



# Newsletter No. 35

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## What a week!

What a week it was last week!

Year 3 loved their trip to Southend and the yummy ice creams provided by our wonderful PTA; EYFS and Year 2 loved their parents joining them for their parental involvement sessions; we received the Year 6 SATs results, which were fantastic; we won the District Sports; and the gorgeous penguins, which the Lake family sponsored for Year 2, were spotted in Leigh-On-Sea Baptist Church.

And the events just keep coming - today, the Year 4 children visited St. Peter's Church with our lovely Mrs Kersey, who will be ordained Deacon there soon, and Year 5 went to see their friends in the dress rehearsal of their production, ready to wow their parents on Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

This week, you will receive your child's end of year data report and an attendance report.

Finally, we have our 'Dreams' Day on Thursday to raise money in Lola and Freddie's names for Great Ormond Street Hospital and Golden Geese. On that day, the children are free to dress to express - whether they choose the pyjama-style dream theme, represent their future dreams in their outfit, or simply choose to come in clothes they feel comfortable in. All options are fine - full costumes are not necessary. A truly lovely idea, initiated by our super School Council, for a wonderful cause and to celebrate two extremely brave children.

## Goodbye



As you know, we are saying a fond farewell to a number of our wonderful staff - Mrs Griffiths, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs Rayment and Mrs Baldock. Each of them has 'given their all' to our fabulous Thundersley

children and will be sadly missed. We wish them all luck!

On Friday, we will wish a fond farewell to our fabulous Year 6 children - Badgers, Squirrels and Otters. Watching them grow together and become the people they are today has been humbling. This group of children has shown amazing strength of character, great determination, self-belief and resilience. They are truly ready for Senior School - and the various schools they are moving to are really lucky to be having them. We will be sending them off on their way at 3.25pm on the front playground on Friday and would love Year 6 parents/carers to join us. We will send them off in the order: Squirrels, Otters, Badgers, so if parents can make way for each other to take photos, we'd be most grateful.

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to our TPS Governors and ROBUS Trustees.



They give so generously of their time and take on the huge responsibility of making sure that all of us in the schools are doing our absolute best for the children. TPS and ROBUS would not be as successful without these fantastic members of our community.

To our fantastic PTA - THANK YOU! Despite your small numbers, you do the most fantastic job of raising much-needed funds for the school, as well as providing some wonderful community events. These are never taken for granted and are very much appreciated. Thank you in particular to Mrs Clark, Mrs Tuckwell and Ms Henry, whose children are leaving us this year and who will be stepping down - you have done the most amazing job over the years. Please do contact the PTA or the school if you are interested in seeing children smiling and happy! It would be super to have a parent from each class as a representative.

A huge thank you to all parents/carers and grandparents who play such an important role in our school. You are a vital part of all

we do, and your children's success is due to the partnership we have together. We do not take this for granted and your support is very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to say a personal thank you to every member of staff. Our school is blessed with the most wonderful team, each and every one of whom goes the extra mile every day to give our children amazing experiences and support them to 'be the best they can be'. Thank you.

Have a wonderful, safe holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday, 2nd September 2025.**

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

## Attendance

For the week ended 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 there were 7 classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Bears who achieved 100%. They will be looking after Attendance Ted this week.



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

**BEARS**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2022 - 2023 is:

**97%**





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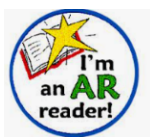
Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	97.4%
Dragonflies	95.2%
Butterflies	94.0%
Rabbits	97.7%
Ladybirds	96.0%
Robins	92.7%
Fireflies	97.1%
Owls	97.0%
Bears	100%
Sparrows	98.6%
Ants	95.7%
Kestrels	94.7%
Badgers	91.1%
Otters	95.8%
Squirrels	99.7%
Whole School	96.2%
Target	97.0%

## Accelerated Reader

For the week ended 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025:-

This week:-



## Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Ants - 712,447  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sparrows - 599,864  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bears - 582,235

## Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Ladybirds - 65  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bears - 29  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ants - 26

Overall:-

## Word Count

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 21,550,315  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sparrows - 13,785,655  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kestrels - 13,767,513

## Quizzes

1<sup>st</sup> Bears - 1,678  
2<sup>nd</sup> Owls - 1,035  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fireflies - 915

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

### 1 Million

Saskia Lawledge-Scott (Ants)  
Stanley Evers - Kestrels  
Emily Duggan - Bears

### 2 Million

Henry Grover (Ants)

### 3 Million

Feleicity Warren - Bears  
Jeremy D'Aleo - Sparrows

Well done to you all!

