



# Thursfield News



## Friday 20th September Edition

**Our Weekly Affirmation: 'I can do anything I set my mind to'**

### Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and carers,

It's been a busy and exciting start to the term. In our Thursfield 'Ticket to Anywhere' curriculum, children have finished off their history block and completed an activity to showcase their current and previous history learning. Our after-school clubs have commenced, offering a wide range of activities for children to enjoy. From sports to creative arts, there is something for everyone.

A particularly exciting moment is just around the corner for our Year 6 children, as they prepare to head off on their residential trip. This is always a highlight of the year, giving them a chance to build confidence, teamwork and lasting memories. We wish them all a fantastic time and look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

Today we have emailed out the diary dates for this academic year. We have many exciting events planned, including school trips, performances and key assessment dates. Please take a moment to review the diary dates, so that you can plan accordingly and we look forward to seeing you at many of these events throughout the year. To help stay organised we will be regularly updating the school calendar, which is available via our website.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Bradbury

### ARBOR - UPDATES



Please ensure that we have your child's latest contact information including medical information on Arbor. If not please access the App and update.



### CLUBS



Clubs have now started - please sign up to any remaining places available. If you have changed your mind about coming to a club - please let the office know so we can offer it out to others.

Please sign up for our clubs via Arbor.



A HUGE Thank you to **TS Domestic** for their kind donation of a bench for our OPAL sensory garden. Your support for Thursfield is much appreciated!



### PARKING UPDATE

A gentle reminder to please be respectful to our local neighbours when parking around the school area. Please do not block driveways.



### OPAL PRACTICAL WORKING PARTY



In the next phase of our outdoor play area, we are looking to build a mud kitchen and some creative playhouses for our children to enjoy. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to form a working party. Whether you have DIY skills, gardening experience, or simply a willingness to lend a hand, we'd love to have you join us. If you're able to attend or would like more information, please contact the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support.



### TT ROCKSTAR'S LAUNCH DAY

To relaunch The Times Tables Rockstars, we will be holding a Rockstar day on **Wednesday 2nd October.**

Children are encouraged to **dress up as a rock star on the day** and will complete lots of exciting math challenges linked to Times tables and number bonds.

The focus of Times Tables Rock Stars is to: - Support children to learn their times tables and the associated division facts - Increase the speed of multiplication recall - Improve accuracy of multiplication recall

### KEY DATES

**W/C 23rd Sep:** Year 6 @PGL

**2nd October:** TT Rockstar's Day

**2nd October:** Reception Special Person Lunch

**3rd October:** 1/2R Special Person Lunch

**Half Term :-** Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November

**Inset Day:-** Monday 4th November

**Christmas Break:-** Monday 23

December - Friday 3 January



### YEARLY PLANNER

Look out for an email containing our new 'Thursfield Yearly Planner' this will share any important key dates for 2024/25



### SCHOOL START TIMES



**Reception:-** 8:45- doors open 8:35

**KS1 and KS2:-** 8:50- doors open 8:40

## P.E. TIMETABLE

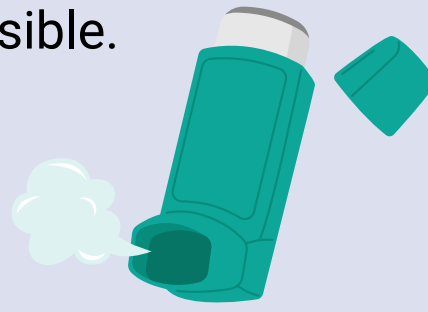
Please come to school in your PE kits on your allocated PE day.

**Reception** - Wednesday  
**Year 1/2** - Tuesday  
**Year 3/4** - Thursday  
**Year 5/6** - Friday



## ASTHMA

If your child has asthma please remember to return their care plan, inhaler and spacer to school as soon as possible.



## HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES &

### HEALTHY SNACKS

As a school we promote healthy snacks and lunches. Please ensure that your child is bringing a healthy snack to school please.



All snacks and lunches are ordered via Arbor.

## CLASS OF THE WEEK!

### Year 3/4 - Mr Reddish:-

for their excellent writing that they have produced and shown around the school.



## GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

Theme- Positive return to school

**RB** - Rocco Loydon  
**RKT** - Paisley Gould  
**Y1M**- Aaliyah Proctor  
**Y1/2R** - Leah-Rose Maynard  
**Y1/2B** - Sadie Johnson

**Y3TA**- Mercedes Foster  
**Y3/4R** - Oscar Cotterill  
**Y4W** - Ava Adams  
**Y5P** - Georgia Keay  
**Y5/6O** - Jude Jervis  
**Y5/6B** - Lily-Grace Phillips

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to 3/4AT

100%

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.

## GOOD TO BE GREEN WINNER

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## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER -  
 DOULTON -  
 MOORCROFT -  
 WEDGWOOD -

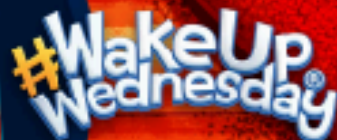
## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Change can be hard for children to manage. Going back to school after a long summer break might cause them to feel uncertain about their friendships, school routines and relationships with new teachers. However, trusted adults play an important role in providing both practical and emotional support.

- LEARN WHAT EQUIPMENT YOU NEED**  
Figure out a list of all equipment needed for the start of the school year, so you can comfortably get your hands on the necessary items in time. If children have any financial issues and receive free school meals, the school may be able to provide some monetary aid or offer other support.
- COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL**  
If you notice that a child is feeling anxious about a change of teacher or school, arranging a one-to-one meeting with their new teacher can be a good way to alleviate some of the anxiety. Just knowing that they understand the child's worries and will be able to help them if the need arises can build the foundations of a good working relationship. Knowing that you can contact them with any queries can also be reassuring.
- CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**  
There will be plenty of information about the start of term on the school's website to keep you updated. Furthermore, you should be able to find other useful information such as contact details for staff, important school events, clubs, and news about any special events on the school calendar for the year. It could be helpful to look through this with children for anything which might reassure them.
- HELP TO MANAGE FRIENDSHIPS**  
If a child is feeling anxious about making new friends - especially if they're moving up to secondary school - it can be a good idea to remind them of what they could do or say when meeting new classmates. Investigating the extracurricular activities available could be a good way to open a conversation about their hobbies and pastimes, and joining such clubs could allow new friendships to be built on this mutual interest.
- PLAN SELF-CARE**  
Talking to children about how they can manage their self-care can be an effective way of helping them understand its importance. This might involve playing a computer game they love with friends, a weekly visit to the library, getting to bed at the same time each night, or a range of other activities that support their wellbeing and provide the consistency and safety of a routine that works for them.
- MANAGE TRICKY FEELINGS**  
Explain that it's okay to have difficult feelings around returning to school. This can help reduce any shame or embarrassment a child might be feeling over these emotions. Emphasise that other children - even some of the teachers - will be feeling the same way. Consider practical ways to manage these feelings and help children feel more in control of their emotions. Some examples include fidget toys, breathing exercises or a notepad for doodling.
- SECURE A SCHOOL UNIFORM**  
Parents and carers should try to buy a child's uniform for the new academic year well in advance of the new term (although allowing for potential holiday growth spurts) and give them time to adapt to any changes. Make sure they can comfortably change into and out of it for PE lessons. Double check the requirements for PE on the school's website, as some schools will also have requirements for PE kits.
- PREPARE FOR TRANSITION DAYS**  
Ensuring that children attend transition days is a vital step in preparing for the new year. Some schools also have transition evenings for parents and carers to attend, offering extra opportunities to reach out for any additional support.
- READ THE MENTAL HEALTH POLICY**  
If a young person struggles with their mental health, it's important to understand their school's mental health policy and provision to know what support is available. This should be on the school's website. A range of aid is typically on offer - from individual timetable amendments to group sessions on emotional wellbeing. You can then discuss these options with the child to measure them that help is there if they need it.
- LEARN ABOUT SEN SUPPORT**  
If a child has SEN and receives help in school, try to confirm exactly what support is available, to ensure they're being their needs met. If they're moving up to secondary school, it's a good idea to meet with the SENCO to ensure that all teachers receive the most relevant, up-to-date information about the child's needs and have a contact to fall back on if these change over time.

