



# Thursfield News

## Friday 13th December Edition



*Our Weekly Affirmation: 'You are capable of amazing things!'*

### Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and carers,

As we move into the final week of the term, the festive spirit is well and truly upon us! I'd like to take this opportunity to share some of the exciting events and accomplishments happening in our school.

Our children have been spreading Christmas cheer in the wider community. This week, our Year 5 pupils visited a local care home to share festive songs, bringing smiles and joy to the residents. We are so proud of their kindness and the way they represented the school. The KS1 Nativity performances have been a highlight. The children performed beautifully, showcasing their talents and confidence. A huge thank you to the staff and parents for your support in making these moments so magical.

On Thursday, our school governors conducted a learning walk focused on art. They were incredibly impressed by the knowledge and skills demonstrated across all year groups. Thank you to our dedicated staff for inspiring such artistic excellence. In our golden Book assembly this week, we celebrated a wonderful musical performance by pupils who have been learning to play the piano. It's fantastic to see their progress and growing confidence. Well done to all the performers- you truly shone! Next week, we have an exciting final week of term planned, filled with festive fun. This includes: our whole-school theatre trip, Christmas lunch and jumper day, Community Party and Year 5/6 sing-along.

Thank you for your continued support this term. We look forward to celebrating these events with your children and wish you all a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

Warm wishes  
Mrs Bradbury

**Wednesday 18th December**  
**Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch**  
Book now via Arbor!

### KS1 NATIVITY



Our KS1 children delivered an outstanding performance! You were all absolutely brilliant! Your singing and acting were superb, and you should feel so proud of what you achieved!

### Year 5 Carol Singing

Let's give a huge round of applause to our incredible Year 5 students who performed Christmas carols at Clement Court! Your beautiful voices filled the air with joy and brought a wonderful dose of Christmas spirit to everyone there.



### Year 6 SATs & Booster Meeting

We would like to invite all Year 6 parents to attend our upcoming SATs and Booster Meeting on Monday, 16th December. We will hold two sessions for your convenience:

- First session: 3:30pm
- Second session: 5:30pm

If you're unable to attend either of the meetings, we will be sending home the PowerPoint presentation that will be shared during the session.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### KEY DATES

December



- 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: 3:15 - 4:15  
KS2: 4:30PM -5:30pm
- 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

January

- Monday 6th:** INSET DAY
- Tuesday 7th:** Children return to school
- Tuesday 7th:** Year 6 Boosters start
- Wednesday 8th:** EYFS Open morning @9:15am

### 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!

**Music Performance**

During our Golden Book assembly on Friday, 13th December, the children who have been receiving weekly music lessons showcased their talents by performing in front of the whole school. They were absolutely incredible! The entire school truly appreciated the beautiful music they shared. Your hard work and dedication to learning an instrument was clear, and each one of you shone brightly. Well done!

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES



## School closes for Christmas-

Friday 20th December

## Teacher's Inset Day-

Monday 6th December

## Children return-

Tuesday 7th January

# CLUBS



## REMINDER!

There will be no clubs next week.

Information regarding the Spring clubs will be advertised in the new year.

# PARKING REMINDER



Thank you for working with the school, police and council regarding parking around the school.

We truly appreciate your support in keeping our school safe for our children, staff and families.

# E-SAFETY



Did you know that we have a range of helpful E-safety resources available on our website? These resources are designed to support you in keeping your children safe online at home. From tips on managing screen time to advice on how to talk to your child about online safety, we've got you covered!

Head over to our website to explore these valuable tools and stay informed about how to navigate the digital world safely.

# RECEPTION OPEN MORNING

Thank you to the families who joined us on Saturday for our reception 2025 open morning. It was lovely to see so many of you and your Christmas crafts were amazing. Huge thank you to the early years' staff for their support in organising and running this event.

# 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.

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH & JUMPER DAY

Our Christmas Jumper Day will take place on 18th December, and we'd love to see everyone in their most festive jumpers! Parents also have the option to order a Christmas dinner for their child on this day via Arbor. Please note, orders must be placed by 13th December. Thank you!

# 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!

KS1

For their amazing Christmas Nativity performance!

# GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

Theme- Amazing Vocabulary

- RB -
- RKT - Isabella H.
- Y1M- Lucian C.
- Y1/2R - Noah S.
- Y1/2B - Harry G

- Y3TA-
- Y3/4R -
- Y4W -
- Y5P - Abel D
- Y5/6B - Theah H.
- Y5/6O - Charlie U.

Well done!

# ATTENDANCE

Well done to 4W

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.

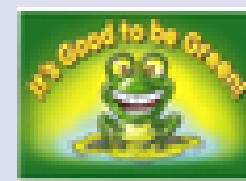
# ARBOR

Please 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.

# GOOD TO BE GREEN WINNER

Theo H.



# HOUSE POINTS

MOORCROFT - 756

DOULTON - 722

BRIDGEWATER - 697

WEDGWOOD - 636

LET'S GO!

