



# Newsletter No. 31

16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Parent/Carer,

On Monday, the Choir performed beautifully at the Cliffs Pavilion with music throughout the 70s, 80s and 90s. It was fantastic! Thank you to Mrs. West and Mrs. Griffiths for preparing them so well.

A huge thanks to the PTA for running another very successful Present Palace on Friday. I know the children love the opportunity to choose their own pressies and hopefully there were lots of happy Dads/Grandads yesterday!

We are all looking forward to Sports Day on Thursday:-

EYFS/KS1 10am - 11.30am

KS2 1.30pm - 3.00pm.

The weather looks great so please ensure your child is wearing lots of sun screen, has a hat to wear and a water bottle to keep hydrated please. The children are on tip top form and we look forward to seeing you there.

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

## Attendance

For the week ended 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 there were two classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Ladybirds who achieved 99.3%.

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

**LADYBIRDS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2024 - 2025 is:

**97%**

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	96.5%
Dragonflies	95.7%
Butterflies	96.0%
Rabbits	95.3%
Ladybirds	99.3%
Robins	93.0%
Fireflies	96.8%
Owls	93.6%
Bears	97.4%
Sparrows	96.2%
Ants	95.0%
Kestrels	94.0%
Badgers	91.8%
Otters	96.8%
Squirrels	96.3%
Whole School	95.7%
Target	97.0%

## Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025:-

This week:-

## Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Ants - 873,194  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bears - 595,295  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sparrows - 572,926

## Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Owls - 56  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ladybirds - 40  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bears - 29

Overall:-

## Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 18,374,147  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sparrows - 12,131,919  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels - 11,051,016

## Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 1,536  
2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 951  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fireflies - 830

We would like to congratulate Skylar Angerstein (Kestrels) and Jared Nyama (Ladybirds) on becoming Millionaire Readers - well done to you both!

## SEESMA Music Festival at the Cliffs Pavilion

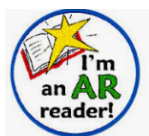


### Junior Music Festival

On Monday, our Choir participated in the SEESMA Music Festival at the Cliffs Pavilion

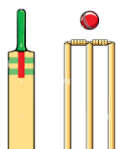
in front of a huge audience. The children had a great night and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The theme this year was 'retro' so whilst the children didn't know most of the songs before they learnt them, their parent and grandparents certainly did! Eleanor Henry (Kestrels) gives details of her experience below:-

"We've been practising for quite a while and then when we went there for the rehearsal we sat there and our teachers called us up onto the stage. There were loads of steps on the stage going up. We were on row 10 and 11. After the rehearsal we went home and then went to the Cliffs Pavilion with our parents. We had to go through the stage door and there were lots of balloons, banners and disco balls to show us where to go in. Once we got in there, the children all sat down and we all went onto the stage. Then all the parents started to come in. I had my mum, dad, sister, nan and grandad come to watch and I could see them in the audience. The conductor told us that there was going to be 1,325 people



watching which made me feel quite nervous! When we started I didn't feel nervous at all as I thought to myself that everyone would be watching their own kids so really I only had 5 people watching me. The theme was retro. At the beginning, everyone stood to sing the National Anthem and then our first song was Fame. At the end of Fame, everyone clapped and cheered. The songs were in blocks of three and at the end of each block an orchestra from a different school would play. We also sang I'm a Believer and at the end we sang it again and the conductor told the choir not to sing the second chorus so the audience could sing it on their own to see if they remembered the words. It sounded nice to hear all the parents singing. My favourite song was Rocking all over the World as we could do air guitar! It was my first time doing this at the Cliffs Pavilion and I thought it was a great experience and would love to do it again in Year 6. As soon as I came out of the Cliffs Pavilion at the end, all my family started giving me hugs and told me I was brilliant!"

## Cricket Competition



On Monday our Year 6 Cricket Team headed to John Burrows for the annual SSP Cricket Tournament.