## Uniform

Please note that from September the children are required to wear the winter uniform as detailed below:-

**EYFS:-** White Polo shirt, grey trousers/skirt, grey sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo and black shoes.

**EYFS PE kit:-** Yellow t-shirt with school logo, black shorts and plimsolls (optional plain coloured tracksuit for outside PE).

**KS1:-** White Polo shirt/white shirt (tie optional), grey trousers/skirt, grey sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo and black shoes.

**KS2:-** White shirt, tie, grey trousers/skirt, grey sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo and black shoes.

**KS1/KS2 PE kit:-** Yellow t-shirt with school logo, black shorts and trainers (optional plain coloured tracksuit for outside PE).

Please note that all clothing should be clearly labelled and long hair must be tied back at all times. **Earrings must be removed for P.E. and Swimming (we kindly request that if your child is going to have their ears pierced, they do so**

at the beginning of the summer break in order that they can participate in P.E. and Swimming on their return to school in September). Thank you.

## Waddle on Sea - Penguins

Year 2 have been excited to take part in the Waddle on Sea project this term! As part of the initiative, every child designed their own penguin, with two winning designs—by Dylan Nunez and Rosie Spears—selected to represent the year group. Thanks to the generous donation from Mrs Lake and her family, each Year 2 class received a penguin to decorate, bringing the children's creativity to life. Families can now follow the journey of their class penguins using the Waddle on Sea app—see where they waddle off to next!



## EYFS Parent/Carer Involvement Session



On Tuesday and Thursday, the EYFS parents came for their Parent/Carer Involvement session in respect of the little ones transitioning into Year 1. The children made and decorated crab shells as part of their topic work on 'A house for hermit crab' by Eric Carle. Max Jarvis







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(Dragonflies) and Annabelle Duggan (Chipmunks) tell of their sessions below:-

"We had to cut a star fish out and we had to put our shells on. We had to put a memory on the shell. Mine was Sports Day. We had to cut a snail out. We had to use sticky prints to stick them on our shells. We had to write about our teachers. I'm ready to go to my next class. Mummy came in to help me cut it out. I liked mummy coming in." (Max Jarvis)

"I decorated a shell. I put my teachers and my friends and my favourite thing I did at school on it. I put on my favourite thing which was Cotton Eyed Joe because I didn't even cry and I used to cry. I drew Katilin, Ronni, me, Poppy and Eloise. Mummy came in and she helped me to do the cutting. I liked mummy coming in because I get to spend time with her." (Annabelle Duggan)

### Netball Presentation Evening

We had a wonderful end of season awards ceremony at the Harvester where we got to see each other all dressed up and out of our netball kit. It was lovely to say thank you to both the adults and children who have made this season so successful. Mrs Hoeb continues to be as proud as punch of her TPS netball squad (yes Jimmy, that's you too!) The awards went to:-

Best All Round Girl Award - **Ivy Cook**

Best All Round Boy Award - **Lucas**

**Jackson**

Ringer of the Year Award - **Jimmy Hunter**

Dedication to Netball Award - **Katie Allen**

Defender of the Year Award - **Paighton Brown**

Attacker of the Year Award - **Rosie-Bell Horsman**

Most Improved Player Award - **Rosie Anstis**

TPS Spirit Award - **Alevia Pjetra**

Team Secretary Award - **Ayah Pounds**

Team Player Award - **Lois Oke**

Heart and Soul of the Team Award - **Leon**

Players' Player of the Year Award -

**Dexter White**

Player of the Year Award - **Samuel Clark**



Alevia Pjetra tells of her special evening below:-

"We arrived at the Harvester and sat down and all just chatted about our time at netball. We all had a chance to go to the salad bar. Some people didn't really fill their bowls but some people filled them a lot! After we had eaten all our salad we got a chance to order our meal. Everybody enjoyed the meal and just chatted for a while. After we finished our meal, we got a chance to take photos on an iPad which was fun. After we had eaten everyone got a chance to be given an award and a photo of us at a tournament. My award was the TPS Spirit award which was because I show enthusiasm for the sport. I really enjoyed the event because it was fun and we all got a chance to clap the people when they got their awards and the food was really good. I hope I can continue playing netball when I go to Deanes."

