



# Thursfield News



## Friday 11th October Edition

*Our Weekly Affirmation: 'I am loved and appreciated.'*

### Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well as we continue to settle into the term.

In our Thursfield 'Ticket to Anywhere' curriculum, children have started their new geography units of work. These units are designed to inspire curiosity and a deeper understanding of the world around us. Pupils in KS1 will explore place knowledge including the equator and the North and South Poles. In LKS2 they will study biomes and in UKS2 global population. Please do take the opportunity to ask your child about what they are learning- it's a great way to reinforce their knowledge and engagement.

Yesterday we came together for our annual harvest assembly. Thank you to the parents in reception and KS1, who came along and joined in the celebration. I would also like to thank everyone who has sent in donations for Mow-Cop food bank. We are always amazed by the generosity of our school community. The donations will make a real difference to those in need.

This week we continued our special person Lunch event. This is an opportunity for each child to invite a 'special person' whether it's a parent, grandparent or another significant individual-to join them for lunch at school. It's a wonderful way to give our pupils the chance to share their school experience with someone important in their lives. Lunches are ordered via Arbor.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Bradbury

### BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement of the arrival of Miss Brooke's baby- Lily Victoria, born 6/10/2024, weighing 7lb 12oz. Everyone at Thursfield sends their love and can not wait to meet the latest addition to the Team.



### HOUSE CAPTAINS

Meet our House Captains:



Congratulations and we can't wait to watch your teams succeed this year!

### CROSS COUNTRY - UPDATE

A superb effort from our Cross Country Team this week resulting in: Girls: Theah 1st and Evie 2nd. Boys: Theo 1st. An amazing result and a congratulations to the entire team! You were all incredible!



### HELLO YELLOW

Things can get better. Because we stand brighter, together.

Thank you to everyone who entered, it was such a difficult decision. Your thoughts and ideas around mental health were amazing. Thank you to Miss Statham for organising the event and for supporting the pupils and families of Thursfield with their emotional and social wellbeing. Thank you to the PTFA for donating the prizes.



### KEY DATES



- 24th October:-** 9am Year 6 Job Role Assembly
- 24th October:** PTFA's Pumpkin Patch
- 25th October:** 9am OPAL Working Party - Create the music station
- Half Term :-** Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November
- Inset Day:-** Monday 4th November
- Christmas Break:-** Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January

### SPECIAL PERSON LUNCH

- 1 adult per child
- 15th October:** 12:30pm 3RT
- 16th October:** 12:30pm 3/4R
- 17th October:** 12:30pm 4W
- 22nd October:** 12:45pm - 5P
- 23rd October:** 12:45pm - 5/6O
- 24th October:** 12:45pm - 5/6B



### YOUNG VOICES

Young voices 25th February 2025 at the CO-OP Live Manchester- If your child in in Years 4, 5 and 6 and they would like to be part of Thursfield's Young voices choir 2025- then audience tickets for parents and optional T-shirts for pupils are available on Arbor via the school shop.

You do not have to attend the weekly choir club. The experience is truly memorable and a highlight of the school year.

Orders must be made by Monday 21st October..

## Pumpkin Patch

Thursday 24th

October 2024

3:20pm - 4:30pm

£3 includes:

Pick your own pumpkin

A stencil

A sweet bag

Entry into a free raffle

Please return all raffle tickets to the office ASAP

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# INSET DAY



Monday 4th November 2024- school closed to pupils

# WATER BOTTLES

Please can all children bring a water bottle to school as we are currently providing too many of the single use plastic cups.

# OPAL UPDATES



PLEASE CAN ALL CHILDREN BRING IN A PAIR OF WELLIES OR OLD TRAINERS FROM NEXT MONDAY. (14TH)

Request for any old saucepans, metal pots and pans/lids to make a musical station on the playground- Please see the image below!

Please place in the box which will be outside the office reception! **By the 18th October!**

# PARKING REMINDER

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



# 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!

KS1- All 3x classes

For their excellent Harvest Assembly Performance on Thursday!

harvest festival

# GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

Theme- Science Block

RB - Felix L  
RKT - Caelan G  
Y1M- Elsie D  
Y1/2R - lottie SA  
Y1/2B - Kloe F

Y3TA- Freya H  
Y3/4R - Noah D  
Y4W - Georgia P  
Y5P - Charlie T  
Y5/6O - Freddie S  
Y5/6B - Livvie A

# ATTENDANCE

Well done to Yr3

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.

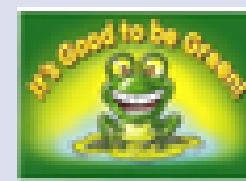
# ARBOR

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

# GOOD TO BE

# GREEN WINNER

James Tokely



# HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER -

DOULTON -

MOORCROFT -

WEDGWOOD -

# 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, Harsiahead, ST7 4JL  
www.thursfield.staffs.sch.uk  
Contact to book your place:  
01782 512301  
office@thursfield.staffs.sch.uk

# October is walk INTO school MONTH

Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.



