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Parent/Carer,

Welcome back - I hope your half term break was restful.

What a joyful time we had celebrating May Day and VE Day in school! The playground was alive with colour, music, and the sound of laughter as children performed their May Day dances with enthusiasm and energy. It was truly heart-warming to see staff, parents, and children all joining together to enjoy the festivities. These special days remind us of the power of community, tradition, and shared celebration—thank you to everyone who helped make it so memorable!

Our Isle of Wight adventurers set off early this morning excited and raring to go. They are going to have a wonderful time - and Mr Mackay says it never rains on the Island, so they will have great weather!

Prior to the half term holiday, those parents who have 20 minute Structured Conversation meetings will have received an email to book their appointment. Parents/Carers of all other children will receive an email today, detailing how to book a 10 minute appointment for the summer Parent/Carer Consultations. Appointments can be made for these from 6.00pm tomorrow, 3rd June 2025.

Have a wonderful week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 23rd May 2025 there were three classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Ladybirds who achieved 98.4%.

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	97.3%
Dragonflies	88.6%
Butterflies	92.7%
Rabbits	96.7%
Ladybirds	98.4%
Robins	89.7%
Fireflies	96.1%
Owls	97.0%
Bears	91.9%
Sparrows	91.7%
Ants	88.7%
Kestrels	94.7%
Badgers	89.6%
Otters	87.4%
Squirrels	96.7%
Whole School	93.2%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

LADYBIRDS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

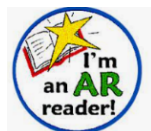
2024 - 2025 is:

97%

Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 23rd May 2025:-

This week:-



Word Count

1st Owls - 663,736
2nd Ants - 654,271
3rd Sparrows - 562,333

Quizzes Passed

1st Ladybirds - 45
2nd Owls - 35
3rd Bears - 26

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Bears - 17,343,221
2nd Sparrows - 10,877,298
3rd Kestrels - 10,574,948

Quizzes

1st Bears - 1,479
2nd Owls - 877
3rd Fireflies - 789

EYFS visit to Barleylands



On Wednesday, 21st May 2025, EYFS visited

Barleylands for a 'Hungry Caterpillar' experience as part of their growing topic.

'We are used to hungry animals on the Farm, but none as hungry as the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Eric Carl's classic story came to life at Barleylands, where children had the opportunity to follow the caterpillar trail, learn about the different foods grown on the farm, and find evidence in our polytunnel that he was DEFINITELY there! The children explored the importance of a healthy balanced diet and eating a rainbow of food (that caterpillar knew what he was doing). The children made a layered rainbow salad of fruit and vegetables which they took home to enjoy. The children also enjoyed a tractor ride around the farm and visited some of the animals.'

Emilia Larbey (Chipmunks) and Phoenix Teanby (Dragonflies) share their respective experiences below:-

"We went on a coach and it was so good as I got to sit next to Maisie and she was my partner. We got to feed the animals and we got to make a salad. We used apples,





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bananas, strawberries, tomatoes and some vegetables. It tasted really good. My favourite were the tomatoes. We got to stroke some goats. They were really soft. We got to have lunch there and had a picnic. We went on a tractor and the bumpy bits were the funniest thing. We saw a small owl called Rosie. There was a bat in a room which had a red light on in there which kept it nice and warm. It flew around the room and then went back into the corner. Barleylands was so fun and I didn't want to leave. (Emilia Larbey)

"I went on the coach which was so fun and I stroked the baby lambs and goats. I felt the animals. They were so soft. I went on a tractor ride and saw the mini golf. I love mini golf. We didn't feed the pigs. I loved going to Barleylands because I stroked the baby goats. (Phoenix Teanby)

May Day/VE Day Celebrations

On Thursday, 22nd May 2025, we celebrated our annual May Day and the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. The playground had been decorated and the children asked to wear red, white and blue apart from EYFS who wore checked shirts and jeans for their Cotton Eyed Joe dance and Year 1 who dressed as pirates for their Portside Pirates dance. The day started off with the Royal Procession around the playground and this year, the May Day Court were:-

May King - Lucas Gillett
May Queen - Rosie-Belle Horsman
Year 6 Prince - Isaac Swaby
Year 6 Princess - Katie Allen
Year 2 Princes - Wyatt Beachcroft & Harley Rush
Year 2 Princesses - Evelyn Muir & Ruby Molloy

After the procession, the May Day Court took to their 'thrones' and Mrs. Pullinger, who retired from Thundersley last year, crowned the May King and Queen. Then onto the dancing with our little ones dancing to Cotton Eyed Joe and our



oldest children dancing around the Maypole with all year groups dancing in between. To round off the morning, Miss Dawson gave a short speech and then the May Day Court had one last procession around the playground to lots of applause and cheers from the children and spectators alike. What a fabulous traditional morning once again!

