



Dear Parent/Carer,

I cannot believe how quickly this term has flashed by - it is so lovely to finally feel that we are in the Spring and that the children can enjoy themselves on the fields. No wonder our children are so sporty - they literally must run miles at lunchtime!

On Friday, our PTA ran another of their super, extremely popular Mothers' Day Present Palaces and on Thursday this week, they will be holding their Spring Fair - an event which sees most of our 455 children getting involved. The PTA make a wonderful job of these events each year, but this and future events are at risk as we move into next year because as parents leave with their children, we do not have enough volunteers to keep the PTA going. That would just be devastating! It would mean no bouncy castles, no discos, no camp outs, no present palaces, no raffles, no Year 6 leaving festival. It would also mean that all their terrific fund raising would stop at a time when our school needs it most. Never have budgets been so stretched. So please, I know we all value the wonderful PTA so much, let's not see all their hard work come to an end, please contact them through the Facebook group, or through this email [thundersleypta@gmail.com](mailto:thundersleypta@gmail.com) or see them at the Spring Fair to volunteer your support.

Today, a group of our children visited Kingston as part of our ROBUS Research Review. They visited classes, looking out for strong learners - children who are ready, resilient, reflective and self motivated. They also met up with those children from Kingston who visited Thundersley a fortnight ago to do the same here. They all did a great job and were super ambassadors for our school! This is an example of the collaborative work we are taking part in across ROBUS, which makes us such a unique Trust.

On Friday, you will receive your child's report. This is similar in nature to before but in a new, updated format, using the same system that we use for learning

plans for children with SEND. I have read every one and I am sure there will be lots of proud parents on Friday! If you would like to make an appointment to discuss the report, please do so with your child's teacher.

### Kids Spring Challenge for Young Lives vs Cancer

A parent has drawn our attention to the following challenge which children can take part in over the Easter holidays to raise money for a cause very dear to our hearts at Thundersley right now. The challenge is simple - complete 1 mile a day, every day for 14 days between 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025, in whatever way you want. You could run, walk, skip, swim, wheel or scoot, or whatever way you want to cover the distance. Every mile counts. All to raise funds to support children and young people with cancer. Signing up is easy, simply [register here](https://fundraise.younglivesvsancer.org.uk/event/kids-spring-challenge-2025/home#:~:text=About%20the%20Kid's%20Spring%20Challenge&text=The%20Challenge%20is%20simple%20%2D%20complete%20Every%20mile%20counts) <https://fundraise.younglivesvsancer.org.uk/event/kids-spring-challenge-2025/home#:~:text=About%20the%20Kid's%20Spring%20Challenge&text=The%20Challenge%20is%20simple%20%2D%20complete%20Every%20mile%20counts> for your FREE Young Lives vs Cancer sticker pack and to set up your fundraiser all in one go. If your child takes part, please let us know and send a photo and we can cover it in the newsletter when we return.

Thank you for all your support this term - please keep up with the reading, it really is making a difference. Have a great holiday, when it comes!

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

### Attendance

For the week ended 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 there were seven classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Butterflies 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:-

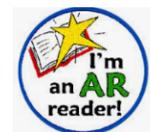
Class	Week
Chipmunks	98.4%
Dragonflies	97.2%
Butterflies	100%
Rabbits	95.3%
Ladybirds	98.1%
Robins	97.3%
Fireflies	90.0%
Owls	95.5%
Bears	94.8%
Sparrows	98.7%
Ants	89.3%
Kestrels	96.3%
Badgers	93.6%
Otters	96.5%
Squirrels	97.3%
Whole School	95.9%
Target	97.0%

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

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

### Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025:-



### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Kestrels - 1,711,135  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ants - 1,381,053





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3<sup>rd</sup> Badgers - 1,294,719

### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Robins - 58

2<sup>nd</sup> Ladybirds - 45

3<sup>rd</sup> Owls - 39

Overall:-

### Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 13,306,989

2<sup>nd</sup> Kestrels - 8,546,741

3<sup>rd</sup> Badgers - 8,084,453

### Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 1,271

2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 736

3<sup>rd</sup> Fireflies - 688

We would like to congratulate Alex Muir (Bears) on becoming a Millionaire Reader - well done Alex, a great achievement!

### Summer Uniform

Please note that after the Easter break, from Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Polite Reminders

### Play Equipment

We would like to remind you that children must not play on the equipment in the playgrounds before or after school please - thank you.



