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Parent/Carer,

Attendance figures:-



Our Year 4 and Year 6 Quad Kids Athletics teams both achieved GOLD medals last week in the event -

wonderful news which now sees the older team represent us at the County finals in July. As always, the children were good sports and showed tremendous determination and resilience. Traits which were also shown by all of our children at our Sports Day events on Thursday. I was blown away by the effort I saw both in the morning and afternoon, especially in the heat. Our Year 6 Sports Ambassadors did a brilliant job in the afternoon and Mr Jetten, our volunteers and all staff put on a terrific day. We have had so many emails complimenting us on the day - you can't imagine what a boost that gives everyone, so thank you for that.

This week, many of our Year 6 children are beginning their visits to Senior Schools - we know they will have a super time and be great ambassadors for Thundersley. We are also welcoming our new intake for EYFS, who we are very excited to be meeting.

Have a super week and if we haven't seen you already, I look forward to seeing you at the Parent/Carer Consultations on Thursday.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 20th June 2025 there were seven classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Sparrows 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.

Class	Week
Chipmunks	94.2%
Dragonflies	97.6%
Butterflies	97.7%
Rabbits	94.7%
Ladybirds	97.0%
Robins	98.7%
Fireflies	99.0%
Owls	92.4%
Bears	97.4%
Sparrows	99.3%
Ants	94.3%
Kestrels	96.3%
Badgers	94.0%
Otters	95.2%
Squirrels	96.0%
Whole School	962.%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

SPARROWS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

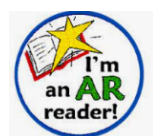
2024 - 2025 is:

97%

Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 20th June 2025:-

This week:-



Word Count

1st Otters - 524,632
2nd Bears - 492,125
3rd Sparrows - 468,451

Quizzes

1st Fireflies - 34
2nd Robins - 32
3rd Sparrows - 468,451

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Bears - 18,836,263
2nd Kestrels - 13,036,132
3rd Sparrows - 12,703,950

Quizzes

1st Bears - 1,555
2nd Owls - 975
3rd Fireflies - 864

We would like to congratulate the following children who have become multi-millionaires:-

Oliver Rees (Bears) - 2 million

Griffin Gibson (Kestrels) - 2 million

Charlie Baker (Sparrows) - 2 million

Henry Walters (Ants) - 3 million

Brayden Nyama (Owls) - 4 million

Well done to you all!

Quad Kids Athletics Competition



Gold medals glinted in the sunshine at Deanes last week as Thundersley Primary





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School finished as double winners in the district Quad Kids Athletics competition. Quad Kids is designed to develop all-round athletics skills as each competitor is scored in 4 disciplines: a jump, throw, sprint and long distance run. 4 boys and girls from Year 4 and Year 6 had been selected after trials in PE lessons and then undertook extra training at school. The great effort clearly paid off as the children did themselves and the school proud and Mr Wilson and Mr Yorston were delighted with the extraordinary effort that they put in on the day to beat personal bests and raise their performances for the team. Well done to all involved. Bobby Foster-Pasterfield (Badgers) and Lola Duffield (Sparrows) give their respective accounts of the competition below:-

"When we arrived at Deanes, we went straight into the competition and the Year 6s started with the long jump. They ordered it in schools and each child would jump, go back to the line of their school, until every child had jumped three times. My best jump was 1.82mtrs. The next event Year 6 did was the 600m middle distance run which I found the hardest because I had to pace myself so that I didn't run out of breath but still had to be fast enough to get a good time. I came 1st and I was really happy with myself as it was a personal best. We had lunch next and then the Year 6s did throwing and I didn't beat my personal best but I did get a good score. The final event we did was the sprinting. I came 2nd in that. At the end we all waited for the results and it was announced that the Year 4 team came 1st as well as the Year 6 team. We were all really happy but we tried not to show it as we didn't want to upset the other schools. We went up to the desk and collected our gold medals and I was chosen to collect the trophy as well. After the announcements we took a school photo to show how well we had done. The whole competition was really fun as it was chilled out and it wasn't like the indoor athletics where there were ten schools. My favourite event was probably the long distance running because I never really did it, I always did sprinting so it was

quite nice to have the opportunity to compete in the long distance. When I go to my Secondary School, which is King John, I hope that I will do as well in the competitions there as I have done at this school." (Bobby)

"At first we arrived and we had a snack and lots of water so we didn't get dehydrated. Then we headed over to the first event for Year 4 which was the long distance. I had to run 400m and it was very fun and it was all about the timing not what I got placed as. Then we had to go to the long jump which was our second event and all the other schools were sitting there waiting. It was very fun. It was one of my favourite events and it was not about how high you jumped but the distance of it. I jumped 1.81m first, my second one was 1.96m and my third one was 1.97m. Then we headed over to the shade by the tree to have a little chat and tell each other how much we enjoyed it. We also had our lunch and a drink and we drank a lot of water. After that we headed over to our third event which was the short distance. We had to run 200m and I came third overall in my group. Last but not least, we did the relay which I came third in but it was all about having fun and it wasn't about who won and who lost. At the end, we were waiting and sitting with our whole school to hear the results of who had won and who had lost. Then we found out that Year 4 had won 1st place. Everyone was cheering and as the schools were leaving they were saying well done and we were saying it back. I felt very happy for myself that we had accomplished it and I had got a gold medal. I enjoyed the whole thing and I would love to carry on doing athletics and more sports events." (Lola)