### Year 3 visit to Southend on Sea



On Monday, the Year 3 children had their Geography field trip to Southend on Sea where they visited the Life Boat Station at the end of the pier, had a trip on the pier railway, enjoyed time on the beach and an ice cream. The children had a fabulous time and David Cater in Fireflies and

Frankie Greig in Owls give their respective accounts of the day below:-

"We left and got on the coach for about 20 minutes and then Owls went on the pier first. Then my class, Fireflies, went on the sand to play. Then when we started walking the pier, Owls went into the Life Boat Station. Once we got to the end of the pier we ate our lunch on the benches. Then we went into the Life Boat Station. The person who worked there showed us the boats and there was a little boat and a big boat and he talked about it with us. Then when we all finished, we got an ice cream and sat down and ate it. The best bit for me was enjoying the ice cream." (David Cater)



"First we went on the coach and then we got off and walked along the pier and then we saw the train and got a snack. After the snack we went to the life boats. The life boat people have a lot of stuff they need to learn. Then we went out and got the train. It was fun. After the train, we had lunch and then after lunch, we played on the sand. After the sand we got an ice cream and once we finished the ice cream we got on the coach back to school. I enjoyed having the ice cream the most." (Frankie Greig).





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## District Sports



On Wednesday it was the culmination of our sporting calendar after an incredibly busy year with non-competitive and competitive events with hundreds of our pupils participating and representing Thundersley proudly. This final event was DISTRICT SPORTS! The children arrived early at school with their competitor numbers attached ready and raring to go. On arrival at Basildon Sporting Village, the children took their seats up in the grandstand overlooking the athletics track. The day got underway and the events passed by in a flash, starting with the Years 3 and 4 track and field events. It was clear early on that all of the children's practice and hard work was paying off as news was coming back of lots of personal bests. Next came the Years 5 and 6 track and field events which again the children excelled themselves in. Finally, it was time for the relay races. The children had been working hard on their baton change overs and of course they were super speedy. Incredibly, we won six gold medals and two silver medals in what was a truly sensational set of relay performances. At the end of the event, it was time for the overall scores to be announced. We discovered that we had finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the track, 1<sup>st</sup> in the field which of course meant that we had finished an amazing 1<sup>st</sup> overall. Although we are proud of this fantastic result, we were more proud of the way the children conducted themselves and represented our school. We received many compliments about the fantastic behaviour and sportsmanship. What a way to finish our sporting calendar for this academic year. The children were of course, being the 'best they can be'.

Hollie Tinsley (Squirrels) gives her account of the event below:-

"My first event was sprint and in the sprint there were 6 or 7 people doing it and I came 3<sup>rd</sup> so I got a blue sticker so that I could take part in the final. Then I got into the final and I came second to last or last I'm not sure. Then we had to wait for a bit and then my last event was the girls' relay. Ivy started and passed the baton to Hollie A. who passed it to Rosie who passed it to me and then I had to pass it to Ellen. I was happy as I was in the lead and after Ellen finished the race, we were talking about who got 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and we came 1<sup>st</sup> and everyone was cheering. I did the District Sports in Year 4 but I could see how much I had improved as I got 2<sup>nd</sup> before and this time I got 1<sup>st</sup>. It was scary waiting for the results as we heard lots of other schools mentioned and then we came 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone cheered. My mum and dad came and I managed to give them a hug as we walked back to the area but I think they will say "well done" to me when I get home tonight." I enjoyed it lots as it was good fun and would like to do it again at Deanes."



## Year 4 visit to St. Peter's Church

As part of their topic work on the history of Thundersley, Year 4 visited St. Peter's Church. Charlie Elliott (Sparrows) and



Mason Major (Bears) give their respective accounts of the visit below:-

"As soon as we walked up to the church we were

acknowledging the old and the new parts of it. Then we went into the actual church and we were greeted by the person who looks after it. He led us into the place where they pray. We talked about facts and asked questions. Then we looked at the materials the Normans used which led us to the bell and the Book of Remembrance. We got divided into two groups and Mrs. Pavitt led my group into the praying room again and we sketched some structures and the leader of the church, the person who looks after it, had the other group and they rang the bell. After that, we went outside onto the grass to sketch the church or some bits outside the church and had our snack. Then we were wandering around the grave yard looking at how the ground was uneven and then the person who looked after the church was telling us that Thundersley was named St. Peters because it was on Ley Road and the God of Thunder, Thaw, was buried at St. Peter's. After that, we looked at Jesus on the stained glass and we were also looking at the paintings of the church when it was in Victorian times. The 1966 extension really makes it look different. I learnt that Mary, the Queen at that time, burnt people if they didn't go to Catholic Church and Robert Drake got burnt. He was the vicar of Thundersley. Harry and I were looking at what to sketch and we asked what the materials were made of and some of the stuff that looked like silver was aluminium and pewter. I thought the visit was a good visit because we got to learn a lot of stuff about how the Kings and Queens nowadays became what they are. The best thing was ringing the bell because we had to give it a lot of