Lucas and Rosie-Belle give details of how they were chosen to be King and Queen and what they felt on the day below:-

"My friends voted for me and I felt very happy and excited. My parents didn't know until I told them and they asked how I was chosen so they were very happy. I felt very nervous on the day because I hadn't done it before but very happy because I got to do it with Isaac. I wore a suit with a tie and flowers on the collar. When I was walking around it was nerve-wracking because I didn't know what I was doing. I enjoyed clapping along and listening to the music and the seats were comfy!" (Lucas)

"In class we were given tiny slips to vote for who would be May Day King and Queen and I luckily had the most votes. I was very surprised and did not see it coming as I couldn't imagine being picked. My mum and dad always said when I was in Year 2 that they would have loved for me to be Queen. When the day finally came, I was very nervous. Katie and I had to get changed in Otters until it was time to walk out. I was wearing a white, long dress with a bow on the back with a criss cross pattern. It was a really fun and a lovely experience." (Rosie-Belle)





Year 6 Music Workshop

The Year 6 classes recently enjoyed a fun, and exciting opportunity to work with Nathan Timothy from the Songwriting Charity. During this inspiring experience, the children worked in small groups to compose different parts of an original song, including writing lyrics, creating percussion rhythms, recording vocals, and developing backing tracks. Nathan then brought all the group contributions together to produce one incredible, collaborative piece of music. The atmosphere was buzzing with creativity and teamwork, and the children were thrilled to see how their individual efforts came together to form a finished song. It was a memorable and uplifting experience for everyone involved. We can't wait to be able to access the final song!



Half Term Hike!

We would like to congratulate Ethan Fitzmaurice (Ants) who visited North Wales in half term and hiked to the top of Snowdon. Ethan and his family hiked up and down the



mountain and Ethan did really well overcoming a part where he wasn't sure if he could do it. As you can see from the photo of Ethan and his brother Finley, it was very wet and foggy so the conditions were quite hard to walk in too. Ethan was very proud of himself once he had finished it!

Well done Ethan - that's a great achievement and lots of family memories made!

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 - Amelie D'Aleo (Chipmunks)
Year 1 - Phoebe Burns (Butterflies)
Year 2 - Francesca Podolska-Prince (Ladybirds)

Well done to you all!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Otters Class, Alyssa Gay and Ava Nery
Year 5:- Ella McGeown and Ricky Van Der Fransen
Year 4:- Harry Hills, Ibrahim Sethi and George Dulieu





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Year 3:- Layla-Star Wright-Martin and Salem Mhembere

Year 2:- Isla Jackson and Mila Balci

Year 1:- Rebecca Major and Ethan Archer

EYFS:- Chipmunks Class and Dragonflies Class

Playground Stars of the Week

Jayden Carrington, Lincoln Bellingier, Isla-Rose Frimley, Saskia Lawledge-Scott, Henry Hogsden, Snow Peacock, Charlie Baker, David Cater, Perla Puckey, Cody Kemp, Aurora Curnock, Summer Barber, Beau Taylor, Elizabeth White and Franky Peryer

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Salem Mhembere - Owls
Mason Major - Bears
Jeremy D'Aleo - Sparrows
Alex Muir - Bears
Alion Pjetra - Fireflies

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Thunks

This week's Think is:-



What is your favourite season 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 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 at Treetops, as well as playing on the field and the climbing equipment, we are looking at planting and growing. The children will have the opportunity to plant some cress seeds which, once grown, will be able to add to their Treetops' snack. There will also be the chance to create their own picture of a flower using a template to allow them to develop cutting skills and a word search based on gardening.

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.danielllessshop.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

Community News

ACL Free Courses

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

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

