



# Newsletter No. 27

12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Year 6 children have made a super start to their SATs this week. They came in with a great attitude and I am sure have nailed the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test.



Our wonderful Top Team were fantastic ambassadors for the school on Thursday at the Thundersley War

Memorial. They met a gentleman who had been in Thundersley when a spitfire was shot down - a story our KS2 children know well from Mr Mackay's assemblies.

As you know, we will be having our own VE Day celebration alongside our May Day event on Thursday, 22nd May 2025 when we ask that children - except those in EYFS and Year 1 - wear red, white and blue (no football kits please).

Have a super week - hopefully the sun will continue to shine.

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

## Attendance

For the week ended 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 there were seven classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Butterflies who achieved 99.6%.

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.

Congratulations to this week's winners

**BUTTERFLIES**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2024 - 2025 is:

**97%**

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	98.4%
Dragonflies	95.7%
Butterflies	99.6%
Rabbits	93.8%
Ladybirds	99.2%
Robins	98.8%
Fireflies	96.8%
Owls	96.2%
Bears	97.2%
Sparrows	96.7%
Ants	94.6%
Kestrels	95.0%
Badgers	96.9%
Otters	97.6%
Squirrels	97.1%
Whole School	97.0%
Target	97.0%

## Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025:-

Overall:-

## Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 16,328,033  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kestrels - 9,636,719  
3<sup>rd</sup> Badgers - 9,355,732

## Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 1,421  
2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 824  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fireflies - 752

We would like to congratulate Willow Leer in Ants and Harper McEvoy in Otters on becoming Millionaire Readers - well done to you both!

## Polite Reminders

### Earrings

We kindly ask that, if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced, you do so at the beginning of the summer holidays when they will have time to heal. Please note that children have to remove their earrings (or have them removed at home before school) for any physical activity including PE and swimming. If your child's earrings are not removed or your child is unable to remove the earrings themselves, they will not be able to participate in any physical activity including PE and swimming - thank you.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle with them each day in order to stay hydrated - thank you.

### Sun Cream

Just a polite reminder to 'smother' your child in sun cream before school as it is super sunny at the moment - thank you.

## Hi5 Netball Rally



On Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025, two netball teams from Thundersley participated in the Hi5 Netball Rally at The Deanes School. Leon (Otters) and Sam Clark (Otters) tell of their respective experiences below:-





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"The netball team and two Year 5s went to the netball rally. There were two teams - Black and Gold. I was in the Gold team. In our first game we lost 3-0 and in our second game we also lost 3-1. Then in our third game we won 2-1 and in our fourth game we won 8-1 and then we drew 2-2. When they announced who got through, we didn't and got 9<sup>th</sup> place. It was very fun, it was fast paced and I enjoyed it 10 out of 10!" (Lucas)

"Me and many other Year 6 students went to Deanes for a netball tournament. There we two teams. I was in the Black team. When we arrived, we warmed up and started to get ready for our first of many games. We played our first game and in the end it resulted in a 2-1 victory for Thundersley. Shortly after, we played our second game that was a nice 6-0 win for us. Then we played our third game that was another victory for Thundersley as it was 5-0. Finally, we played our last game of the group stage but unfortunately, it was a 2-1 loss but luckily we played so well in the other games, we managed to get through 1st in our group. We played our quarter final game straight after against Edward Francis and won 5-4 so we went to the semi-finals to play Woodham Ley and managed to win 4-3 so we went to the finals! In the finals we played Great Wakering. We knew that it would be a hard game. We played really well but unfortunately we lost 3-2 meaning we came 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is amazing since it is the best Thundersley has ever done. The whole event was amazing and I would love to do it again." (Sam)



### Science Week

STEM Week at school was a fantastic celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths, with every year group taking part in exciting and enriching activities.

Most year groups enjoyed a dedicated workshop—either in person or online—led by passionate STEM volunteers who brought real-world experiences into the classroom. Year 5 had a super visit from an Aviation Specialist in his uniform and Year 1 created beeswax candles from a Beekeeper using his bee's wax! Within class, each day focused on building a different skill, asking questions, predicting, setting up a test, recording data and communicating results. Year 6's bubble experiment gave some interesting conclusions! A whole-school emphasis on



STEM careers helped pupils explore the many exciting paths their interests could lead to and

inspired our dress-up day on Friday, where students came to school dressed as a wide range of STEM professionals—from astronauts and engineers to doctors and data scientists—bringing their learning to life and sparking even more curiosity about the world of STEM. We aim to continue our wonderful Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths learning through our school subjects but are keen for you to keep the opportunities alive at home - perhaps you could discuss your career and skills with your children and what path through education you took or discover what the career journey might look like for their favourite skills. Jacob Crompton (Owls) brought in some ingredients to make a science experiment which he performed in front of the class. He also created the volcano so the experiment could explode inside it. The class absolutely loved it!



