



Dear Parent/Carer,

What a busy week we had last week - Sportshall Athletics County Final, Year 3 Assembly, Year 2 Music Festival, EYFS Grandparents' Afternoon Teas, the Youth Sports Board Meeting and Let Girls Play Football for Year 1, 2 and 3. Amazing! In our assembly on Friday when we celebrate all that's happened during the week, I said to the children that we were able to take part in all of these initiatives because we know that the children will represent our school brilliantly. I also reminded them just how lucky they were to be at a school where the adults are so willing to go out of their way to give children these opportunities. I know I speak for all parents in thanking staff for all they do! You can read about all of these events in this newsletter.

This week is a little quieter, with Year 2 Maths workshops for parents in each class to sign up to, Year 6 SATs information meeting and of course our fabulous PTA Mothers' Day Present Palace on Friday morning.

Just a polite reminder that the school gates open at 8.40am and the school day begins at 8.45am for **all** children. We keep the gates open until 8.55am to allow parents to leave the site, so children arriving as we close the gates are late.

Have a super week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 21st March 2025 there were three classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Robins who achieved 99.0%.

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:-

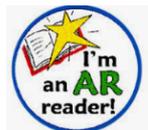
Class	Week
Chipmunks	96.6%
Dragonflies	95.5%
Butterflies	94.2%
Rabbits	85.2%
Ladybirds	96.8%
Robins	99.0%
Fireflies	96.1%
Owls	96.3%
Bears	95.9%
Sparrows	95.7%
Ants	94.3%
Kestrels	97.8%
Badgers	95.1%
Otters	93.2%
Squirrels	97.8%
Whole School	95.3%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners
ROBINS

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

Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 21st March 2025:-



Word Count

1st Owls - 528,583
2nd Bears - 423,096
3rd Badgers - 418,429

Quizzes

1st Fireflies - 41
2nd Owls - 38
3rd Robins - 34

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Bears - 12,815,493
2nd Sparrows - 6,819,083
3rd Kestrels - 6,807,843

Quizzes

1st Bears - 1,233
2nd Owls - 697
3rd Fireflies - 673

We would like to congratulate the following children on becoming Millionaire Readers:-

Kitty McCombe (Sparrows)
Charlie Baker (Sparrows)

We would also like to congratulate the following children who have recently become Two Millionaire Readers:-

Felicity Warren (Bears)
Leo Jackson (Bears)

Well done to you all, such a fantastic achievement!

Summer Uniform

Please note that after the Easter break, from Tuesday, 22nd April 2025, the children are required to wear our summer uniform as listed below:-

- Yellow Polo shirt (School logo)
- Grey trousers
- Grey shorts
- Grey skirt
- Yellow Gingham dress
- Grey sweatshirt/grey cardigan (School logo)
- Black trainers (EYFS)
- Black school shoes (no sandals)





PLEASE ALSO NOTE THE FOLLOWING:-

All children with shoulder length or longer hair must have it fully tied back during the school day.

All children must not wear any nail varnish or makeup during the school day.

All children may wear stud earrings only which must be removed for P.E. and swimming lessons.

Strong Learner Project

On Tuesday, a group of children from KS2 were visiting lessons and observing their peers as part of our ROBUS Research Review project identifying strong learning. The children were accompanied by visiting children from Kingston Primary School and were looking for examples in class of children being strong learners. They of course found many examples and were very eloquent when describing what they saw. The children from Kingston were wowed by what they saw! We are very proud of all the children who took part. Patrick Ridgwell (Ants) tells of his experience below:-

"We were taken out of class and we went down to the hall after we got the twelve children we needed. Then we met the children from Kingston. We got sorted into our groups and then went to different classes. We had to write down how many people were really strong learners, strong learners and those coming up to being strong learners. For a strong learner we had to look to see if they were concentrating, not talking whilst the teacher was talking and being resilient when the work got hard. We could do a tally chart and then ask the name of the child who we thought was a really strong learner. We visited three classes in total. During the visit we had a break and had biscuits and a choice of either orange juice, blackcurrant juice or water. At the end we compared our information. It was really fun that we got to see what the other classes were doing and who was a really strong learner. I'm

looking forward to going to Kingston as I'm looking forward to seeing what their school is like and what they do in class."

