



Thursfield News

Friday 20th December Edition



Our Weekly Affirmation: 'Today is a great day!'

Headteachers Message

Dear Parents and carers,

As the autumn term draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the many wonderful moments we have shared as a school community over the past few months. It has been a term full of learning, growth, and celebration and I am so proud of what we have achieved together. One of the highlights of this week was the fantastic theatre trip to see *The Three Musketeers*. The performance was truly magical, and the children were captivated by the drama, laughter, adventure and dancing. The spirit of 'one for all, and all for one' was felt by everyone and it was a joy to see our pupils immersed in such a memorable experience.

On Wednesday we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch, where the festive spirit was in full swing with carols and lots of smiles. It was a wonderful opportunity for staff and children to come together and celebrate the season. A huge thank you to the kitchen staff for their hard work and fabulous cooking.

Our community Christmas party was another highlight, as we came together to share Christmas greetings, laughter and joy. A special thank you to our fantastic PTFA for organising the tombola and supporting the Year 5/6 Singalong- the children's voices filled the hall with festive cheer, making it a truly special occasion for everyone.

As we look ahead to 2025, I am filled with excitement for the opportunities and experiences that await us in the new year. On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your holiday break be filled with peace, joy and precious time with loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another wonderful term.

With warm wishes,
Mrs Bradbury

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day!



This week, we celebrated our Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day, and both the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was lovely to see everyone in their festive Christmas jumpers! A special thank you to Maria and her team for cooking up a storm in the kitchen—the Christmas lunch was incredible, as always! It was truly a fabulous day at Thursfield!

Reading Award Winner!



Congratulations!

I LOVE READING



A huge congratulations to Livvie for becoming the first winner of the Kindle! Livvie is a true bookworm—she's ALWAYS reading and has such a love for books. We hope you enjoy using your new Kindle, Livvie!

Remember, there will be another chance to win a Kindle during the Spring Term. Keep reading at least three times a week to earn your raffle ticket—You've got to be in it to win it! Keep on reading!

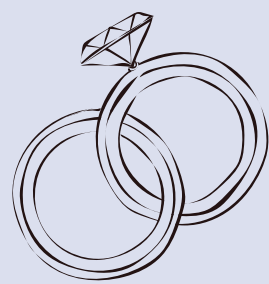
Thank you to the PTFA for supplying the KINDLE!

YEAR 5 & 6 SING ALONG



Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children for their wonderful Christmas sing-along! It was a lovely performance that really made everyone feel the Christmas spirit. Well done to all involved!

Wedding Announcement!



We're thrilled to share some wonderful news! Miss Owen will be getting married over the Christmas holiday and will return in the new year as Mrs Keeler. Please join us in congratulating her on this joyous occasion and wishing her all the happiness as she begins this new chapter.

Year 6 SATs & Booster Meeting

Thank you to all the parents in Year 6 who attended the SATs information session on Monday. Just a reminder that the booster sessions will begin on Tuesday, 7th January (the children's first day back), and will start at 8:00 AM. See you there! :)

KEY DATES



December

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

September Admissions!

Admission to primary and middle schools-



applications close January 15th 2025

THEATRE TRIP



Well done to all the children for their excellent behaviour during our whole-school theatre trip! *The Three Musketeers* was a fantastic show, and everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed it. A huge thank you to all the organisers involved for making it such a memorable experience. Well done, everyone!

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

Reception Starters 2025 - Come along to our Open Morning on

Wednesday, 8th January at 9:15 AM.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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.

THANK YOU -PTFA

A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising so many wonderful events this term - from the Pumpkin Patch, Disco, and refreshments at the Nativities, to organising the Tombola and supplying the Kindle for our reading awards! It's been a fantastic Autumn Term, and we can't wait to see what you have in store for us next term!

thank you

CLASS OF THE WEEK!



Reception

For their amazing Phonics and Writing!



GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

Theme- Amazing Vocabulary

- RB - Teddy H
- RKT - Penelope M
- Y1M - Callum C
- Y1/2R - Alisha M
- Y1/2B - Riley C
- Y3TA - Adam W
- Y3/4R - Tabitha B
- Y4W - Lily S
- Y5P - Frank F
- Y5/6B - Myla H
- Y5/6O - Bobbi L

Well done!

ATTENDANCE

Well done to RK

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.

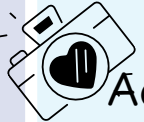
SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

Cole T.



HOUSE POINTS



MOORCROFT - 841

DOULTON - 825

BRIDGEWATER - 795

WEDGWOOD - 716

LET'S GO!

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Currently, children are growing up in an immediate and throwaway culture when it comes to content that's consumed online. So much material is now deliberately created to be shorter in nature - and may often contain hidden elements such as advertising, or extreme political and cultural views. With complex algorithms built to keep people on their phones and engaging with social media content, it's becoming increasingly difficult to reduce time spent on these platforms.