### VE Day Memorial

On Thursday, Miss Dawson, Mr. Mackay and our pupil Head Team Charlie Macdonald, Sam Clark, Ivy Cook and Lois Oke were invited to attend the Memorial Service organised by Simon Foxen at the village memorial to celebrate 80 years of VE Day. Charlie Macdonald gives his account of the memorial service below:-

"We went to the war memorial outside school in the village. It was to celebrate VE (Victory in Europe) Day when the Nazis surrendered and stopped fighting in World War II. Me, Sam, Lois, Ivy, Mr. Mackay and Miss Dawson walked to the memorial and there was a two minute silence. I thought about how happy Europe must have been when the war was over. Then the man told a story about a man crashing his spitfire and two boys spotted him in Thundersley and then one of the boys, now a grown man, came and laid a wreath on the memorial. I couldn't believe that was the same boy! I felt proud to represent the school as Head Boy at such an important occasion."







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## Sponsored Read

We would like to congratulate Ronnie Toogood in Rabbits who raised £100 doing the sponsored read recently and therefore was joint third which was accidentally missed in the original count up. Ronnie will also receive a prize for his fabulous effort. Well done Ronnie!

## West Ham Mascot



We would like to congratulate Lucas Jackson in Squirrels on his amazing opportunity to be an away mascot for West Ham recently during their match against

Brighton. It was such a special day for Lucas and he tells us all about it below:-

"I was chosen to be the West Ham away mascot after my mum registered me online. I got a phone call asking if I wanted to do it and I was so excited! I said yes straight away. I love West Ham and I'm their biggest fan so it was a dream come true to walk out with Jarrod Bowen and the team."



## Numbots Certificates

Well done to all children in EYFS, 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.



EYFS - George Grigson (Chipmunks)  
Year 1 - Seth Mhembere (Rabbits)  
Year 2 - Aiden White (Robins)

Well done to you all!

## Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Isla Taylor, Freddy Peryer, Ava Lake, Lucas Gillett, Fritz Eyong and Kai Beale  
**Year 5:-** Melis Balci, Toby Sutherland, Elsie Thompson and Cattleya Tsvetkovska  
**Year 4:-** Sparrows' Class, Oliver Rees and Aiden Clark  
**Year 3:-** Henry Wise Bell, Jacob Crompton, Sophia Hawkins and Jude Marnham  
**Year 2:-** Aurora Curock, Dylan Gates, Jake Williams and Cody Kemp  
**Year 1:-** Evie Crompton, Monty Adkins and Joseph Potter  
**EYFS:-** George Grigson, Mabel Keane and Ronni Morris



## Playground Stars of the Week

Lincoln Bellinger, Beau Lewis, Skylar Angerstein, Toby Sutherland, Harry Burns, Mia Birch, Stanley Beckford, Mia England-Cowen, Rosie Hogsden, Oliver Sylvester, Remi Laver-Young, Mason Hiller, Edward Thorne, Rosie Anstis, Lara Pur, Freddie Troth-Olasebikan, Stanley Evers, Lola Tucker, Alfie Carrington, James Painter, Jack Weeden, Xander Weedon, Aiden White, Hollie Dulieu, Lenny Little, Mason Buckley, Ayla Hussein and Sonny Murrell

## House Point Scores

The House Point scores for the week are:-

Golden Eagles	4173
Blue Dolphins	4116
Green Dragons	3677
Red Arrows	3526



Well done Golden Eagles!

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

Perla Puckey - Owls  
Alex Muir - Bears  
Mason Major - Bears  
Harry Hills - Bears

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

## Thunks

This week's Thunk is:-



Which super power would you choose to have and why?

## 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

## Early Birds Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club



We offer a Breakfast Club (7.45am to the start of school) and an After School Club called





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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.daniellessshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellessshop.co.uk)

### PTA News

#### Next Meeting

Please note that the date of the next meeting is on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7pm in the White Hart. Everyone is welcome!

### Community News

#### The Deanes School Holiday Camps May Half Term 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

#### The Deanes School - Bluey Themed Day 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Girls 4 Football - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Kidz Camp May Half Term 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Mega Camps - May Half Term 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### ACL - Empower our child to manage their emotions

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

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