Youth Sports Board Meeting

On Thursday, a contingent of four children from Thundersley, Ayah Pounds (Otters), Rosie-Belle Horsman (Badgers), Edward Potts (Otters) and Lewis Grigson (Badgers) visited the Deanes School as part of the Youth Sports Board for their first meeting. Ayah gives her account of the meeting below:-

"First of all we went into a dance studio and we waited for all the schools to arrive. Then we got our t-shirts and we got separated into groups and we did different activities such as tennis, dodgeball and ideas for different activities and meetings. Then we planned an activity that we were going to have to do in June for KS1 and my group had to do a hand ball session. I think it went really well and overall I had a really great time. We are going to have a couple more meetings before I leave in July."

EYFS Grandparents' Afternoon Tea



On Tuesday and Wednesday, the EYFS children enjoyed a special afternoon with their grandparents for an Afternoon Tea. The children made scones with homemade butter, jam and cream for their special guests and also sang to them. Emmanuel Anderson (Chipmunks) and Isabella Rees (Dragonflies) give their respective accounts below:-

"We made some scones. We had to wash our hands first. We added flour then

salt, butter, sugar and then we added some milk and then we kneaded the dough and then we patted the dough down and then made the shape of the scones with the cutter. Then we put them in the oven. We churned the butter from Mrs. Hammond's churner. My grandparents came in and we sang a nice song to them. They clapped. We ate the scones and had some squash. They liked the scones and I chose the one that looked like the one I made to eat. It was good fun. The next day they called me to say thank you for the afternoon tea." (Emmanuel Anderson)

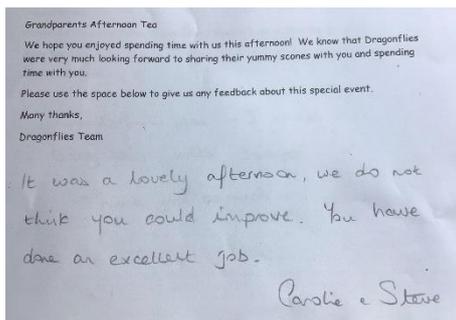




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"My Nanny and Grandad came from the Isle of Wight to have tea with me. I drew them on my teacup and told them how I made the scones. I loved signing our 'love you' song to them. They could see me all of the time. I enjoyed eating scones with them. They were yummy. I had my picture taken with them and had a cuddle. I love them." (Isabella Rees)



KS1 Music Festival

On Wednesday, the children from Robins' Class were involved in the KS1 Music Festival together with other local schools. The children enjoyed singing songs about the weather they had been learning and some had the task of playing instruments to accompany the singing. It was a lovely morning and Ava Rotheron gives her account of the event below:-

"When we got there we sat down in order and the teacher took the glockenspiels out and we did the first song and the people with the glockenspiels played. The song was called Windy Weather. Then the other school went on stage and sang their song. Then we sang another song. We went up onto the stage. I didn't feel nervous. We sang Singing in the rain. It was amazing and I enjoyed it."

Year 3 Assembly

Also on Wednesday, it was the turn of the Year 3 children to perform an assembly to their parents/carers in respect of the work they have been doing on the Egyptians. Oliver Browning (Owls) gives details of the assembly below:

"There was acting and speaking and I read my diary entry which was about when Howard Carter found Tutankhamun's tomb. There were instructions on how to build a pyramid and then we did a few songs. We sang Build that Pyramid, Any Dream will Do and Tutankhamun. I liked singing Any Dream will Do the best because we did some actions. Elijah and Xander were dressed up as Pharaohs. Xander was doing the measuring and when Elijah got off the mummification table, he was wrapped up in fake linen bandages. I had to say a line which was "We're in 2025 AD, once you get back to 1AD you have to start counting backwards." My mum and my dad came to watch the assembly and they said it was really good. I thought it was good too."

Essex Sportshall Athletics County Finals at Garons

After winning the District competition back in February, T.P.S. Grey Team competed in the County Sportshall Athletics Finals on Wednesday, at Garons Park in Southend. 14 winning schools from all over the county were ready to play their part in the competition which meant that the standard was going to be incredibly high. However, every one of our 24 Year 6 children that competed rose to the challenge and took their performances to the next level. So many amazing personal bests were recorded in the field -

from triple jump to javelin, and on the track the children ran with such determination and desire, bouncing off the reverse boards and racing right to the line every time. When the results were in, the final countdown was an absolute nail-biter! One by one the positions were awarded and celebrated - until eventually it was announced that Thundersley had come second! Mr Jetten, Mr Yorston and Mr Wilson were absolutely gobsmacked and the children were understandably so proud of their performance. What an achievement, and many thanks go to the parents for their support, for helping with transport on the day and bringing children in to school early for training sessions! What a team effort and roll on the athletics season! Macey Robinson (Otters) and Bobby Foster-Pasterfield (Badgers) give their respective accounts of the event below:-

