



# Newsletter No. 22

10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The children looked terrific on Thursday during World Book Day. Thank you for all your hard work in preparing them. It was a super week, with a real focus on books and authors, which we hope will have given children extra inspiration to read. There is nothing that can improve children's reading more than either reading themselves or being read to, so please do support them in this. On Friday, a new word millionaire was announced in assembly - congratulations go to Isobel Hawkins!

Year 5 had a wonderful time watching the Lion King on Wednesday and we could not have been more proud of them - a great trip with terrific children who were so appreciative and well behaved.

#LETGIRLSPLAY

More sporting fun was enjoyed last week, culminating in our Years 4-6 girls taking part in the national 'Let girls play'

football sessions led by Miss Turner-Powell from the Deanes Sports Partnership, with Kingston on Friday. Years 1-3 will do the same next week.

I hope you have an enjoyable week.

**Miss E. Dawson**  
**Headteacher**

### Attendance

For the week ended 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 there were four classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Robins who achieved 100% again! They will receive a £10 Amazon voucher to spend on something for their class.

We have a number of children who have medical conditions which mean that they have to have time off school for appointments and therefore their data is not included in these figures.

Attendance figures:-

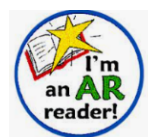
| Class        | Week  |
|--------------|-------|
| Chipmunks    | 97.4% |
| Dragonflies  | 92.4% |
| Butterflies  | 93.0% |
| Rabbits      | 91.3% |
| Ladybirds    | 96.5% |
| Robins       | 100%  |
| Fireflies    | 96.1% |
| Owls         | 96.7% |
| Bears        | 94.2% |
| Sparrows     | 95.0% |
| Ants         | 96.0% |
| Kestrels     | 99.3% |
| Badgers      | 96.8% |
| Otters       | 93.2% |
| Squirrels    | 99.7% |
| Whole School | 95.8% |
| Target       | 97.0% |

Congratulations to this week's winners  
**ROBINS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for 2024 - 2025 is:  
**97%**

### KS2 Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025:-



### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Squirrels - 1,139,192  
2<sup>nd</sup> Badgers - 631,859  
3<sup>rd</sup> Otters - 482,597

### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 47  
2<sup>nd</sup> Fireflies - 29  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ladybirds - 27

Overall:-

### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 12,034,942  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sparrows - 6,429,096  
3<sup>rd</sup> Badgers - 6,306,563

### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 1,185  
2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 637  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sparrows - 424

We would like to congratulate Isobel Hawkins (Kestrels) on becoming a Millionaire Reader - well done Isobel!

### Polite Reminders

#### Water Bottles

Please kindly ensure your child has a named water bottle with them in school every day in order to keep hydrated. We have an increasing amount of children asking for cups from the office which is obviously not environmentally friendly and costly - thank you.



### Emails

We kindly ask that if you are emailing admin in respect of anything to do with your child or children that you put their class/classes on the email please - thank you.

### Indoor Sportshall Athletics

Just before half-term, Thundersley took an amazing three teams (64 children from Year 6 and a few Year 5s) to the District Sportshall Athletics competition at the Deanes. Designed to keep athletics skills ticking over during the winter, it's a high-energy competition in which every child's





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performance earns points for the team, and race times are used to calculate positions on the track. Having trained in P.E. lessons, the children knew what to do and performed brilliantly on the day, showing such tenacity and talent. So many children challenged themselves to run faster, jump or throw further or squeeze in just one more speed bounce in 20 seconds! It took a week for the results of the 16 schools that competed to be compiled but once they were sent through we were thrilled that T.P.S. Yellow finished 11th, T.P.S. Black finished 7th and T.P.S. Grey were crowned as winners! T.P.S. Grey will go on to represent Castle Point at the County Finals in the coming weeks. All of the children involved should be very proud of themselves. Jasmine Steyne (Badgers) and Nojus Lukosevicius (Otters) give their respective accounts of the event below:-

