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Parent/Carer,

Only two weeks to go and still so much to do!

It is at this time of year that we send out a survey to ask for your views on how we are doing, so please do look out for an email about that.

Last week, we had a visit from one of our Trustees, Yvonne Hunter, who was talking to staff and children about what we have developing this year. She was very impressed with the groups of children she talked to, who were eloquent and confident in speaking. This echoes what other Governors and Trustees have said in visits this year. Our Trustees and Governors are volunteers who do a terrific job of keeping us on track as a school, acting as critical friends, holding us to account for making sure we create the environment where the children can be the best the best they can be - and for that we very grateful.

Last week, our swimmers came 3rd overall in the Swimming Gala and came home clanking with individual medals. They loved the competition and showed great resilience and competitive spirit. We were honoured to have The Mayor of Castle Point in attendance at all three Galas and he gave out hundreds of medals! The Gala is run by a group of volunteers under the leadership of Cheryl Ellis, who run a swim school at Runnymede. They do a great job and I'd like to publicly thank them.

As our Year 6 Quad Kids' team came away with the gold medal in the local competition recently, last week, they took part in the County Finals! They did a brilliant job! Well done all.

Please also keep reading with your child - every read counts and builds fluency, stamina and comprehension.

Another busy week, so keep your eye on the calendar.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 4th July 2025 there were seven classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Robins who 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	98.7%
Dragonflies	97.9%
Butterflies	92.0%
Rabbits	98.7%
Ladybirds	97.3%
Robins	99.0%
Fireflies	98.7%
Owls	97.0%
Bears	96.8%
Sparrows	93.1%
Ants	94.0%
Kestrels	95.3%
Badgers	91.1%
Otters	91.9%
Squirrels	92.0%
Whole School	95.6%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

ROBINS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2024 - 2025 is:

97%

Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 4th July 2025:-

This week:-

Word Count

1st Bears -1,118,367
2nd Fireflies - 584,064
3rd Sparrows - 488,483

Quizzes

1st Ladybirds - 94
2nd Bears - 51
3rd Owls - 34

Overall:-

Word Count

1st Bears - 21,022,371
2nd Kestrels - 13,552,408
3rd Sparrows - 13,229,503

Quizzes

1st Bears - 1,650
2nd Owls - 1,021
3rd Fireflies - 900

We would like to congratulate the following children who have become millionaire readers:-

Archie Whitaker - Fireflies
Ollie Whitaker - Fireflies

Well done to you both!

Quad Kids





After winning the District competition, Thundersley took a team of 4 boys and 4 girls to the Essex Summer Games to compete against 12 schools from across the county. Over the course of

the day each child sprinted, threw howlers, long-jumped and then ran long distance against the best primary athletes in their age category. The standard was incredibly high and all the children stepped up and gave their best, especially in the final 600m race. They finished 11th overall and had a great day, encouraging and supporting each other all the way to the end. They even had a quick lesson in DJ-ing during a break between events! Up next - District Sports!

Freddy Peryer (Otters) gives his account of the event below:-



"We got the minibus to Basildon Sporting Village. When we got there we started doing a few stretches to warm us up then before we knew it we were already taking part in the sprints. It was very



competitive as it was County Finals. Next we went back into the stands and we had a little snack before we went off to do some throwing. All our throws went very far. Then almost

straight away we went to do some standing long jump. My best jump was 1.77mtrs. Then we went back up to the stands to have some lunch. This was the point everyone was waiting for as it was the last event and the hardest - the 600m. It was super competitive with some brilliant runners from other schools. At the end we had our presentation of where everyone had come. Out of twelve schools Thundersley came 11th. Despite the disappointment, Mr. Yorston was very proud of us. Everyone did so well and it was a brilliant day out!"