"I did the obstacle relay and it was really fun and everyone tried their best however, it was really competitive. Everyone did really well and everyone was cheering and very supportive. There were hurdles, speed bounce and high stepper. I liked doing the high stepper because I had to think really hard to make sure I didn't miss one. I also did the speed bounce separately which was really fun. I had 20 seconds to do as many as I could and I got 55! I did a 4 x 1 race. That was sprinting off the reverse board at either end. That was tricky going off the reverse board but it was still fun. Then I did the vertical jump. At first I had to put my arms up so they could measure my height and then I jumped and I got 33cm. It was quite tricky because I had to do a special technique and I had to jump up really high. Overall it was very competitive and very supportive. People were cheering everyone on from the sides, even if they weren't in our team. I did the athletics last year but didn't go to the County Finals. I really enjoy athletics and I will miss it as I am leaving this year but I hope to do it at King John. No-one expected that we would come in the top three but in the end we came second. Everyone was really excited and started screaming. I felt really good coming back to school wearing my silver





medal as I've never been in the County Finals before." (Macey Robinson)

"It was very nerve wracking watching everyone run past. After a few races my race was called up and I did the 2 x 2 relay. It was very difficult because there were so many talented students there from other schools but I did manage to win my race. I felt very happy that I managed to achieve something like that as I've never got into an athletics competition before let alone win! I also did vertical jump which I think I got one of the highest scores out of everyone who went. I think I got 39cm and 41cm. I preferred the relay race as there was a lot more encouragement from the side so it gave me more motivation to do well. The whole event was very exciting as it was at such a high level and I was very proud of the whole team as we did end up coming second overall because of all our efforts to win. I really enjoyed it because I've not taken part in an indoor athletics competition before and it was special as I have done two close together. I was very proud of myself to be able to win the medal and my mum was very excited about it because she said in the morning that she thought that I was going to do really well and get into the top 5!



Let Girls Play

On Friday, it was the turn of the children in Years 1, 2 and 3 to participate in the 'Let Girls Play' programme with Miss Turner-Powell. The girls had a wonderful time learning football skills and Amelia Buckingham (Rabbits) tells of her exciting session below:-

"We wore different coloured bibs and then we did a game. For the ones who weren't wearing colourful bibs, they had to do the football around the cones. When she blew her whistle, the ones who were wearing the bibs needed to come and kick the ball away from them. Then we swapped and did it again. At the beginning we also did running around the cones. Everybody needed to kick the football around the cones. Then we played a game of football. Another school came to do it too. I liked doing the football because it was fun and it was good and I had fun playing with the football. I like playing football in my garden with my brother."

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 this week.



- Year 1 - Robyn Caulfield (Butterflies)
- Year 2 - Amelia Buckland (Ladybirds)

Well done to you both!

Thunks

This week's Think is:-



Which three wishes would you choose and why?

Stars of the Week

- Year 6:-** Olivia Hindley, Dexter White and Isaac Swaby
- Year 5:-** Jacob Nevill and Isaac Wood
- Year 4:-** Harry Burns and Ruby Moorcraft
- Year 3:-** David Stan and Saul Mhembere
- Year 2:-** Wyatt Beachcroft and Archie Stuart
- Year 1:-** Seth Mehembere and Robyn Caulfield
- EYFS:-** Emilia Larbey and Reggie Morris



Playground Stars of the Week

Jessica Turner, Harper McEvoy, Dylan Oakley, Eleanor Henry, Darcey Rowland, Daniyal Sethi, Albert O'Connell, Alice Ridgwell, Ferne Bradley, Olivia Nevill, Luna Galley, Charlotte Morris, Amelie-Jean Wheeler and Maisie Wheeler

House Point Scores

The House Point scores for the week are:-

Red Arrows	4231
Golden Eagles	3886
Blue Dolphins	3880
Green Dragons	3284



Well done Red Arrows!

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Arbie Beswick - Sparrows

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.

Please note that the deadline for handing in all booking forms for Breakfast Club & Treetops for next term is Friday, 28th March 2025 - thank you.

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

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

Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

Community News

SEND Drop In Sessions

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Aged Healthy Family Drop In

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

L W's Coaching - Easter 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Girls 4 Football - 9th April 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Mega Centre - Easter 2025

Please find attached a couple of flyers 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