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energy and all three bells gave a different tune." (Charlie Elliott)

"When we were at the church, we went into the old bit of the church and the man asked us what can see. I saw a stained glass window. It looked like people were praying to Jesus. Then we went into the newer bit of the church and we got to sketch some pictures of what we could see. I sketched a big cross. We rang the bell and it was really hard to pull it because of the weight of the bell. When other children rang the bell it sounded like speakers coming through the wall as it was so loud. I learnt that the bread is Jesus' body and the wine is Jesus' blood. I thought that it was really fun to visit the church." (Mason Major)



### Year 2 Parent/Carer Involvement Session

On Friday, the Year 2 parents/carers visited to participate in a Geography themed involvement session with their children. Rae Law (Ladybirds) and Aiden White (Robins) describe below what they had to do:-

"My daddy came in to help me. He came in to help me answer some English questions about the 7 continents. There were 15 questions, some were easy and some were hard. We had to look all around the school to answer the questions. We had a little map. After we had done the search, we had a little picnic. I really liked daddy coming in to help me as normally when we have things going on in the school, it's my mummy who comes to help me. (Rae Law)

"Elsie's mum came in to help. First we sang the 7 Continents song and then after

that we went out to answer the Geography questions. We managed to find all the answers. When we found the answers, we had to go back to the classroom and tick them and I got them all right. Then we went back out to the field under the big oak tree to have our picnic. I enjoyed it because we had challenges and I like challenges." (Aiden White)

### Year 6 visits to Respective Secondary Schools

Recently, our Year 6 pupils visited their respective Secondary Schools in preparation for their transition in September and some of the children give an insight into the time they spent there below:-

#### The Appleton School - Lewis Grigson



My dad was working in the area so he dropped me off with my older brother who already goes to Appleton. I was quite nervous but excited to see the people I will be going to school with in September. We had a little meeting at the start of the day which was about what behaviour they expect and about a value tree where the branches are different colours for different values like resilience, communication, respect etc. We had five periods. We did Science first, then French, then Maths, then English and Religious Studies. I enjoyed the Science the most because we got to use microscopes which were really cool. I looked at a plankton egg by zooming in and out. It looked very weird seeing something that I've never seen before very close up. At lunchtime we got to go outside on the front bit of grass and we played with a football. I saw a lot of my old school friends from Jotmans there. The next day, we did History, PE and a treasure hunt around the school to get to know it better. We found out our form tutor. My tutor is Miss O'Leary. She was very nice and she is an artist on Spotify. I enjoyed the treasure hunt the best because I got to know the school a bit better and I learned where most things are like the toilets and

classrooms. At the end we had another mini assembly where we got given a book to read over the summer holidays and a bingo sheet. I got the book War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. The bingo sheet is where we have to complete different reading challenges like read in a tight spot. I am really looking forward to joining the school in September since there is loads more responsibility of walking around the school, having different classes and I have to rely on myself to keep track of time and look at my timetable.

#### The King John School - Olivia Hindley



When I walked through the King John gates there were students there who gave us a slip on with our form groups. I was in form 712. After having a talk with the head of PE, Miss Binning, we went into our form rooms and we had a talk with our form tutor. Mine was Mrs. Young. She was very nice and she gave us a slide show about the King John School. Then we had a tour around the school. After break we had a History lesson about medieval times. It was very fun because our teacher made it very creative. Then we had Dance and learnt a dance routine. Then we had lunch and then left. In my form group there was Rosie-Belle, Beau, Ozzie and Archie. I was really nervous at first but in the end it was really fun. I'm really looking forward to going in September and I can't wait to join the school.

