



# Thursfield News

## Friday 22nd November Edition



*Our Weekly Affirmation: 'You Can If You Think You Can!'*

### Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and carers,

This week has been one filled with excitement and progress across our school.

The recent snowfall brought plenty of joy, with opportunities for children to make the most of the winter wonderland on the school field during their breaks- snowmen, snow angels and laughter filled the playground. Thank you to Mr Plant for ensuring the safety of the school premises. Inside the classrooms, our budding scientists have been busy learning science specific vocabulary and knowledge and applying these through science investigations.

Additionally, we are thrilled to share our new school vision, which reflects our commitment to fostering an inspiring learning environment, where every child can thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to grow and build a brighter future together.

Warm regards,

Mrs Bradbury



### Reading at Home!



Did you know that research shows children who read for pleasure achieve better, regardless of whether their reading material of choice is a novel or magazine?

Please do encourage your child to read a variety of texts that they are interested in. Did you know research shows that a child who reads/is read to for 5 minutes a day will expose them to around 400,000 words a year? Increasing that to 21 minutes exposes them to 1,823,000 words a year. 40 minutes results in 3,646,000 words a year.

### Community Christmas Party!

Please book your places at the office!



**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Join us for the Thursfield Primary School Annual Community Christmas Party!

We'd love to welcome grandparents, former staff, local care home residents, and anyone who enjoys mince pies, carols, and a game of bingo. Let's share some festive cheer and spend Christmas time together! 🍷

**DECEMBER 19TH THURSDAY | 9AM**

**THURSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL PLEASE BOOK AT THE OFFICE**

### OUR SCHOOL VISION

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To consistently inspire our children, cultivate closer bonds with the wider community, and be aspirational in everything we do.



### Year 5/6 Football



A huge congratulations to our Year 5/6 Football Team for their outstanding performance! You all played amazingly well and showed great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the games.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you for your effort and commitment. You truly made us all proud with your fantastic display of skill and dedication on the field.

Keep up the great work, and we look forward to seeing more of your success in the future!

### SEND Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to the parents who joined Mrs Timmis and Miss Statham for Thursfield's parent SEND coffee and chat on Tuesday afternoon. Your attendance, openness and supportive discussion was much appreciated. Please watch this space for the next event.

### KEY DATES



**Monday 25th:** PTFA Wreath Making Class @ 6:30pm- 8:30pm  
**Wednesday 27th:** EYFS Trip to Apple Tree Town

#### December

**Monday 2nd:** EGM Meeting 2pm  
**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:** Three Musketeers @New Vic Theatre  
**Wednesday 18th:** Christmas Lunch and Jumper day  
**Wednesday 18th:** Disco: KS1: 3:30 - 4:30 / KS2: 5PM -6pm  
**Thursday 19th:** Community Christmas Party 9am - 11am  
**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

### THEATRE TRIP



We're excited to announce that our Whole School Annual Theatre Trip will take place on 17th December! This year, we'll be heading to the New Vic Theatre to watch a spectacular performance of The Three Musketeers. It's set to be an action-packed adventure, full of drama and excitement! **Tickets are now available for payment via Arbor.**

We can't wait to share this wonderful experience with the whole school!

# Reception Places September 2025

## Open Events:

Saturday 7th December @10am - 11am

Wednesday 8th January @ 9:15am

Contact to book your place:

01782 512301

Email: [office@thursfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@thursfield.staffs.sch.uk)

Visits to see our Reception Class can still be arranged if you are unable to attend our open events. Please call our office to arrange.

Thursfield Primary PTFA

COME ALONG TO OUR EGM

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](mailto:thursfieldptfa@yahoo.com)

Parentkind

# PLEASE DONATE TO OUR FOOD BANK

As we approach a time of year that can be financially challenging for many, we want to make sure that all parents and staff at Thursfield have access to the support they need. Our on-site food bank is here to help, and we need your support to keep it stocked!

