



Thursfield News

Friday 29th November Edition



Our Weekly Affirmation: 'You Can Get Through Anything!'

Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and carers,

As we near the festive season, the school is starting to embrace the Christmas spirit. Decorations are going up, and preparations for our upcoming celebrations are in full swing- we are looking forward to a joyful few weeks ahead. This week, our reception pupils have been busy exploring and learning about the many roles that contribute to our community. To bring this learning to life, they've enjoyed visits from the fire brigade, visited the local doctor's surgery, local garage, Kidsgrove library and Apple Tree Town. These hands-on experiences have helped the children better understand how these important jobs make a difference in our daily lives. Next week we start our art curriculum block, building key competencies such as drawing and painting, while fostering understanding of famous artists, movements and cultural traditions.

Finally, a reminder to join us for the PTA EGM. Please see the email which was circulated regarding the purpose of the meeting and roles descriptions. Your involvement makes a huge difference, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we celebrate the final month of the year and end of the autumn term.

Mrs Bradbury

OUR SCHOOL VISION

VISION

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



KEY DATES



December

- Monday 2nd:** EGM Meeting 2pm @Thursfield's hall
- 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: EYFS/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
- Tuesday 7th January:** Children return to school

Winter Wonderland!

A HUGE Thank you to Mr. Speakman for creating the most magical artwork that has truly brought a touch of Christmas to Thursfield!



Wreath Making Class



Thank you to the PTA for organising the wreath making class on Monday evening. The event was well supported and the creativity in the room was fabulous.

Well done and thank you!

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!

Reading at Home!

Reading is more than just a skill - it's the key to unlocking a world of opportunities for children!

Here's why reading is so important for their growth and development:

1. Boosts Vocabulary 🗣️: The more they read, the more words they learn - setting them up for success in speaking, writing, and understanding the world around them.
2. Improves Focus & Attention 🧠: Reading teaches kids to concentrate and think deeply, which helps in school and in life.
3. Enhances Imagination & Creativity ✨: Every page of a book opens up new worlds and adventures, inspiring creativity and problem-solving skills.
4. Develops Empathy ❤️: Stories help children understand different perspectives and emotions, fostering empathy and kindness.
5. Sets the Stage for Academic Success 📚: A strong reader is a strong learner, which means better performance in every subject!

Let's help our children develop a love for reading today!

Baby Announcement

Congratulations to Mrs Brassington and her family on the birth of Baby Florence Brassington.

We can not wait to meet the latest addition to the team.



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

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

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.

ARBOR

Please remember to update your personal details in Arbor if there are any changes. It is essential that we have multiple contact details for each child to ensure smooth communication.

Additionally, you can adjust your photo permissions through Arbor at any time.

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.

PARKING REMINDER

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

WINTER CLOTHING

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

CLASS OF THE WEEK!

Year 5/6

For their efforts during their practice SATs week

GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

Theme- Design and Technology

RB - Tilly H.

RKT - Ava P.

Y1M - James T.

Y1/2R - Lyla R.

Y1/2B - Atticus M.

Y3TA - Milo B.

Y3/4R - Oliver K.

Y4W - Alex F.C.

Y5P - Aveyja J.

Y5/6B - Holly L.

Y5/6O - Evie T.

Well done!

ATTENDANCE

Well done to 3/4R

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

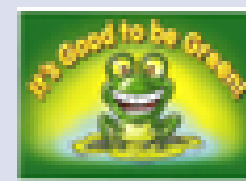
Please visit our website for information regarding school policies including mobile phones and attendance. You will also find information regarding our curriculum.

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

Oliver M.



HOUSE POINTS

MOORCROFT - 601

DOULTON - 572

BRIDGEWATER - 564

WEDGWOOD - 502

LET'S GO!

Wellbeing Advent Calendar 2024

360 SCHOOLS

MONDAY

25. JINGLE & JIVE DANCING

Dance to fun, festive songs to lift everyone's mood.



TUESDAY

26. POSITIVE WINTER CARD

Make a card with a positive message, uplifting drawings - or doodles for someone special!



WEDNESDAY

27. BREATHING STAR

Teach students a simple breathing exercise in the shape of a star - inhale on one side, exhale down the next.



THURSDAY

28. FESTIVE SENSORY PLAY

Set up a sensory station with themed items - e.g pine cones, cinnamon sticks, jingle bells to stimulate senses and encourage creativity.



FRIDAY

29. JOLLY STORY TIME

Come together and have a story time with festive books and poems that sum up the season.



2. COSY ZONE

Create a calm zone using cushions, fairy lights, blankets, soft lighting and calming activities such as puzzles and colouring sheets.

3. END OF YEAR GLOBAL WISH LIST

Ask students to write down wishes for others - e.g the environment or world peace.

4. COMPLIMENT CHALLENGE

Challenge students to give three compliments to classmates or family to spread positivity.

5. HOLIDAY JUMPER DAY

Have a festive jumper day where everyone can wear a fun or favourite item of clothing.

6. MINDFUL WALK

Take a mindful walk around the school or local area - paying attention to the sights, decorations and smells of winter.

9. CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Encourage students to create a holiday playlist that makes them feel happy and energised! Encourage them to take it home and share with family.

10. FESTIVE YOGA

Have a short yoga session using holiday things like a 'Christmas tree pose' and 'Snow Angel'.

11. GRATITUDE PAPER CHAIN

Create a paper chain where each student writes one thing they are grateful for on a link - the chain reflects the class's collective gratitude.

12. PRACTICE GRATITUDE

Take 10 minutes to think about all the amazing things you've done this year. What made you feel proud?

13. CHRISTMAS SENSORY BOTTLES

Make festive sensory bottles filled with glitter, water and small decorations. Watch the glitter swirl for a soothing experience.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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YOUNGMINDS

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