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

- MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY**  
Children spend more time online during school holidays. Increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Encourage children to engage positively online and to be mindful of their digital footprint. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage screen time. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement encourage digital safety.
- PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS**  
The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, heaters and decorative lights. Open flames, electrical overloads and the use of faulty or damaged decorations can be a fire hazard. Practice fire safety protocols, including fire drills, and ensure that all children know how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving candles unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.
- CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS**  
More families tend to travel during the holidays, leading to busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road signs, fatigue and heavy luggage can all contribute to travel safety. Pack emergency kits and ensure that all children know how to respond in case of an emergency. Avoid leaving children unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.
- BEWARE OF ALLERGIES**  
Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Create a safe dining environment by labeling and disclosing ingredients. Encourage children to be mindful of their allergies and to report any adverse reactions. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.
- PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS**  
Cold weather and seasonal socializing can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, indoor use of heating and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasize hygiene, encourage mask-wearing, and avoid close contact with symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.
- STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD**  
Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distraction driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.
- MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS**  
Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if misused. Inspect decorations, use proper wiring, avoid overloading circuits and use proper wiring. Test decorations before use and ensure children are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.
- SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS**  
Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts are age-appropriate and safe is essential. Avoid toys that are complex with so many options that they can be difficult to use. Inspect gifts for safety hazards and ensure that all children are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.
- ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE**  
Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both parents and children. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Encourage children to maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage children to take breaks and to be mindful of their own and others' needs.
- DRINK RESPONSIBLY**  
Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive drinking and impairment can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Encourage responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modeling responsible behavior in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

# 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

# Festive Menu

Wednesday 18th December 2024

## Mains

### Meat

Roast British Chicken

### Veggie

Vegetable Wellington

### Sides

Roasted/Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Garden Peas & Carrots

## Dessert

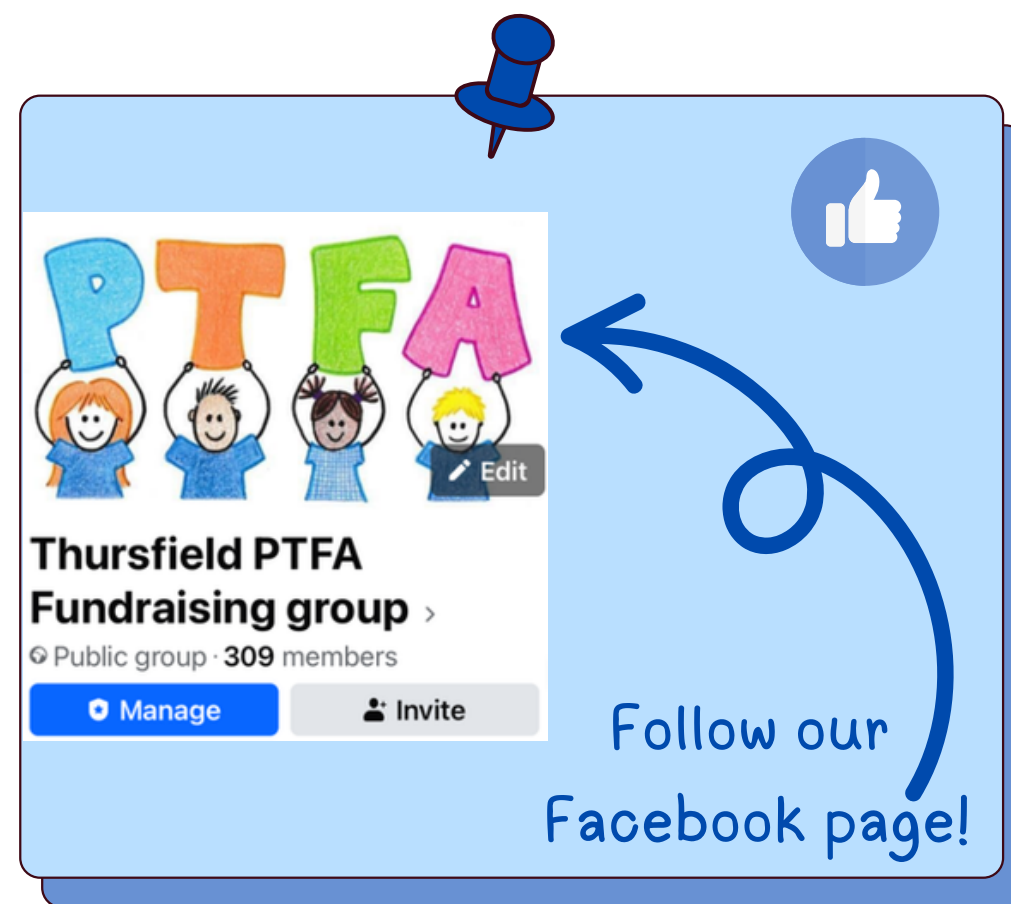
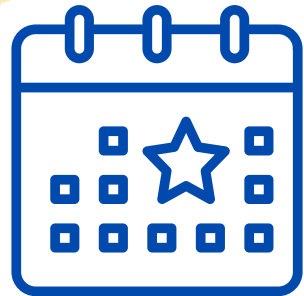
Christmas Decorated Cookie or Jelly





# PTFA

## Upcoming Events...



Follow our Facebook page!

**PLEASE RETURN FORMS AND MONEY BY 13TH DECEMBER**

**PTFA CHRISTMAS DISCO**

**18 DECEMBER**

**£3 PER CHILD  
50P TUCK SHOP  
£1 CHRISTMAS ITEMS  
£1 CANS OF POP (KS2)**

**EYFS/KS1 - 3:15- 4:15  
KS2 - 4:30PM - 5:30PM**

**Y5/6 CAROL SINGING**

During the Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Event, the PTFA will be running a tombola & also selling Christmas items.  
**\*Cash Only\***

The PTFA will also be drawing the winner from the raffle which was sold during the KS1 Nativity.

We look forward to seeing you all!

**DECEMBER 19TH / 3.30 PM**

### IMPORTANT

- After the PTFA disco (18th December) there will be a preloved uniform sale, we are just asking for a small donation in exchange for the uniform but no set amount.
- The PTFA will also be running a tombola & a Christmas stall at the year 5-6 Christmas carol event on Thursday 19th December. (Cash Only)

Thank you for your continued support!

PTFA