### Dogs



Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school site unless they are assistance dogs - thank you.

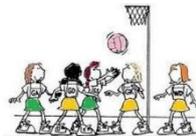
### Bikes/Scooters

We would like to remind you that bikes/scooters must not be ridden in the playgrounds for health and safety reasons.

Please ensure your child dismounts their bike/scooter at the gate before entering the school and walks it through the playground - thank you.



### Mixed Netball match (away) vs. Northwick Park



The penultimate game of the season took us to an away game at Northwick Park School on

Canvey. It is a new addition to the league, so we did not know quite what to expect. Unlike the last match, each and every player was hungry for the game and arrived ready for action. The opposition had some really good payers and played well as a team but our seasoned Thundersley team absolutely smashed it (especially in the last quarter where it was tricky to keep up with the amount of goals Sam scored!) and we eventually ended at 13 goals to 6. Unlucky for some but not TPS

this time! Ivy Cook (Otters) gives her account of the game below:-

"We played at Northwick Park on Canvey. When we got there we did some warm ups. In the first quarter I was centre and I did really good defending. In the second quarter I was goal attack. I had quite a few shots at the goal but sadly didn't get any in. Goal shooter was Katie and she scored 2. In the third quarter I was off but Lucas scored 3 goals. In the fourth quarter I was goal defence and Sam scored 6 goals. As a team, I think we had good communication and we had most of the ball. The finishing score was 13-6 to us. The other team had really good goal scorers and they scored from far away. I had such a good time and I'm really excited for the next match."

### Boys' Football match (home) vs. Woodham Ley

On Monday our Year 6 team took on Woodham Ley in their last league game of the season, could the boys hang on to their 100% winning league record? The game started off with Woodham Ley having the better chances and ultimately putting a lot of pressure on the Thundersley team! Woodham Ley took the lead in the first half and then doubled their lead to 0-2! This is the first time the boys have ever been losing in a league game... But as the boys started to look defeated Isaac Swaby scored a wonderful, looped shot over the goalkeeper, to make the score going into half-time 1-2. After, Mr. Wilson's half-time team talk the boys came out in the second half and had one of the best performances they've had all season! A massive second half performance saw the boys score 7 goals and win the game 7-2! A brilliant and resilient performance from all the boys, well done to all involved! Sonny Grover (Squirrels) gives his account of the match below:-



"We were excited leading up to the game because it was the last league game of the season and we had won all of our games and we were confident we would win as we were





the unbeaten team. When we started the match we conceded early and we went 0-1 down and then Woodham Ley extended their lead to 0-2. We had lots of chances in the first half but we couldn't put one in the net and at half time, Mr. Wilson told us that he was disappointed at how we were playing and knew we could do better. He told us to shout Thundersley and run onto the pitch knowing that we were going to beat Woodham Ley. In quick time we scored and took it to 1-2 with Isaac scoring the first goal for TPS. Then we scored again making it 2-2 and later on we scored to make it 3-2 and we knew we were the better team and we were putting our all into it with a header from me making it 4-2. Then we increased our lead to 5-2 and we knew that we were going to win but we still needed to put in the effort. The final score was 7-2 and we have made it to the end of the season without losing a game. We're just waiting to hear whether we have won the league or not. The game was really fun and I scored in the Futsal tournament but it was nice that everyone else scored in this game."

### Year 4 Boys' Football match (home) vs. Kents Hill



On Thursday, our Year 4 boys' team took on Kents Hill in their last game of the season, which saw a really close contested game between two good sides! Thundersley started off really strong and had some great chances early in the first half. Kents Hill then finished the second half strongly and really tested Harry Robinson's goal but they had no luck! The second half was really tense & competitive, either side could have grabbed a goal but both goalkeepers made some great saves. It was in the dying embers of the game that the ball fell to Mason Wheeler on the edge of the box and he fired away to win the game for Thundersley! A brilliant performance from TPS who came away winning their final game! Well done to everyone involved a great win to finish the season! Harry Robinson (Bears) gives his account of the match below:-

"When we got to the field, we did some drills to get warmed up. Then Kents Hill arrived and we started the match. We had a shot at goal however, the keeper sent it around the post. Then they had a goal and then they passed it from a goal kick and then they dribbled the ball to the half way line and passed it on the left wing and then they crossed it in and Jeremy blocked it. Then it went out for a corner. They crossed the corner in but I caught it. I saved lots of attempts on goal. After half time, about fifteen minutes later, Mason Wheeler scored. Then when there were five minutes left they got a free kick on the edge of the box and I saved it. The final score was 1-0 to us. It was one of our best matches because Kents Hill are top of the league. I like playing in goal because I get lots of shots at me which normally I manage to save. Kents Hill played quite good. This was the last game so we are waiting for the results. Hopefully we will get a bronze medal."

