



# Newsletter No. 28

19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Parent/Carer,

We could not be more proud of our Year 6 children! Last week was the Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) which every school in England must administer and the children approached these with a wonderfully calm and positive attitude. Those of us who have been involved in these tests for years felt it was the best year ever for their approach and positive mental attitude. The week involves many staff from across the school supporting our children and I'd like to thank everyone and of course the wonderful Year 6 team for all they have done to prepare our children. Thanks too to Jane Bezdel for her support and Annette Page and Simon English, our super Governors, who supported invigilating during the week.

This week, thanks to our fantastic PTA, the Year 6 children are recording a leavers' song with a professional recording artist.

Our Bouncy Castle event on Thursday was a huge success, thanks to our PTA, staff and parents who helped. I am sure the children slept well that night.

This week, as you know, we have our May Day/VE Day festivities on Thursday. This is a highlight in our calendar and we'd love to see you there. There will be seating in our driveway in front of the Year 6 classes, so if you would like to sit, then please do queue at that gate prior to 9.45am.

Have a super week and relaxing half term when it comes. We return to school on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.

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

## Attendance

For the week ended 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 there were seven classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Chipmunks and Squirrels who both achieved 99%.

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	99.0%
Dragonflies	94.5%
Butterflies	97.3%
Rabbits	97.7%
Ladybirds	94.5%
Robins	98.7%
Fireflies	93.9%
Owls	97.9%
Bears	93.6%
Sparrows	94.7%
Ants	89.7%
Kestrels	91.7%
Badgers	94.6%
Otters	97.4%
Squirrels	99.0%
Whole School	95.6%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

**CHIPMUNKS & SQUIRRELS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

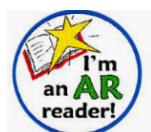
2024 - 2025 is:

**97%**

## Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025:-

This week:-



## Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 502,872  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sparrows - 488,855  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels - 438,993

## Quizzes Passed

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 32  
2<sup>nd</sup> Robins - 26  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sparrows - 21

Overall:-

## Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 16,830,905  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sparrows - 10,338,501  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels - 10,075,712

## Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 1,453  
2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 842  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fireflies - 764

We would like to congratulate Jeremy D'Aleo in Sparrows for becoming a Multi-millionaire Reader - well done Jeremy!

## Finals Day





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On Friday, we held our annual Finals Day event on the school field for all the children in KS2. As always on Finals Day, the sun shone and the scene was idyllic. All the children running in the sprints had shown they were super speedy in their PE lessons and they showed this again in front of the whole school. It was so wonderful to see the children cheering on all of the runners and after the sprint heats came the sprint finals with some truly remarkable performances. Following the sprints came the long distance races and the courage of the children was lovely to see. The greatest cheers of the day came for those who finished towards the back of their races demonstrating the Thundersley attitude that it is the effort that counts. The day was rounded off with the house point announcements and a huge congratulations go to the Golden Eagles who finished the morning victorious. Another fabulous example of the children at Thundersley 'being the best they can be'. Fritz Eyong (Otters) and Salem Mhembere (Owls) give their respective accounts of the event below:-

"On my first race I came 2<sup>nd</sup> and then on the sprint final I came 2<sup>nd</sup> again and then on the open race I came 17<sup>th</sup>. I was a little bit nervous but when they said "Go" I wasn't nervous at all, I was really happy. I got medals for the sprints. I felt really happy when I came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the sprints. I like running 100% and I really want to do the District Sports." (Fritz)

"It was good and when we went for the open race I was nervous and a little bit scared at the same time. When we started running I tried my best and tried to get in front of those in front of me. I managed to get in front of one person and

I came 5<sup>th</sup> place. I was very proud of myself and I enjoyed it." (Salem)

## Exciting News

We would like to share some exciting news with you about Sam Clark (Otters). Sam was recently selected to play basketball for the Essex County team! Sam went through two rounds of trials, during which he was assessed by five different basketball judges and scouts. Out of all the boys across Essex, only 15 were chosen and Sam was one of them. Sam tells of his experience below:-

"I am really excited to have been chosen to play basketball for Essex. I was very nervous because I had to go through two trials and get selected by five squad selectors. When I found out that I had got in, I was so unbelievably happy and I'm very excited to start my training at the weekend. I have an Inter County tournament in July which should be fun as this is the highest level that I've played at."

Well done Sam - what an incredible achievement. You should be very proud of yourself!



## Nuclear Races Congratulations



On Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025, a group of our Year 6 boys - Dexter White, Lincoln Bellinger, Sam Clark, Carter Broad, Bobby Pasterfield, Henry Frost, Chase Goodwin and Albert Longmore - attended the Nuclear Races to run the Rookies Mud Run and between them raised a whopping £500 for George's Windmills charity (a Benfleet-based charity close to Dexter White and his family's heart). Dexter gives an insight into the event below:-

"The mud run was really fun. We had to get through lots of different obstacles like the zip wire and a really big slide! I got super muddy and wet and we went around the course twice. When we finished, we got a medal each as well. I'm really proud of how much money we've raised for George's Windmills."

What a fantastic achievement boys! We're sure George's Windmills will be very pleased with the amount you have raised for them. It sounds like it was lots of fun too!

## 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.





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EYFS - Aurora Clark (Dragonflies)  
Year 1 - Olivia Lopes (Rabbits)  
Year 2 - Harley Rush (Ladybirds)

Well done to you all!

## Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Badgers, Otters & Squirrels

**Year 5:-** Ricky Van Der Fransen and Phoebe Barron

**Year 4:-** Daniel Arram and Eva-Mai Redmond

**Year 3:-** Oliver Weeden and Jaxon Bellinger

**Year 2:-** Lilly Morgan and Rosie Martin

**Year 1:-** Oliver Smith and Lacey Gibson

**EYFS:-** Albert Evers and Archie Rawles



## Playground Stars of the Week

Louise Martin, Dylan Williams, Louella Church, Ibrahim Sethi, James Painter, Tommy Pellett, Oliver Browning, Kyla O'Malley, Frank Mataj, Lily Burrill, Aaron Jenkins, Lizzie Hamilton and Devon Brown

## House Point Scores

The House Point scores for the week are:-

Red Arrows	4297
Blue Dolphins	3519
Golden Eagles	3410
Green Dragons	3226



Well done Red Arrows!

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

Alion Pjetra - Fireflies  
Jack Bush - Robins  
Henry Walters - Ants  
Isaac Wood - Ants  
Jenson Main - Ants  
Toby Sutherland - Ants

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

## Thunks

This week's Thunk is:-



If you could be an animal, which animal would you be?

## 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 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.

## Treetops this week:-

We aim to hear the children read every evening plus support them to complete their homework. This week our activities are based on May Day - word search, poetry, a craft activity making a 3D picture of a maypole as well as play opportunities on our outdoor play equipment.

## 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.danielllessshop.co.uk](http://www.danielllessshop.co.uk)

## PTA News

## Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

## Community News

## Transition Workshops

Kerry Williams and Jacky Wragg will again be running their transition workshops starting in June. Please see the attached flyers for how to book.

## Supporting a child with ADHD

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.







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## Mini Champs Academy – May Half Term 2025

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

## Essex Fire Museum Open Days

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Mega Camps – May & Summer Camps 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Barracudas

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## ACL – Supporting a Successful Secondary Transition

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## ACL – Help your child master their emotions

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Midweek Music

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

## Disability Football Festival

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