Sports Day



children who came out full of energy and

On Thursday it was time for our annual Sports Day. As always, the children were very excited and we kicked off with the EYFS/KS1

enthusiasm. They rotated through all sorts of activities showing off many different skills and a great deal of teamwork and resilience. The morning session finished with some team relays with the children running confidently and very speedily. Next was the turn of the KS2 children who competed fantastically and there were smiling faces all round as they rotated through their carousel of events. The water station proved to be a big hit in the heat and it was hard to tell who was wetter, the children or the staff! This also finished with the team relays and there were some truly incredible running performances with a back drop of cheering adults. The day finished with the house point results - Blue Dolphins being the winners! Lincoln Bellinger (Squirrels) and Eli Waiwaiku (Dragonflies) tell of their respective Sports Day experiences below:-

"Our first activity was a cricket activity where we had bowl the ball onto the stump. If we hit it, it was worth one point and if we missed we had to pick the ball up and go to the back of the line. We then had a break. After that we went onto a sprinting activity where we had to race against 3 others from different house groups. I won one and came second in the other. Then it was throwing a howler. Every cone was spaced at 5m, 10m etc. and we had to throw it to see how far we got. I threw it either 15m or 20m - it looked quite a long way. The next activity was running to a bucket with water in and collecting water in a cup and then running back to another bucket and pouring it in. The children with the most water in their bucket at the end won. Miss Dawson and Miss Budden were trying to make us spill the water and cool us off by squirting water at us. It was quite nice as it cooled us down. The next activity was lacrosse where we had to get the ball into the goal using a lacrosse stick. I managed to score 5. Then we had another break. Then we had a netball activity where we had to shoot. I managed to get 3 in. Then we had an egg and spoon race. We had a squidgy foam egg on a spoon and had to weave in and out of some poles. If we dropped it we had to stand still and put it back on the spoon which slowed us down. Our final activity was an





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obstacle course. I liked doing the sprinting activity the best because I just love sprinting. At the end, the House Team results were given and Blue Dolphins won. As House Captain I picked up the trophy. This is my last Sports Day at Thundersley and it will be one I remember!" (Lincoln)

"For Sports Day I did a football thing and I did a cup race and I did an egg race. I did a jumping thing and had to jump over yellow bars. I did a ball race and I had to balance it on something and I had to go under the parachute. Someone in Chipmunks passed me the baton and I had to run to the next person and I had to give them the baton. I liked the football one the best. I thought it was good. I watched my brother do his when I was 4 as I couldn't do it as I wasn't at school." (Eli)

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Liam Seymour, Lara Pur and Henry Frost

Year 5:- Ella Abbott and Willow Leer

Year 4:- Oliver Giles and Jack Wiggington

Year 3:- Tommy Pellett and Ramsey Wheeler

Year 2:- Ronald Hartman and Henry Thorne

Year 1:- Nancy Walters and Evelyn Barfoot

EYFS:- Carter Su and Leo Watts



Playground Stars of the Week

Grace Bowman, Leon, Archie Alsop, Rosie Mann, Olivia Oswald, Alfie Seymour, Louie Seymour, Sophia Hawkins, Joshua Arram, Isla Lake, Jake Sewell, Martin McCarthy, George McGavigan, Dragonflies' Class and Eloise Bennett

House Point Scores

The House Point scores for the week are:-

Red Arrows	4455
Blue Dolphins	4184
Golden Eagles	3179
Green Dragons	3107



Well done Red again 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 - Henry Benson (Chipmunks)

Year 1 - Avery-Bleu Dolan (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.

Edward Payne - Ants

Well done - you should be very proud of yourself!

Thunks

This week's Thunk is:-



If you could only have one of these, what would you choose - fame or friends? 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 will mainly be spent outside enjoying the lovely weather but there will also be activities available relating to the summer and Armed Forces Day, which is at the weekend.

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





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www.pennuk.com

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

Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellessshop.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

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

Fathers' Day Present Palace

Thank you to everyone who supported this
event. We made **£656.79** profit for
school funds!

Community News

Girls' 4 Football

Please find attached a flyer in respect of
the above.

Play Football Juniors

Please find attached a flyer in respect of
the above.

The Deanes School Holiday Camps – Summer 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of
the above.

Light Up The Night – Havens Hospices

Please find attached a flyer in respect of
the above.

School Calendar – Dates

[https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/
web/home/86964](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