### Strong Learners

Today our team visited Kingston Primary School to look at their Strong Learners. The children had a great morning and Mia Birch (Bears) gives details of what they had to do below:-

"We went to Year 2 first and we looked at what they were doing. They were doing English. After that we made a tower out of newspaper and sellotape and it had to stand up. After that we had a break outside and then we went to Year 5. They were doing English too. We had to look out for who was being a strong learner and concentrating. We had a tally chart and if we saw a strong learner we had to put a mark down. We had to write down their names if we thought they were a strong learner and why we thought they were a strong learner. Every time we finished in a class we had to go back to the hall and then go to our next one. I thought the morning was quite fun as we made some friends with some other people outside."

### Sewing Club



Lois Oke in Squirrels, joined Sewing Club when it first started and gives details of what she has been up to in the club since joining, culminating in a beautiful Mother's Day gift:-

"Two terms ago, I joined Sewing Club, not entirely sure what to expect. Now, looking back, I can confidently say that it has been one of the best after school activities I have ever participated in. From the very first session, I was introduced to the basics of sewing, learning different stitching techniques such as back stitches and over stitches. At first, it felt a little tricky, but with practice and the guidance of amazing Mrs. Watts and Nanny Annie, I became more confident in these skills. One of my favourite projects was making hair scrunchies. Choosing fabrics, cutting them to size and stitching them together to create something both stylish and functional was incredibly rewarding. Another memorable project was sewing stuffed lavender-scented hearts in various sizes and vibrant colours. We meticulously sewed them, filled them with soft stuffing and lavender seeds and then mounted them on painted white sticks. This became a special Mother's Day gift for my mum, who absolutely loved them! Sewing Club has not only helped me improve my sewing skills but has also given me a creative outlet and a sense of accomplishment. It has been a joy to create handmade items that I can be proud of. I would highly recommend Sewing Club to anyone who enjoys crafting or wants to learn a new skill in a friendly supportive environment. I look forward to continuing my sewing journey and





discovering new creative projects in the last few months I have left at Thundersley Primary School. Thank you very much Mrs. Watts and Nanny Annie!

### Youth Board

As you know, we mentioned our new Youth Board in last week's newsletter and they have now been putting into practice what they learnt at the Sports Partnership meeting by helping out with tennis activities here at Thundersley. Well done Ayah, Rosie-Belle, Ed and Lewis!



### 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 - Harper Hooper (Butterflies)  
Year 2 - Kyla O'Malley (Robins)

Well done to you both!

### Thunks

This week's Think is:-



What is intelligence?



### Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Lucas Gillett, Katie Allen and Harry Cecil

**Year 5:-** Skylar

**Year 4:-** Jake Clapton

**Year 3:-** Ollie Whitaker and Aiyan Miah

**Year 2:-** Jack Bush and Jared Nyama

**Year 1:-** Ronnie Toogood and Susie Pellett

**EYFS:-** Ziggy Wright-Martin and Annabelle Duggan



### Playground Stars of the Week

Bailey Paton, Jaxon Grange, Isaac Swaby, Oscar Wooden, Isaac Wood, Alfie Seymour, George Mataj, Kadey Laver, Maddison Wilson, Dylan Nunez, Elliott Harris, Teddy Terry, Max Jarvis and Rosie Selby

### House Point Scores

The House Point scores for the week are:-

Red Arrows	3036
Green Dragons	2852
Blue Dolphins	2840
Golden Eagles	2774



Well done again Red Arrows!

### Honesty is the best policy!

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

Eleanor Henry - Kestrels  
Annie Vine - Fireflies

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

### 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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.pennuk.com)

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

Telephone 01268 967542



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[www.daniellesshop.co.uk](http://www.daniellesshop.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 Big Egg Giveaway

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Easter Fun Day

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

