



# Thursfield News



## Friday 15th November Edition

*Our Weekly Affirmation: 'My Voice and Opinion Matter'*

### Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and carers,

This week has been a wonderful blend of reflection, community spirit and application of knowledge at Thursfield. We began by honouring Remembrance Day, taking time as a school to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many, helping our pupils understand the importance of this day with respect and gratitude.

Alongside this, we have supported Children in Need with a joyful dress-up day and a biscuit sale, raising both funds and awareness as children showed incredible enthusiasm and empathy for those in need.

In our design and Technology lessons, pupils have been busy exploring food technology, working with structures and experimenting with electronics.

It has been a week filled with learning, remembrance and giving. I am incredibly proud of all our pupils and staff for their dedication and kindness.

Warm regards,

Mrs Bradbury



### Volunteer Readers!

Do you have a passion for reading and a little extra time to make a difference in a child's life? We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our school community as Reading Buddies.

If you're interested in joining us as a reading volunteer, please contact **Mrs Bennett** or register your interest via the **school office**. We would love to have you as part of our school family!



### Reception Trip to the Doctors Surgery



A Big Thank You to Mount Road Practice! We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Bradshaw and the team at Mount Road Practice for hosting our recent visit to the surgery. Special thanks to Dr. Hawarden, Tilly and Teddy's dad, for organizing this wonderful experience.

The children had an amazing time learning about the practice and exploring the facilities—it was an unforgettable visit!

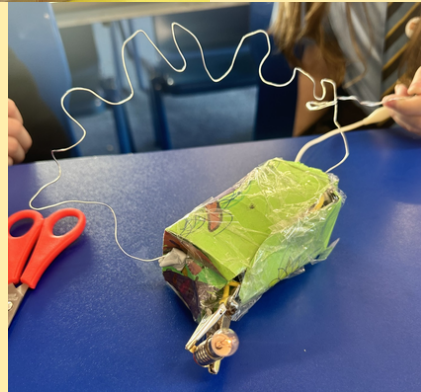


### D&T SUBJECT BLOCK



During our D&T block, the children have created some fantastic pieces of work, exploring concepts in food technology, structures, and electronics.

Well done, everyone—we are so proud of your creativity and hard work!



### KEY DATES

- Tuesday 19th:** SEND Coffee afternoon 2:30-3pm
- Monday 25th:** PTFA Wreath Making Class @ 6:30pm- 8:30pm
- Wednesday 27th:** EYFS Trip to Apple Tree Town
- Wednesday 4th:** Year 3 & 4 Winter Workshop @2PM
- Wednesday 4th:** EYFS Christmas Nativity 5:30pm
- Thursday 5th:** EYFS Christmas Performance @1:30pm
- Saturday 7th:** EYFS Open morning @10-11am
- Wednesday 11th:** KS1 Christmas performance - @1:30pm
- Thursday 12th:** KS1 Christmas Performance @6pm
- Monday 16th:** Year 6 Booster Meetings @ 3:30 and @5pm
- Tuesday 17th:** Christmas Performance @New Vic Theatre (Three Musketeers)
- Monday 16th:** Year 6 Parents SATs Booster Meeting @3:30pm and @5pm
- Wednesday 18th:** Christmas Lunch and Jumper day
- Wednesday 18th:** Disco 3:30-6pm
- Thursday 19th:** Community Christmas Party
- Thursday 19th:** Year 5/6 Christmas Carols @3:30pm
- Friday 20th:** Non-uniform and toy day
- Christmas Break:** Monday 23 December - Friday 3 January
- Monday 6th January:** INSET DAY



### CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you to everyone who has donated to Children in Need! We will share the combined total raised next week.

A special shoutout to the School Council, who raised an amazing £146.00 from their biscuit sale. The biscuits looked and tasted delicious!

The children looked absolutely fantastic in their Pudsey fancy dress today—such wonderful creativity and effort.

Thank you for supporting this very special charity.

### Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND)

## COFFEE AFTERNOON



#### Event Details

When: Tuesday 19th November  
Time: 2:30pm - 3pm  
Where: Thursfield Primary

#### Contact Us

Phone: 078252301  
Mail: office@thursfieldstaffs.sch.uk

A chance to ask questions and meet other parents at the school with children with SEND.



Drinks and Cake Provided



## 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.

## Be Reflective

When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights.

**Be Bright, Be Seen.**

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Thursfield Primary PTFA

**2nd December 2024**

2PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

**EVERYONE'S WELCOME**

Meeting has been called to fill vacant Officer roles If you are interested in a role please contact the PTFA at thursfieldptfa@yahoo.com

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Bringing together home & school

## PARKING REMINDER

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

## OPAL UPDATES

Please can all children bring in a pair of wellies or old trainers

## 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.

## 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.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Your child's photograph proofs were sent out this week. If you would like a copy of your child's photograph these need to be ordered by **9am on 18th November.**

## CLASS OF THE WEEK!

Year 4

For representing the school so brilliantly during their visit to the City Central Mosque on Tuesday.

## GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

Theme-

<b>RB</b> - Ernest Adams	<b>Y3TA</b> - Leo Barber
<b>RKT</b> - Tommy Spruce	<b>Y3/4R</b> - Vinnie Johnson
<b>Y1M</b> - Thomas Lines	<b>Y4W</b> - Madoc Booth
<b>Y1/2R</b> - Olivia Hopper	<b>Y5P</b> - Esmee-Rose Watson
<b>Y1/2B</b> - Oliver Marsden	<b>Y5/6O</b> - Alex Pullinger
	<b>Y5/6B</b> - Joe Doughty

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to RB 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

Kayden Parsons-Elliot

## HOUSE POINTS

**DOULTON** - 468  
**MOORCROFT** - 456  
**BRIDGEWATER** - 446  
**WEDGWOOD** - 366

**LET'S GO!**

## 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**  
**£10 non-refundable deposit**

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

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## 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

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active - and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike - so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

- CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING**  
Consider the possibility of an extremely useful, well-known in general has come to being very since cycling proficiency began. There are many reasons for this. One of the most important is that it is a great way to help both parents and children feel more at ease on the road.
- USE A SUITABLE BIKE**  
Find a bike of an appropriate size for the rider and make the adjustment to the seat and handlebars by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting confidence off cycling. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has other adaptive cycles to see what works best.
- TRY A CARGO BIKE**  
Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen - as well as the size and age of the children - it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.
- INSPECT YOUR CYCLE**  
It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M' check is particularly useful, assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, looking from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also be helpful here for carrying out these checks. If you have more complicated bikes, head to your local bike shop.
- BRING SUITABLE GEAR**  
Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any accessories for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will be your best friend on a rainy day, and a spare set of clothes is always a good idea. Make sure you have a spare set of clothes in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and plan a day to go to a school together, with flowers - maybe, in time, you'll have other folks looking for you.
- STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN**  
Take a smooth, flat route if possible, as it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads in back streets have more than a few feet of tarmac, but just off by an inch or two, it can be a real challenge. Look out for the best routes. Cycle Network, local maps and even parks will be a good start.
- STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS**  
For maximum protection and visibility, ride in the with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to 'keep the back' if cycling on the road - riding progressively at a pace and with more responsibility to other road users, and you'll also only see what's behind you.
- AVOID PARKED CARS**  
When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a door's width away from the car to avoid any door unexpectedly or the vehicle start starts to move. This is particularly important if you're riding through a residential area, as you'll be more likely to be hit by a car than you are if you're riding on a road.
- START A 'BIKE BUS'**  
Cycling to school with other families is a particularly fun opportunity - one which children with the added benefit of safety in numbers. In case anything goes wrong along the way, Team up with other parents, carers and educators and plan a day to go to a school together, with flowers - maybe, in time, you'll have other folks looking for you.
- HAVE FUN!**  
Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be a great way to spend time with children while also being a healthy form of exercise. Start with a short journey - such as a trip to the park - and build from there to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored in a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

Meet Our Expert  
Sophie Dootson is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle routes, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they

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# FOOD Be More SMART

FOR BODY AND BRAIN

## Autumn/Winter Menu 2024/25



Alliance in Partnership is at the forefront of promoting a healthy lifestyle. We believe that nutritious, healthy meals designed by students and teachers, with help from our staff of experts, enhance the curriculum and help children learn. Your menu offers a choice of fresh, healthy cooked food which meets the Government food based standards and has been nutritionally analysed to create balanced, healthy meals. Your menus retain the Food for Life served here award and are freshly prepared using the finest, fresh and local ingredients:

- Red Tractor, Farm Assured British Meat from local butchers
- All fish products carry the MSC logo
- No undesirable additives and hydrogenated fats
- A variety of locally sourced fruit, vegetables and Fair Trade bananas served fresh daily. If you would like more information please visit our website.
- Creative Meat Free Mondays are used each month to promote sustainable living
- Whole grains and fruits used in all baked desserts
- All sauces enriched with vegetables to help increase the daily vegetable uptake
- Limits on added salt and sugar used in cooking and baking

### Food Allergies and Intolerances

If your child has been advised by their GP or Health Care Professional to follow a special diet, please complete our Special Diet Information Form available from your school. All allergen information relating to this menu is available on request.

### Free School Meals

If your child does not currently have a delicious healthy school meal what a great time to start! If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may be eligible for a free school meal.

### Our Mission Statement

Deliver more than expected. Care more than expected. Quite simply we do not want to be just good we aim to deliver the best.

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### WEEK 1 - 04/11, 18/11, 2/12, 16/12, 13/01, 27/01, 10/02, 24/02, 10/03, 24/03, 07/04

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Margherita Pizza with Salad (v)	Oven Baked Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Sweet and Sour Vegetables with Rice (v)	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Margherita Pizza with Salad (v)	Veggie Nuggets and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Salmon Mayo or Cheese
Garden Peas Carrots	Broccoli	Cabbage and Peas Green Beans	Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Freshly Baked Cookie	Ice Cream	Easiyo Fruit Mousse	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Cornflake Slice
Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

Fresh seasonal salad and bread available daily.

Fresh fruit, yoghurt and fruit jelly available daily as an alternative to the dessert of the day.

### Special Diets

A dairy free, gluten free and egg free menu is available on request. Please complete the special diets information form available from your school. On return we will issue you with a specific menu for you to make your choices from. For students with multiple allergen requirements or more complex special diets we will liaise with our team of nutritionists.

All our food is prepared in a kitchen where gluten and other allergens are present and our menu descriptions do not include all ingredients. We have a nut free policy in all of our kitchens. If you have a food allergy, please let us know before ordering. All allergen information is available on request from the kitchen.

### Coconut

Coconut is not considered a nut and does not fall into the peanut or tree nut allergy categories. We do use coconut in our kitchens.

### WEEK 2 - 11/11, 25/11, 09/12, 06/01, 20/01, 03/02, 03/03, 17/03, 31/03, 14/04

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Bolognese with Pasta	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Salad (v)	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun with Coleslaw	Oven Baked Fish Fingers and Chips
Roasted Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Salad (v)	Cheesy Pasta Bake (v)	Mixed Bean Fajita Wrap with Coleslaw (v)	Quorn Dippers with Salsa and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese
Sweetcorn	Green Beans	Broccoli	Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Freshly Baked Cookie	Yoghurt and Fruit Puree	Fruit Jelly	Ice Cream	Oaty Berry Flapjack
Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

