Events...

Thursfield's Parent Staff Association

AGM MEETING

It's a new school year and we are brimming with ideas and excitement for 2024/25. Come along and join us for a coffee and a catch up. All welcome, parents, carers, grandparents and staff. Share ideas and help us raise vital funds!

Due to the natural demographic of our school catchment we tend to receive very little addition pupil funding from the government. Therefore almost all enrichment is funded by PSA fundraisers. Your dedicated commitment to supporting our events makes the magic happen and we are grateful for such a supportive community.

September 29th, 2025
2.00 PM

The School Hall

Just show up!

Bring a friend!

PUMPKIN WORKSHOP

WITH A PROFESSIONAL FLORIST

23RD OCTOBER
6:00PM
£40PP
£10PP DEPOSIT TO BE DROPPED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
NO CHILDREN ALLOWED

A HUGE AMOUNT RAISED VIA MOW COP SCARECROW TRAIL

£1060!

Thank you to everyone who joined in on the fun & raised such an incredible amount!

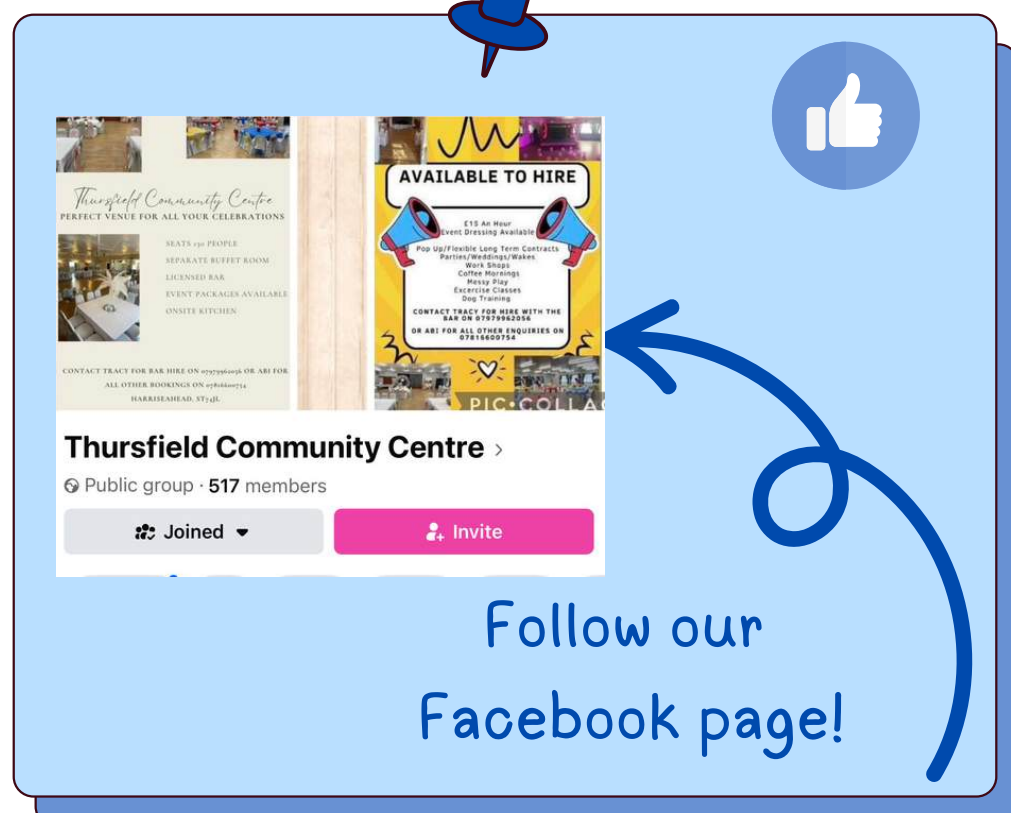
Future Events:

- **Monday 29th September:** Annual PTFA AGM 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, ST7 4JL



**NEW GROUP
COMING SOON**
Saturday Morning
7.30am & 9am

Thursfield
Community
Centre,
Harriseahead

Opening September

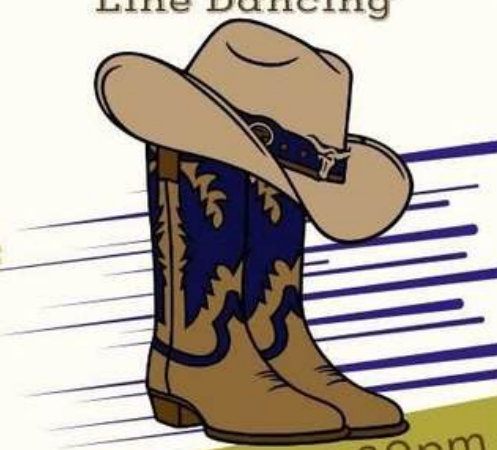
Call Clare 07584071643

real food, real support, real results



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

**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

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.

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