"We walked to Deanes and when we got there we saw the other team from our school and said well done. Then we walked down to the hall and sat down and put the bibs on. There was a lady who was giving us instructions and once she had given them to us we got into our teams and we sorted who was doing the first race. I did the last race which was the 4x1 relay and I was the second runner. I had a good team with me and I put my best effort in. I watched the other children do their events. I liked watching the under/over event the best because I thought that everyone was putting in their best effort. I really enjoyed it. Running isn't something I would normally do but this has pushed me to do it more." (Jasmine Steyne)

"We went to the Deanes Sports Hall for Athletics and we all got our bibs and got ready. Then we went for a practice session. I did standing long jump and I also did 2x2 relay. After that I went back to where all the teams were and started cheering on the next ones. When it was my first race I came third and on my last race I came last I think. My friend Tom in the 2x2 race made a good comeback though. After that we all went

to take a breather and eat our snack. Then we had a team photo taken. Overall I thought the event was really fun and really competitive because the other schools were really fast. My friends were really helping me and were nice as at the end of my races I was out of breath." (Nojus Lukosevicius)

## Brilliant Badminton



After completing a unit of work on badminton in P.E. with Miss Wilkinson, two Year 6 Boys' teams and Girls' teams went to compete in a tournament at Deanes this week. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to play competitive games against children from other schools and to work on their game strategy. The boys competed energetically in the morning. Of the two teams that went, Thundersley Gold won their pool and then went on to finish fourth overall, sadly losing a semi-final and then a bronze medal match by the narrowest of margins. In the afternoon it was the girls' turn and both teams showed what good learners they were, improving



their tactical play and teamwork in the doubles matches. Amazingly, Thundersley Black finished in second place and Thundersley Gold finished in third - so 8 girls jangled home happily with their medals! All in, a terrific day of sport and a superb learning experience for the children. Mr Yorston

was really proud of them all for their growth mindset and great sportsmanship. Rosie-Belle Horsman and Gautam Sandeep (both in Badgers) give their respective accounts of the day below:-

"We walked to The Deanes Sports Centre and started to warm up with our teams. After some time, it was time to start our games. Some of the games we won but others were really challenging. There were some single matches and some double matches. I played two double matches and my partners were Ivy Cook and Hollie Agass. We won our matches. We all got on really well. There were games which we lost but we didn't let that stop us. I play badminton outside of school at Waterside Sports Centre with my dad and I think I have a real passion for it. At the end we all sat down and they finally announced where everyone came. Thundersley Gold came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thundersley Black came 2<sup>nd</sup>. I was in Thundersley Gold and got a bronze medal. We all played really well and I'm proud of everyone." (Rosie-Belle Horsman)



"It was really fun and it was quite exhausting but exhilarating at the same time. I did two games of doubles against every school. We won most of them and managed to get through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we lost the semi-finals but it was really close. Then we played the third/fourth place match and we only lost that by a few points which meant we came 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Thundersley Black team unfortunately didn't make it out of the group stage. Over the past three weeks on a Monday, I have been playing badminton with my family for fun which I've enjoyed. I thought the whole morning was amazing and I would love to continue playing badminton." (Gautam Sandeep)





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## The Lion King



On Wednesday, the Year 5 children were treated to a visit to the Lyceum Theatre in London to watch The Lion King together with children from the other ROBUS Schools. There was much excitement in the Year 5 classes during the morning in anticipation of the trip and the children had a wonderful time. What an experience! Olivia Dean (Ants) and Ricky Van der Fransen give their respective accounts of their exciting trip below:-

"Before we went, everyone was really excited. We went on the coach and I sat next to Catty and chatted until we got there. When we arrived we went inside the theatre and we sat down. Then the show started. At the beginning all the animals came close to us down the isles which was exciting. After the first half, we had our ice cream. I had vanilla which was nice. At the end, all the animals ran down again so we could see them and went onto the stage. I thought the whole performance was amazing and it was better than the film." (Olivia Dean)