- 1 REDUCE DOOMSCROLLING**
All children's attention for young people is spent on their screens. Reducing the amount of time they spend scrolling on social media can help them to focus on their schoolwork and other activities. Encourage them to take regular breaks from their screens and to use their phones for specific tasks rather than mindlessly scrolling.
- 2 TALK ABOUT THE CONTENT**
It's important to have open conversations about the content that young people are seeing. Discussing what they're seeing and how they feel about it can help them to develop a critical eye and to understand the impact of the content they're consuming.
- 3 FIND POSITIVE ASPECTS**
Encourage children to look for the good in the content they're seeing. This can help them to develop a positive mindset and to understand the value of the content they're consuming.
- 4 REDUCE SCREEN TIME**
Encourage children to limit their screen time. This can help them to develop healthy habits and to understand the importance of taking breaks from their screens.
- 5 FILL THE VOID**
Encourage children to engage in other activities that don't involve screens. This can help them to develop a well-rounded lifestyle and to understand the importance of taking breaks from their screens.
- 6 REDUCE NOTIFICATIONS**
Encourage children to turn off non-essential notifications. This can help them to stay focused and to avoid distractions.
- 7 LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD**
Encourage children to spend more time outdoors and to engage in activities that don't involve screens. This can help them to develop a connection with the real world and to understand the importance of taking breaks from their screens.
- 8 DIGITAL DETOX**
Encourage children to take regular breaks from their screens. This can help them to develop healthy habits and to understand the importance of taking breaks from their screens.
- 9 MODEL GOOD BEHAVIOUR**
Encourage children to model good behavior when using their phones. This can help them to develop healthy habits and to understand the importance of taking breaks from their screens.
- 10 BE CLEAR ON THE 'WHY'**
Encourage children to understand the reasons behind their phone use. This can help them to develop healthy habits and to understand the importance of taking breaks from their screens.

Meet Our Expert
John today is a senior teacher in a Birmingham secondary school and has over 15 years' experience in working schools over the past 15 years. Including the development of curriculum, lesson plans, and secondary schools, writing - safety policies and supporting schools with curriculum and a range of other tasks.

Wake Up Wednesday
The National College

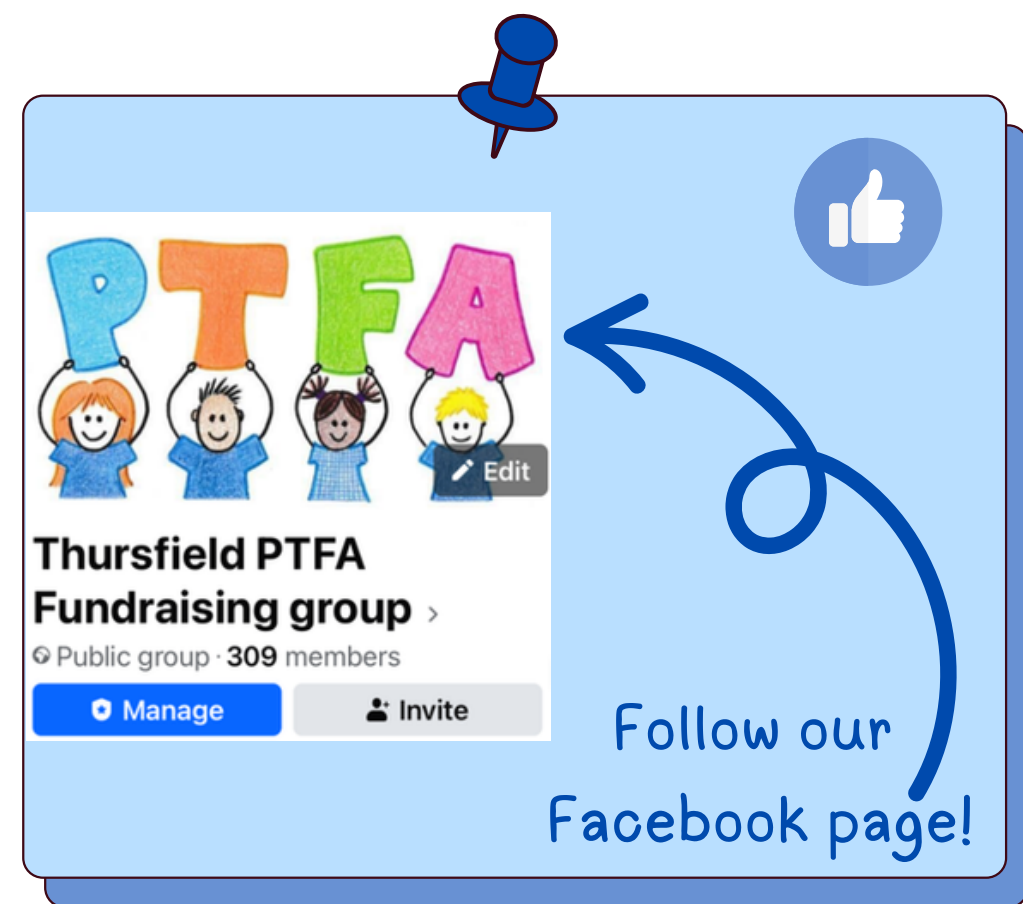
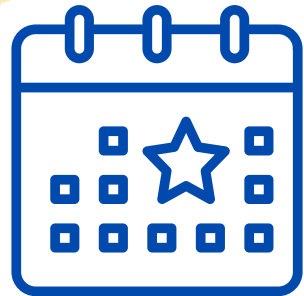
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Have an Amazing Christmas Break!



PTFA

Upcoming Events...



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for your incredible help and support this term. From attending our AGM meetings to volunteering at the events we've organised, your dedication has made a real difference. It's been so lovely to see so many parents, guardians, and local community members working together to create such magical experiences for the children at Thursfield.

The success of this term's events, from the Pumpkin Patch and Nativities to the Disco and so much more, wouldn't have been possible without your involvement. Your support not only helps create memories for the children but also strengthens our school community.

As we head into the Christmas break, we hope you all take some well-deserved time to relax and enjoy the festive season. We are excited to welcome you back in the Spring Term, where we have even more exciting events and opportunities planned for everyone.

Once again, thank you all for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!

IMPORTANT

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