Discover more at [staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel)



## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. It's also the most secure, with end-to-end encryption.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**  
Only those messages to be shared by the sender and the recipient (and not those who have been added to the group). This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently for the UK Online Safety Bill purposes to end such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is working on this and has reportedly considered watermarking its service to track back this registration.

**EVOLVING SCAMS**  
WhatsApp is a popular app used by a wide range of people, including those who are not intended to be on the app. Scammers are using the app to contact victims, often posing as the victim's child, requesting a change to their contact details or a payment. Scammers are also using the app to contact victims, often posing as the victim's child, requesting a change to their contact details or a payment.

**CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**  
To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the intended user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number and to someone they don't know, they should be aware that it is possible that their child might be contacted by a group chat they don't know about. For example, contacting their parents that they don't know.

**FAKE NEWS**  
WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use means it is a popular platform for spreading 'fake news' - whether it's a true or not. To distinguish between real and fake news, it's important to check the source of the information. Fake news is often spread through 'many times' and is often spread through 'many times' and is often spread through 'many times'.

**ONLINE**  
The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sending inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient will be able to see them. This is a form of harassment. Parents should be aware of this and should consider whether their child is using the app in a safe way. Parents should also consider whether their child is using the app in a safe way.

**CHAT LOCK**  
WhatsApp has a feature called 'chat lock' which allows users to lock their chats. This feature is designed to protect users from unwanted contact. However, it is important to note that this feature does not protect users from unwanted contact. Parents should be aware of this and should consider whether their child is using the app in a safe way.

**VISIBLE LOCATION**  
WhatsApp has a feature called 'visible location' which allows users to share their location with their contacts. This feature is designed to help users find their contacts. However, it is important to note that this feature does not protect users from unwanted contact. Parents should be aware of this and should consider whether their child is using the app in a safe way.

**Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...**

**EMPHASISE CAUTION**  
Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution. Get them to think about the sender, whether the message sounds like something they would expect to receive, and if they are unsure, they should not click on any links in messages. Encourage your child to think about the sender, whether the message sounds like something they would expect to receive, and if they are unsure, they should not click on any links in messages.

**THINKING BEFORE SHARING**  
Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy to share things, but it's important to think about the consequences. Parents should be aware of this and should consider whether their child is using the app in a safe way.

**ADJUST THE SETTINGS**  
It's easy to change your child's WhatsApp settings. Go to 'Privacy' and 'About' to see what you can do. You can give permission to your contacts to see your 'About' information, but you can also choose to keep your location hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'viral' or 'viral' content, you should consider whether their child is using the app in a safe way.

**Meet Our Expert**  
National Online Safety  
@WakeUpWednesday



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## 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 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.



October 21st, 2024

2.00 PM

Thursfield Primary School

Bring a friend!

Just show up!



## THURSFIELD PTFA EVENTS



### AGM

21st October @ 2pm  
Join the PTFA to discuss future events

### Pumpkin Patch & Raffle

24th October @ 3.20-4.30pm  
£3 per child must be paid into the school office by 14th October

### Christmas Wreath Workshop

25th November @ 6.30-8.30pm  
£10 deposit secures your space

### Christmas Disco

18th December  
After school disco further details TBC

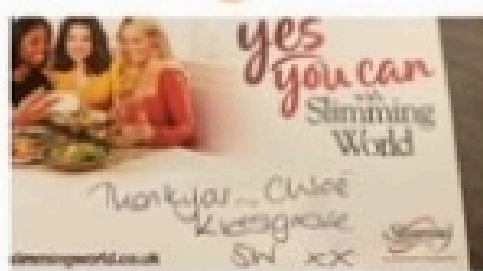
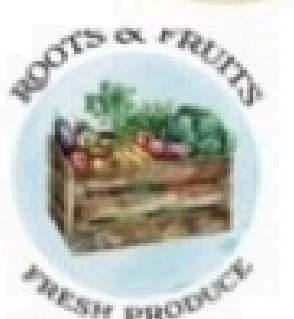
## Thank You

Thursfield PTFA would like to say a huge thankyou to the following businesses for donating towards our pumpkin patch event



Sandyford Garage

C Pyatt Carpets  
FRESHVIEW Foods Ltd



The Royal Oak, Harriseahead

Tracy

Morrisons

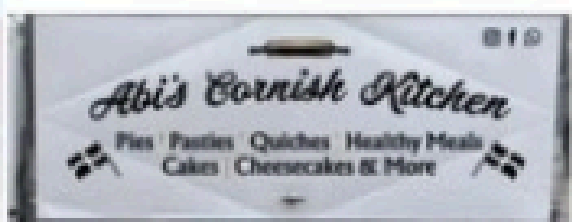
Paul Whitby



D MYATT JOINERY LTD



Melanie Gallimore



## 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. Adults Only  
£40 per person  
£10 non-refundable deposit

CONTACT:  
FARZANA ON 07597433455  
OR CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
01782 512301

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Please find our PTFA's Facebook Page



Thursfield PTFA Fundraising group

Public group · 309 members

Manage Invite

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# THANK YOU!