#### Westcliff High School for Boys - Gautam Sandeep

I was excited to go. I knew five or six people already who were going. I knew the school quite well as my brother already goes there. When we got there we went onto the Year 7 playground and then we were put into our form groups. I was nervous to find out my form group just in case I didn't know anyone in my form but I got two friends from Thundersley. Then





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we went into a classroom but not our form class and they told us we wouldn't find out our form teacher today but we would on the first day in school. They then asked about everybody's names and then we went into the Science lab. We did Physics. There was a crime scene and we had to do science tests to figure out who the suspect was. Then we went to PE. We did 100m race, we played football and cricket and then we did a 600m race. I enjoyed the football and the 600m race the best. Then we had a snack. Then we went to an English lesson. We were learning about Julius Caesar and Shakespeare. We had to do a work sheet. Then they took our fingerprints so that when we go to the canteen we can use our fingerprints to buy food. Then we went outside to the playground to have our packed lunch. We went to Maths after lunch and it was an activity where we could look around the building where we were going to have lessons in whilst doing Maths. Then we packed our stuff and went to assembly. They talked about what was going to happen on the first day and then we went outside to meet our parents and go home. The day was quite fun as we met new people and found out our house teams and forms. I'm looking forward to going.

### Westcliff High School for Girls - Rosie Anstis

I felt nervous before I went but after a while it felt really good to know where I was going. When we first got there we had to do ice breaker bingo where we had to find someone with different things like a dog, religion, a relative in the school or takes a contract bus. We spent the day in our form groups except when we went on a tour to the library etc. My form teacher is called Miss Provins and she was really nice. She teaches RE. I knew a girl from a previous visit and we sat next to each other. Her name is Zarina. We went to the canteen and we had to put our thumbs on a scanner so that when we want something to eat we just scan our thumbs.



We had our packed lunches outside. In the afternoon we had to learn the school song. I thought the whole day was good and it has made me feel better about going in September.

### Southend High School for Boys - Sam Clark



I was nervous to go there as I haven't been to Secondary School before and I didn't know anyone. My dad dropped me off there in the morning and we went straight into an assembly. After the assembly, we went to our form groups and did some activities to go around the school and meet some of the teachers. After that we went to our first lesson of the day which was French. It was very fun. We learned how to order items from a menu. After a very long lesson, we had our break time. It was nice as I met new people and made some friends. We went straight into our next lesson which was History. We learned about different Kings and Queens in England's past. It was spectacular and the teacher was very funny. Then we went into lunch. We used the canteen and they had fish and chips which was very tasty. After we ate, we looked at some of the clubs they have to offer. We did Debating and War Games. Since we were wearing our PE kits we did some PE. We did football, basketball and softball. It was very fun as I've never played some of the sports before. For our final lesson, we did Science and we learned about nuclei and cells in plants and animals. It was very interesting and great to learn about Biology. I thought the whole day was amazing and I cannot wait until September!

### The Deanes School - Alyssa Gay

I felt ok about going as most of my friends are going there. When we first got there we went to the canteen and sorted out our groups. My form tutor is Miss Green and



my form is 7G. Lily, Sophie, Paighton, Albert and Tyerie from Thundersley were in my form and I knew some people from Hadleigh Juniors and someone from Woodham Ley. For the first class we were learning about sea creatures in the twilight zone. We also got to draw our own sea creatures. I thought it was really fun. After that I did English and it was about alliteration and details about writing. We read about a horrible hotel and we had to write a review. After that, we went to break and I went to the canteen and I got a waffle and a drink. Then I went down to the court and sat down with my friends and ate it. I then went to Maths and we did a little bit of mathematics and we also played math bingo. I unfortunately did not win but it was good fun. My favourite lesson was History because the teacher was really nice and we had to learn the song from Horrible Histories about the reign of the Tudors. After that we went to an assembly. They told us about the rules at Deanes and showed us some reviews from students who are already there. Then we had a fire drill to show us where to go if there was a fire. Then I went home. I thought Deanes was really nice and I know a lot of students there so if I get lost they'll help me. I'm looking forward to going to Deanes in September.

### Fitzwimarc Secondary School - Fadil Ebony



In the morning I was really scared as I didn't know about Secondary School. My brother dropped me off and I was really early and no one from Thundersley was there but gradually everyone started coming. After, a teacher called Miss Youle called everybody that was doing their transition to go into the main office. We saw our forms but I wasn't with anyone from Thundersley. Then they did an assembly for about an hour talking about their expectations and what was going to happen. Then we got sent to our form tutors. My form tutor's name was Miss Stewart-Walker. She was really kind and especially kind to me as there was no-one





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else from Thundersley in my form. I made a friend called Freddie. After about 30 minutes we went to break and then I met up with everyone from Thundersley again and we started talking about our forms. Later we went back to the hall. They talked about what was going to happen after the summer holidays and what we are going to do. Then we did taster lessons. One was Geography and one was English. The English teacher was the head of English and she was really kind. We did Geography first. We made a pop up drainage water basin. For English we made a diary entry for someone in the Hobbit. Then we went back to the hall to say our goodbyes and then we got picked up. Even though I was scared at the beginning the day was really good and I'm looking forward to going to Secondary School now.