The team had a great day and got better with every game they played. The boys managed to progress onto the third place play-off against Kent's Hill. A valiant effort from our side against a strong Kent's Hill team but we narrowly lost out on the bronze medal. Mr. Wilson is really proud of all the boys, as they had limited practise for the competition and they were fantastic! Well done to all involved, a superb effort! Ed Potts (Otters) tells of his experience below:-

"We got there and had a practice doing bowling and batting. Then we had our first game against Robert Drake which we lost. Then we had a little break and watched the other games and then played our second game against Grove which we

won! We won our next two games and then we waited to see where we came in the group and we came second and got through to the third/fourth playoffs and played Kent's Hill. It was close but we lost so we came fourth overall. I enjoyed bowling the most. I thought we all did really well considering that none of us really play cricket outside of school. I really enjoyed the day and I'd really like to play it in Secondary School."

## Year 1 Local History and Geography Visit



Year 1 had an exciting local walk this week as part of their history and geography topics. A local historian devised the walk with Anna Wilson,

the local Community Kindness Coach, to introduce the children to the wonders on our doorstep. Michael Woodhouse introduced the children to the change in land use right from the start. The shops used to be a duck pond! The children also used their map skills to follow the route with key stopping points along the way. The children were amazed to learn that Thundersley Primary School was originally further along Hart Road a century ago. We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful community. Evie Barfoot (Butterflies) and Rey Froud (Rabbits) give details below of their exciting visit:-



"We walked with our talk partners and mine was Phoebe. We went to a house that had been there for a hundred years.



After that we went to find a big water tower where they get the water to the houses. Then we went on a walk to the nature woods and we had to do a listening activity where we had to listen to see what we could hear. I heard a bird tweeting and I could hear some flies buzzing. The last activity was where we had to look with our partners for a blackbird, butterfly, a squirrel, an oak tree leaf and we had to find acorns but we couldn't find any. We found a butterfly, a squirrel, a blackbird and an oak tree leaf. I thought how we could help the nature by not putting rubbish on the floor. I enjoyed going out because we got to see loads of things which were pretty but it was sad because there was a poster about a lost cat." (Evie Barfoot)

"We went to see the water tower. We saw the Covid Snake which was lots of pebbles. We listened to the sounds we could hear. I heard some doggies and some birds. At the end, we had an activity and we had to find a butterfly, an oak leaf, an acorn and a squirrel and we found them all. It was fun and I liked it." (Rey Froud)

## Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Isaac Swaby, Jimmy Hunter and Oscar Gladwin

**Year 5:-** Isaac Wood and Finley Barber

**Year 4:-** Norman Wheeler and Albie Clark

**Year 3:-** Kadey Laver and Sophia Jarvis

**Year 2:-** Rosie Hogsden and Gracie Mann

**Year 1:-** Rabbits' and Butterflies' classes

**EYFS:-** Adam Sethi and Hallie Hawkins





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## Playground Stars of the Week

Lina Pur, Chase Goodwin, Sam Clark, Quinn Godfrey, Alisia Pjetra, Evelyn Deal, Briar Bilkey, Ava Gladwin, Ferne Bradley, Arthur Willers, Lilly Hawker, Keziah Playle, Thomas Warren, Rosie Selby and Grace Grocott

## House Point Scores

The House Point scores for the week are:-

Red Arrows	3398
Blue Dolphins	2929
Green Dragons	2300
Golden Eagles	2150



Well done Red Arrows!

## Numbots Certificates

Well done to all children in EYFS and Year



1 that have used NumBots to help support their fluency in Maths. Certificates were given during Celebration Assembly. Please note that Year 2 no longer participate in NumBots as they are doing Rockstars. The following children were our NumBot superstars this week.

EYFS - A child in Dragonflies  
Year 1 - George McGavigan (Butterflies)

Well done to you both!

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

Annie Vine (Fireflies)

Daisy Avison (Ants)  
Mrs. Dorling (Office)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

## Thunks

This week's Thunk is:-



What would you like to do as a job when you are older? Can you explain 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 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:-

This week, as well as our usual use of the outside space, we will have activities available based around the Summer Solstice.

## 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

The next PTA meeting is on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in the White Hart at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

### Bouncy Castle

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bouncy Castle event recently - we managed to raise the magnificent sum of **£1,269.31** profit.

## Community News

### Summer Soccer Schools

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Essex Fire Museum Open Day - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### The Hang Out Venue Southend

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.





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## School Calendar – Dates

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

## Future Term Dates

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