We're asking for donations of non-perishable items such as:

- Tinned goods (e.g., beans, soups, vegetables)
- Packets (e.g., pasta, rice, cereals)
- Toiletries (e.g., soap, toothpaste, toilet roll)
- Biscuits & snacks

Your generous contributions can make a big difference to those who may be struggling this season. Any donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated! Please drop any donations off at reception.

Thank you for your kindness and support. Together, we can help make a difference.

## 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



## 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.



## 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.

## WINTER CLOTHING

Please can all children ensure that they are dressed appropriately for the cold weather. Coats must be worn to school. Please bring hats, scarfs and gloves to wear.

## Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who has generously donated to Children in Need. Thanks to your support, we have raised an incredible **£337** to help improve the lives of children and young people across the UK.

## CLASS OF THE WEEK!



Year 1/2



For amazing efforts with their nativity practice - we can't wait to see the show!



## GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

Theme- Design and Technology

RB - Kiera A

RKT - George W

Y1M - Woody L

Y1/2R - Kingslee A

Y1/2B - Aliza L

Y3TA - Willow E

Y3/4R - Corey H

Y4W - Alisha L

Y5P - Edee K

Y5/6B - Kaidan S

Y5/6O - Tommy E

Well done!

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to 5/6B

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.

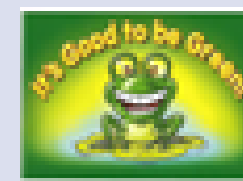
## ARBOR



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

Rocky H



## HOUSE POINTS

DOULTON - 468

MOORCROFT - 456

BRIDGEWATER - 446

WEDGWOOD - 366

LET'S GO!

Families' Health and Wellbeing

## School Nurse virtual drop in clinic

Every Thursday from 3.30 - 4.30pm

Your School Nurse is here to help you feel healthy, happy and safe during your school years and to get the best from your education.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.

We provide a confidential and friendly service

[mpft.live/schoolnurse](https://mpft.live/schoolnurse)



PETER PAN CENTRE  
for children with special needs

## SEND Stay & Play Newcastle - Under-Lyme



Peter Pan SEND Stay & Play sessions are available to families of children aged 0-5 who need extra support

£5 per session. Free Pass Card accepted.

For more information or to book T. 01782 715219. E. [familysupport@thepeterpancentre.co.uk](mailto:familysupport@thepeterpancentre.co.uk)

- ★ Newcastle Family Hub Every other Wednesday 10am - 12pm
- ★ Meet other families and share experiences
- ★ Access Peter Pan's Family Support Service, social activities, training opportunities and more!
- ★ Play and learn in a safe and secure environment



The Peter Pan Centre is devoted to life-changing care and education for children with special needs and the support their families deserve

The Peter Pan Centre, Wolstanton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 9NY. Registered Charity Number 1136915.

SKILLS FOR LIFE  
Multiply

## FREE Multiply First Aid courses

Why not...Brush up on your maths skills while completing one of our FREE first aid courses.

Baby First Awareness 2 hr course.  
Emergency First Aid at work 1 and 3 day courses.  
Paediatric First Aid 1 day course.

Whether you are a new parent or need a course for work, we can help. Contact us today.

### COURSE DATES:

MULTIPLY BABY FIRST AID  
WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER  
OR WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER  
TIME: 9:30-11:30 OR 12:30-2:30

MULTIPLY EMERGENCY FIRST AID AT WORK. 1 DAY COURSE  
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER  
TIME: 9:30-4:00

MULTIPLY PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID 1 DAY.  
WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER  
TIME: 9:30-4:00

PLEASE BRING I.D AND YOUR N.I NUMBER TO THE WHOLE DAY COURSES  
COURSES DELIVERED BY PORT VALE VC FOUNDATION



Venue:  
Newcastle Family Hub  
Cemetery Road, Knutton  
Newcastle ST5 6DH

To book:  
Just call: 01782 296830  
Email:  
[familyhubadminnewcastle@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyhubadminnewcastle@staffordshire.gov.uk)  
or...Book at reception.