



Dear Parent/Carer,

It does seem that spring might be on its way! It just lifts the mood doesn't it?

This week, reading for pleasure is our theme with an assembly today to launch a sponsored read organised by Osbourne books and World Book Day dress up on Thursday.

With the newsletter, you will find a 'Reading for pleasure' newsletter for parents packed full of recommended reads and fun ideas for engaging your child in reading. Reading for pleasure is a key indicator of a child's future success and can lead to children having a greater general knowledge, a wider range of vocabulary and improved attention spans. The National Curriculum requires teachers to encourage pupils to develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information. It also emphasises the importance of listening to, discussing and reading for themselves a wide range of stories, poems, plays and non-fiction books, so children really are spoiled for choice. I hope you find the newsletter helpful.

Our Cross Country runners braved the elements last week to take part in a competition at Garons, along with hundreds of other children in the area. They came back soaked, but with happy faces and having shown determination and resilience. Well done all!

Year 5 children from across ROBUS are very excited about their trip to the Lion King on Wednesday. A huge thanks to Highview Ltd and our PTA for helping us to fund this trip. This is an annual trip and all children will have the opportunity, so if you know of any individual or company who would be willing to sponsor it, we'd be most grateful to hear from you.

Enjoy the sun and happy reading.

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

### Attendance

For the week ended 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 there were six classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Robins who achieved 100%. 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:-

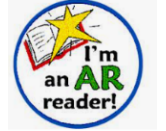
Class	Week
Chipmunks	95.5%
Dragonflies	97.2%
Butterflies	94.0%
Rabbits	91.0%
Ladybirds	96.5%
Robins	100%
Fireflies	95.2%
Owls	95.8%
Bears	97.1%
Sparrows	98.0%
Ants	94.0%
Kestrels	98.3%
Badgers	96.8%
Otters	93.0%
Squirrels	99.3%
Whole School	96.1%
Target	97.0%

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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025:-



#### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 426,117  
2<sup>nd</sup> Fireflies - 408,738  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sparrows - 295,473

#### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 33  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ladybirds and Fireflies - 23  
3<sup>rd</sup> Owls - 15

Overall:-

#### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 11,545,974  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sparrows - 6,277,099  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels - 5,748,012

#### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 1,136  
2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 622  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fireflies - 508

### 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 - 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.





## Year 4 Parent/Carer Involvement Session

On Wednesday the Year 4 Parents/Carers visited to participate in an Art session with their children. Emily Clayton (Sparrows) and Reggie Collins (Bears) give their respective accounts of the morning below:-

"We got a sheet of paper and we had a foam block. We also had oil paint and we had to roll the paint over the block and then print it onto the paper to see the design. I designed a hot dog with a Cinimaroll character poking out. We had all different colours to paint with and my mum had to help me lift the foam block off the paper so it didn't smudge. When we finished, there was a little rack which we put the paper on and we had to put the foam block in a box. I liked doing the rolling the best and it was fun when mum lifted the block up and it went onto my hand! I really liked mum coming in as she normally wears funny outfits for work but she was in normal clothes. I liked her helping me because it was much easier and faster to do the printing. My mum said that she really enjoyed it too." (Emily Clayton)

"We went down to the hall and we drew our pattern and then we got a thick piece of paper. We had some paint and we rolled the paint on our design and put our design on the thick piece of paper and we kept doing that process over and over again to cover the whole piece of paper with different colours. My design was a love heart with an arrow through it. My mum and I really enjoyed it. We would love to do it again." (Reggie Collins)

## Cross County

On Wednesday, a team of 48 children from Years 3 to 6 attended the annual District Cross County event hosted at Garons in Southend. The weather forecast was looking glooming but the children's spirits were quite the opposite. Mr. Yorston and Mr. Wilson had set up a base camp with a gazebo in an attempt to stave off the weather. The children



settled in and the Year 3 girls started warming up in preparation for the first race. The girls made a strong start with the yellow Thundersley shirts in a group towards the front. As the race ticked on, Ruby Trew pushed out right towards the front and amazingly finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. A remarkable achievement given that there were over 100 children competing in the race. The whole team ran with great courage and determination despite the



challenging weather conditions. They really set out the standard for what were to be phenomenally brave and gutsy performances from every single child wearing a Thundersley top. Some other notable individual performances came from Brayden Nyama, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, Hermione Delf, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and Isla Reeves, who battled all the way to the line for her 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Archie Alsop who



finished 5<sup>th</sup>. All of the children mentioned will be representing Thundersley at the County Finals. Some incredible overall team performances came from the Year 3 boys who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their race, the Year 3 girls who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their race, the Year 5 girls who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their race and the Year 6 boys who also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their race. By the time the last races were finishing, it was incredibly wet and muddy but this did not dampen the spirits of our inspiring team. This really was another example of Thundersley children 'being the best they can be' and we are proud of all of them. Brayden Nyama tells of his exciting event below:-

"We went by coach and when we got there it was very cold but not as wet as when we left. We put our bags under the gazebo and waited for the race to start. I was a bit nervous because I've only raced against schools from ROBUS before. When the race started I was really nervous and Mr. Wilson had told us to sprint at first to get ahead of everyone. I started in second place but then people started overtaking me. I was pretty frustrated but I decided to turn my anger into energy and I raced past the other children. Just at the finish line I was in 4<sup>th</sup> place but I just overtook the person at the line to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place. I felt really happy! I really enjoyed it and I would love to do it again."

## 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 - Ivy Beachcroft (Rabbits)  
Year 2 - Lilly Morgan (Robins)

Well done to you both!





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## Thunks

This week's Think is:-



If you could choose just one thing to change about the world, what would it be?

## House Point Scores

The House Point scores for the week are:-

Blue Dolphins	5459
Golden Eagles	5022
Red Arrows	4435
Green Dragons	4083



Well done Blue Dolphins!

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

Lily Crawford - Kestrels

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

## 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.

## 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

### South East School Age Community Drop-In

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Barracudas

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Junior Bake Off

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Spring Pickers

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