### Meet Our Expert

Amy Sayer is a freelance mental health trainer for schools, an author and a content writer. She is an Associate for Diverse Educators, a fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching and an IT wellbeing coach. Amy has previously been a SMH coach, helping many different settings audit their mental health provision and support them to create and implement a strategic plan based on the specific needs of each setting.



## STARTING SCHOOL IN 2025?

VISIT US FOR ONE OF OUR OPEN EVENTS

# THURSFIELD'S OPEN EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER @ 5:30

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER @ 10:00 - 11:00

WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY @ 9:15

Thursfield Primary School,  
 Chapel Lane, Harsehead, ST7 4JL  
[www.thursfield.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.thursfield.staffs.sch.uk)  
 Contact to book your place:  
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# PTFA

Please find our PTFA's Facebook Page



## Thursfield PTFA Fundraising group >

Public group · 309 members

Manage

Invite

## Pumpkins!

The PTFA are looking for companies or/& individuals that would be able to donate towards our pumpkin patch.

In return we would be happy to advertise your business via our school newsletter.

Any donation no matter what the size would be much appreciated.

Thank you



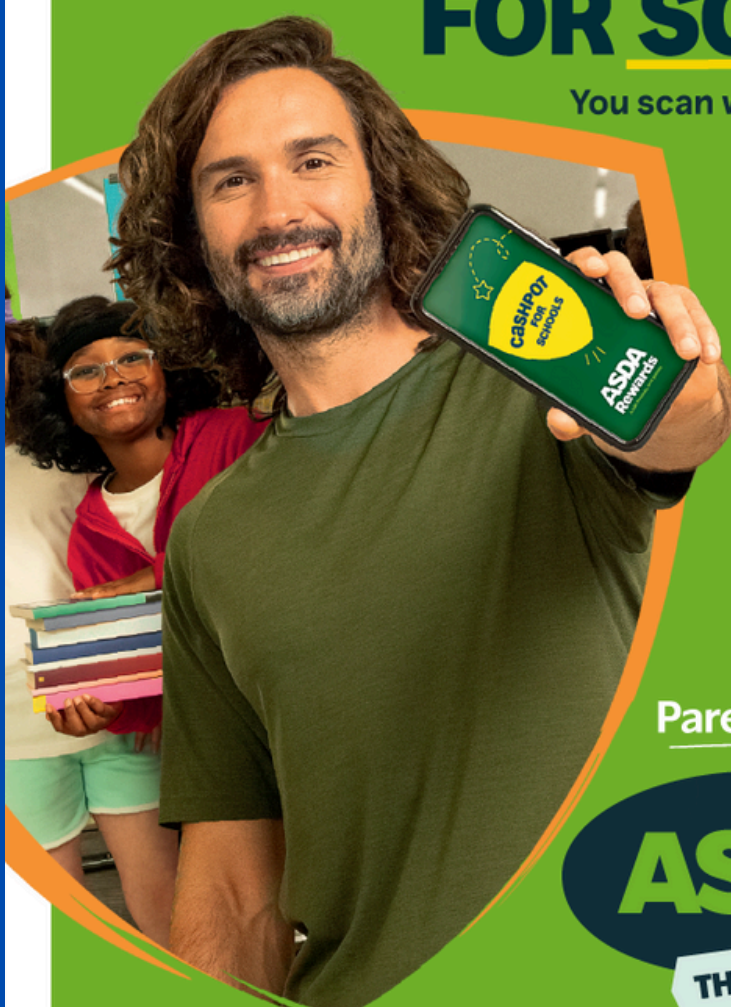
## Upcoming Events...

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

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Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30.11.24

## Wreath making class

Monday 25th November 2024

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Step into a professional florist making class the festive season with a delightful hands-on experience at our Fantastic Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop! This enchanting event invites you to craft your very own holiday wreath from scratch, perfect for adorning your front door with a touch of personalized Christmas cheer. Refreshments included.

**£40 per person** *Adults Only*

£10 non-refundable deposit

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