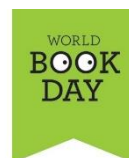
"First we got on the coach and I sat next to Isobel Hawkins and then it took about two hours to get there. Then we looked at the places in London as we drove through like Big Ben and we also saw the London Eye. When we got there, we had

to wait about five minutes to get in and the man did a bag check. I was fine. Then we got in and we chose our seat and then we had to watch the first half of the show. Then we got our ice cream and I had salted caramel. Then we watched the second half. Then we got on the coach and I fell asleep. Finally, when I woke up we were at school. We got out of the coach and I got to see my mum and went home. The best bit about the show was when there was a little boy who played Simba. The audience were really shocked that he could do lots of moves and acrobatics because he was so small. I also thought that the coach journey was good because I liked looking at the places in London. I thought the whole trip was really good and I would like to see it again." (Ricky Van der Fransen)



## World Book Day

On Thursday, it was World Book Day and the children came dressed as their favourite book character. The children did lots of reading during the day and especially enjoyed the 'Drop everything and read bell'. Olivia Hindley (Squirrels) describes her day below:-



"Originally I wanted to be Hermione Granger from the Harry Potter book series but then I changed my mind to be Elphaba from the Wizard of Oz because I genuinely couldn't find the right clothes for Hermione but it was easier for Elphaba. I woke up at 6.30am to start putting on the green face paint and get changed into my dress and wig. At school, we had a bell which, whenever it rang, we would have to read our book for as long as our teacher said. I'm reading the Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum which is very descriptive and I like the language he uses. I haven't read much of it yet but I'm looking forward to reading the rest of it. I really enjoyed the day as I could see what my classmates were wearing and they were very amusing. I also liked reading books at random times. It was called 'Drop everything and read (DEAR)'.

## Boys' Football match (away) vs. Hadleigh Junior School



A great game on Thursday against a very strong & competitive Hadleigh team.

The boys went into the game knowing that a win would take them to one game away from winning the league! The game started off with Chase Goodwin driving through the Hadleigh defence and scoring within the first 30 seconds! A very fast start continued as Jaxon Grange managed to score a wonder strike from outside the area! The goals continued to come from the boys with goals coming from Chase Goodwin x 4, Jaxon Grange x2 and Carter Broad x 1. It finished 7-3 to the Thundersley boys which will see them go one game away from winning the title! A special mention to Chase Goodwin who has now scored 99 goals in 50 games for Thundersley Primary School, I'm sure that's a school record! The team look forward to their regional tournament on Thursday as will be representing Southend United with a chance to get to Wembley! Although Wembley is on the cards we would still have to win our regional tournament then the nationals... A tough task but the boys will believe they can get there! Chase Goodwin (Squirrels) gives his account of the game below:-





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"It ended 7-3 to us. It was a good game. Jaxon scored 2, Carter scored 1 and I scored 4. I played striker and I like playing this position because I like scoring goals. We all played well as a team and their defence was really good so we did well to score 7 goals. I'm looking forward to the Southend tournament and I think the team is too."

### Let Girls Play



On Friday, some of the Years 4, 5 and 6 girls participated in 'Let girls play' with Miss Turner-Powell, a scheme to promote girls football. The girls took part in lots of different activities during their session and great fun was had by all.

### Numbots Certificates

Well done to all children in Year 1 and Year 2 that have used NumBots to help support their fluency in Maths. Certificates were given during Celebration Assembly. The following children were our NumBot superstars for the week ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025!



Year 1 - Ethan Archer (Butterflies)  
Year 2 - Isla Lake (Robins)

Well done to you both!

### Thunks

This week's Think is:-



What or who are you proud of?