Swimming Gala



Also on Wednesday last week, a group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 accompanied Miss Dawson, Mr. Jetten and Mrs. Allen to the Swimming Gala at Runnymede. The children came third overall and Felicity Warren (Bears) tells of exciting morning below:-

"When we got to the Swimming Gala we had to get changed quite quickly and then we had to take our yellow PE top, yellow hat, our towels and our goggles to the poolside. Then we all got in for a warm up in the pool. After that they started the first races. I was in the Year 4 front crawl girls and the cannon relay. For the front crawl I felt nervous because it was my first time. When they told us to get in, I slid into the pool and got ready to do a push and glide. When I heard the beep the race had started and then I was off! As I was swimming down I could hear everyone cheering for me and it made me feel happy and want to go faster. When the race was finished, I was told I had got 1st place. I felt very happy. When I got

to the cannon I was in the shallow end and



Hermione was going to swim down to me. Then when she arrived at the wall I swam on my front. Once I touched the wall at the other end, a Year 5 went. Then I stayed in the pool for a little bit and then I went and sat down so I could find out where we came. I got a 1st place gold medal in my front crawl race and I got a bronze medal for the cannon race. I felt very proud. It was very intriguing to find out where we placed as a school. We placed 3rd overall. We all cheered for the 1st place winners. After the Swimming Gala had ended Miss Dawson gave me a note saying I had been invited to try for the swim team at Runnymede. That made me feel extra proud of myself for getting two medals and being asked to try out for the swim squad. I really enjoyed my first swimming gala and I'm happy to see if I can go again next year."

Tri Sport - Congratulations



We would like to congratulate Ruby Moorcraft and Leo Jackson (both in Bears) who participated in a Tri Sport 'try a triathlon' event on

Sunday, 29th June 2025. The children heard about the event and decided that they would like to give it a go. They had to do a 50m swim, 5km cycle and a 1km run. It was an extremely well attended event and they both thoroughly enjoyed the experience, despite it being so hot! They



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are looking forward to doing it again next time.

Well done Ruby and Leo, a fabulous achievement!

Star Swimmer of the Month

We would like to congratulate Cody Kemp on being awarded 'Star Swimmer of the Month'. Cody has swimming lessons at Runnymede pool every Friday. Cody was very excited to be awarded 'Star Swimmer of the Month' and was grateful, surprised and very proud of himself. The award is given for regular attendance, working hard each week and making progress.



Well done Cody, a great achievement!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Grace Bowman, Thomas Harvey and Fadil Ebony

Year 5:- Isobel Hawkins and Phoebe Barron

Year 4:- Emily Clayton, Mason Wheeler and Albert O'Connell

Year 3:- Vanesa Lukoseviciute and Perla Puckey

Year 2:- Jake Williams and Jake Sewell

Year 1:- Charlotte Morris and Amelia Betts

EYFS:- Luci Gardiner and Amelie D'Aleo



Playground Stars of the Week

Paighton Brown, Otters' Class, Ava Nery, Harley Punt, Ella McGeown, Bella-Nicole Arscott, Eva-Mei Redmond, Toby Keeler, Preston Hooper, Olivia-Grace Nevill, Eli Swaby, Arthur Lloyd, Hudson Barber, Dragonflies' Class and Alberts Evers

House Point Scores

The House Point scores for the week are:-

Golden Eagles	3471
Blue Dolphins	3437
Red Arrows	2603
Green Dragons	2052



Well done Golden Eagles!

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 - Amelie D'Aleo (Chipmunks)
Year 1 - Oliver Sylvester (Rabbits)

Well done to you both!

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Quinn Godfrey (Ants)
Frankie Greig (Owls)
Evelyn Deal (Sparrows)
Taylor Dwyer-St.-Pier (Sparrows)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Thanks

This week's Thank is:-



What is Art?

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:-

As usual, we will continue to be outside in the glorious sunshine and this week will be enjoying a picnic to celebrate Teddy Bear's Picnic Day which is on Thursday.

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.





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Telephone:- 01268 751724

www.pennuk.com

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

Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.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!

Camp Out

Thank you to everyone who supported the Camp Out at the end of June - we raised an amazing £1,086.62 profit!

Community News

Family Fun Day - Children's Hearts UK

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Mini Champs Academy

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Summer Music Workshops in Basildon

Essex Music Service will be running exciting taster workshops in **DJ-ing, song writing** and **Rock band** at Basildon ACL on Thursday, 14 August 2025. Nicola Collis will help students to develop their song-writing ideas, Kingsley Omokhuale will share his DJ techniques and James Free will create Rock Bands from Scratch! 7-11 year olds can sample all 3 in a carousel style workshop in the morning and in the afternoon, 11-16 year olds can specialise in one of the areas for an in-depth workshop.

To find out more about these workshops, please go to:

<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1850#/course/580/0/0/16>

Please note that discounts are available for families on a low income:

<https://www.essexmusicservice.org.uk/site/schools/resources/financial-assistance/>

Clarks Back to School - Rayleigh

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

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

