



# Thursfield News

## Friday 18th October Edition



*Our Weekly Affirmation: 'I can get through anything!'*

### Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and carers,

As we move further into the term, I wanted to take a moment to highlight a few key events and updates happening next week in our school community.

Firstly, I would like to express my thanks to the PTFA for their continued hard work and dedication. Their support makes a real difference to the school. I encourage all parents who would like to get involved to consider joining this wonderful group and come along to the AGM on Monday at 2:00pm at school. This is a fantastic way to be part of the school's development and contribute to creating special experiences for our children.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming you into school for Parents' Evening. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and set targets for the year ahead. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so via Arbor. We value this time to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Lastly, we are excited about the upcoming Pumpkin Patch event! This will be a fun-filled afternoon and it promises to be an autumnal highlight. Thank you to everyone who has helped in the preparation.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education and we look forward to seeing you in school next week.

warm regards,  
Mrs Bradbury

### 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: Thursday, 24th October

Time: 9:00 AM

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!



### READING COUNCIL

Meet our Reading Council:



Congratulations and we can't wait to see how you will promote Reading across the school!

### CROSS COUNTRY - UPDATE

A superb effort from our Cross Country Team this week resulting in: Girls:

Theah 1st, Evie 3rd and Edee 4th. Boys: Theo 1st.  
An amazing result and a congratulations to the entire team!

You all showed team spirit and determination!

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual and siblings within school photographs-

Date: Tuesday 22nd October.

KS1 children to come in their usual school uniform. Year 1 & 2 (KS1) will be moving their P.E to Wednesday 23rd October.

### CLUBS

Next week is the final week of clubs for autumn. ASM's alternate sports will still run on Wednesday, however this sport will be based outside, so children need to dress appropriately.

After school clubs for autumn 2 will be available to book via Arbor next week. Some clubs are invite only. Invitations will be sent out before half term.

These clubs will commence the first week back after half term.

### KEY DATES



**21st October :** AGM Meeting 2pm

**23rd October:** Parents Evening

**24th October:-** 9am Year 6 Job Role Assembly

**24th October:** PTFA's Pumpkin Patch

**25th October:** 9am-11:30am 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

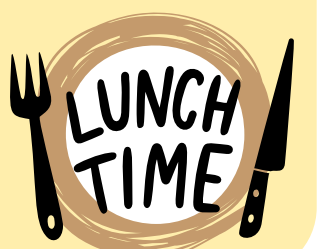
### SPECIAL PERSON LUNCH

1 adult per child

**22nd October:** 12:45pm - 5P

**23rd October:** 12:45pm - 5/6O

**24th October:** 12:45pm - 5/6B



### MISS BROOKE'S POM POM PRIZE

Miss Brooke's Class 1/2 has filled their Pom Pom Jar through great effort and teamwork! As a reward, they will be enjoying a special movie screening of Paddington on Friday, October 25th. Well done to the class for their hard work!

### 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 (Return Tuesday 5th)

## 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



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 24th 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!

Year 3TA

For their excellent work in Spanish!

¡HOLA!

## GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

Theme- Science Block

RB - Sophia H  
RKT - Rocky H  
Y1M- Amber P  
Y1/2R - Henry T  
Y1/2B - Libby G

Y3TA- Lennon F  
Y3/4R - Theo G  
Y4W - Archie H  
Y5P - Sienna M  
Y5/6O - Millie H  
Y5/6B - Lola S

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Yr 4W & 3TA for achieving 100% attendance last week!

100%

## 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

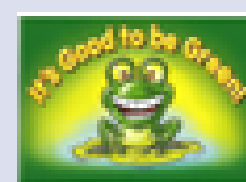
Please visit our website for information regarding school policies including mobile phones and attendance. You will also find information regarding our curriculum.

## 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  
Olivia Smith



## HOUSE POINTS

DOULTON - 242  
MOORCROFT - 218  
BRIDGEWATER - 209  
WEDGWOOD - 157

LET'S GO!

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



Creating transformational educational opportunities; promoting social justice; unlocking individual freedom.

The Creative Learning Partnership Trust is recruiting for two Trustee roles!

Located in Stafford, Staffordshire, The Creative Learning Partnership Trust is looking for two dedicated individuals to join our Board of Trustees. We are particularly interested in individuals with a strong background in Finance but are also interested in hearing from those with business and/or HR backgrounds who are passionate about making a meaningful impact in children's education. We enthusiastically encourage individuals from all backgrounds to apply. If you have any of these expertise and want to make a meaningful contribution to education, this is a great opportunity to get involved! Help support our mission in creating transformational educational opportunities; promoting social justice and unlocking individual freedom. If you are interested or know someone who could be? Please get in touch for an informal discussion. Email: jfranciscreativelrng.com. The Creative Learning Partnership Trust - Join our Governance (creativelrng.com)

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

### CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:  
U Suitable for all ages  
PG For children aged 8 and above, this content shouldn't unsettle them  
PG-13 Children under the age of 13 should not watch without an adult. This content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references  
16 Suitable only for 16-year-olds and above  
18 Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, some of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

### STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Many children have no trouble reporting back on what they've seen, with modern-day technology making parental violence and horror less and more accessible. For instance, younger children to tell the difference. For instance, content or violence of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by more convincing monsters and gore.

### FACTS VS. FICTION

Parents encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As the content is available on many streaming platforms, young ones can watch these together - potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

### PEER PRESSURE

Horror guides their ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer - so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side effect of this is that young viewers or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on young minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

### WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first one into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child - read it a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide to recommend it.

### DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ratings on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be accessed while they're browsing, and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parental discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

### REMEMBER - IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child specifically searches for them, this can be changed any time at parental discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

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### CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

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### ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

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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

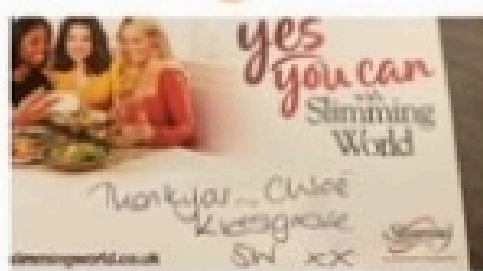
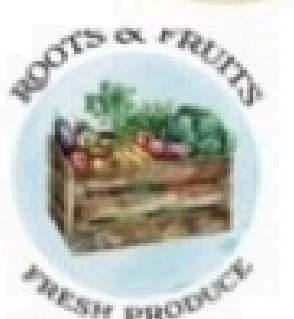
## Thank You

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

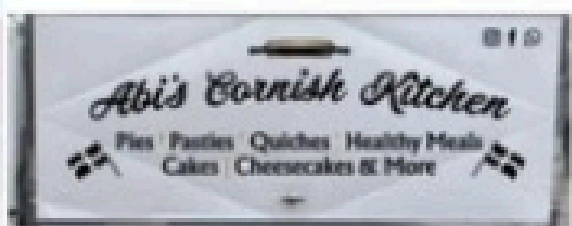
Paul Whitby



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:  
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OR CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
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Please find our PTFA's Facebook Page



Thursfield PTFA Fundraising group

Public group · 309 members

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# THANK YOU!