### Stars of the Week



**Year 6:-** Lily Downing, Evie Chapman, Alice English, Paighton Brown, Sam Clark and Sharia Miah  
**Year 5:-** Alisia Pjetra, Ricky Van Der Fransen, Louie Hulton and Isla Reeves  
**Year 4:-** Alfie Seymour, Harry South, Lucas Bartrup and Evie Betts  
**Year 3:-** Ollie Whitaker, Mabel Evers, David Cater and Rey Higgs  
**Year 2:-** Leo Waiwaiku, Amelia Buckland, Isla Lake and Rae Law  
**Year 1:-** Florence Deal, Royce Su, Alissia South and Thomas Warren  
**EYFS:-** Mason Wheeler, Izzy Barker, Olivia Cummings and Arthur Ainsworth

### Playground Stars of the Week

Tyerie Mlambo, Fritz Eyong, Maisie Upfield, Trisha Patel, Phoebe Barron, George Elliott, James Painter, Rex Bilkey, Jaxon Bellinger, Stanley Leer, Lilly Hawker, Arthur Lloyd, Sienna Lowe, Calvin Newman, Amelia Gallagher, Carter Broad, Ayah Pounds, Ava Lake, Melis Balci, Sophie England-Cowen, Reggie Collins, Archie Whitaker, Ava Macdonald, Jack Muir, Arnie Higgs, Kya Hollington, Elijah Hyet and Sienna Angerstein-Lee

### House Point Scores

The House Point scores for the week are:-

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Blue Dolphins | 5071 |
| Green Dragons | 4252 |
| Red Arrows    | 4057 |
| Golden Eagles | 4030 |



Well done again Blue Dolphins!

### Honesty is the best policy!

We would like to congratulate the following for handing in money they found recently.

Lily Crawford - Kestrels  
Perla Puckey - Owls  
Phoebe Barron - Ants

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

### Cleaner Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner at TPS. Please click on the link below if you are interested in the position or pass it on to someone you may know would be interested - thank you.

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=108919>

### eSchools App

We kindly ask that you to download the eSchools and eSchools Lite apps (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school and you will be able to access the calendar, newsletter and website easily.



### Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley\_P\_S

### Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club

We offer a Breakfast Club (7.45am to the start of school) and an After School Club called Treetops (3.15pm to 6.00pm) each day. If you are interested in a place for your child and would like more information, please speak to Mrs. Hayward in the main School Office.





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### Uniform Shops

We would like to advise that we now have two uniform shops as follows:-

Penn UK,  
15-17 Kents Hill Road,  
South Benfleet,  
Essex, SS7 5PN.

Telephone:- 01268 751724

[www.pennuk.com](http://www.pennuk.com)

Danielle's Uniform,  
Claydons Lane,  
Rayleigh,  
Essex, SS6 7UP.

Telephone 01268 967542

[www.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.co.uk)

### PTA News

#### Next Meeting

Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

### Community News

#### The Deanes School Holiday Camps Easter 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### ACL Family Support Sessions

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### Girls 4 Football - 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

#### Essex Fire Museum Open Day

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Wildcats Girls Football

24/11/25  
23/02/26  
20/07/26

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Mini Kickers

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Chelmsford Take Over - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Little Havens Lego Walk - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### School Calendar - Dates

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

### Future Term Dates

07/04/25 to 21/04/25 - Easter Break  
22/04/25 - Start of the Summer Term  
05/05/25 - Bank Holiday  
26/05/25 to 30/05/25 - Half Term  
18/07/25 - Last day of Term

01/09/25 - Start of the Autumn Term  
27/10/25 to 31/10/25 - Half Term  
22/12/25 to 02/01/26 - Christmas Break  
05/01/26 - Start of the Spring Term  
16/02/26 to 20/02/26 - Half Term  
30/03/26 to 10/04/26 - Easter Break  
13/04/26 - Start of the Summer Term  
04/05/26 - Bank Holiday  
25/05/26 to 29/05/26 - Half Term  
17/07/26 - Last Day of the Summer Term  
(due to non-pupil day on 20/07/26)

### **\*\*\*\*NON PUPIL DAYS\*\*\*\***

21/07/25  
22/07/25

01/09/25  
24/10/25