### Mayflower High School - Lina Pur

I was really nervous because I didn't know anyone there but then when I actually got



there I made some friends really quickly and then we headed to our first class which was English. For English we made some potion stories and we laughed reading them out in the class. Next we had a break which went by really quickly and soon after we had Science where we learned about acids and alkaline. To find out which were acids and alkaline, we used red cabbage and it smelt really bad. Next we went straight to Maths where we did a murder mystery where someone had killed someone for not giving the right change for a burger. It was really funny! Next we did a maths bingo game which I won. I got a little sweet as a prize. The Maths teacher's name was Mr. Fishy. Next we had lunch outside as it was too warm. They had three fields and they were all massive. I got lost while trying to find the toilets and a Year 11 helped me to find my way back. We laughed it off. Next, we had a free period where we didn't really do anything so I chatted with my

new friends. After that we went to our form where we played a game to get to know people better. People said some funny sayings like "I'm not alright, I'm all left". The form teacher's name was Miss Cooke and she was really kind. She made us get into last name alphabetical order and we went to an assembly, where we got a summer reading book and a quiz sheet to fill out for when we get back. The assembly was about how they hoped we had a good time at Mayflower. The day was really fun and everyone was kind to us especially the Year 8s. We went to Food Tech to see what they were cooking and it smelt really good. The school was very big, around four times the size of Thundersley, and I found out that people live close to me. I really enjoyed the day, it was super fun and really funny, super interesting and amazing!

### Belfairs Academy - Rosie Green

When we first got there, the teachers welcomed us to come in and we all went into the assembly hall and they called out which form group



we were in. I'm in 7R3. We went with a teacher to our first class which was Maths. Then we went to our second class which was English. Then we went down to the hall to have a break. Then we did Art and then after that we went for our lunch and then we went to Sports in the hall. Then we went to meet our tutor group and our tutor teacher told us all about the rules. There was somebody from Thundersley in my tutor group and I also made friends. I liked it when we did the Art because we made figures of ourselves and then put them in the school logo. At first I was a bit nervous but after we had gone to our class it was exciting. I'm looking forward to doing more subjects at school. I'm looking forward to going and meeting new friends and doing subjects I haven't done before.

### Eastwood Academy - Ivy Cook



I was a bit nervous but I had friends in

other forms and I knew I would make friends in mine. At first I went to meet my form tutor and her name is Miss Smith. She was lovely and she is a DT teacher so our form is in a DT room. Our first taster lesson was Music and we had drums and we had to make different rhythms. The teacher was Mrs. Stanley and she was serious but really nice. Then we had break and we sat in the hall and chatted to our friends. I made three friends called Olivia, Coco and Jasmine. Our next lesson was a reading assessment and we went into the ICT room. We had to answer questions to passages and I didn't find it that hard. After that we went to Science and we used the Bunsen Burners and there were lolly pop sticks in different acids and we held them over the Bunsen Burners and the fire changed colour. After that we had lunch and we got to go outside and I was chatting to my other friends from the different forms. After lunch, we went into our Head of House's room who is called Mr. Braybrook and we got our thumbprint taken and our school photo. Our last lesson of the day was in the hall and we watched a music show. I thought all of the people who sang were talented and I said goodbye to all of my friends and that was the day done. I liked Science the best out of the day because the experiment was really fun. I'm really looking forward to going there in September because I get to have different teachers and meet new people.

### Wimbledon Event - Bears

Bears' class were invited to a 'Wimbledon' event at the Deanes School last Thursday where the children participated in lots of activities which were tennis related. Ruby Moorcraft (Bears) gives her account of the afternoon below:-

"Today we had our lunch before we left to go to Deanes. When we got there we split up into different groups, took our high viz jackets off and then we played some





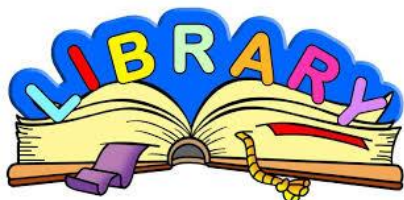


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matches. We did some passing and catching too. It was really fun."

## Library Books



Please note that all library books need to be returned urgently. Parents/Carers will be required to pay for any missing books and will be sent an invoice if their child's library book is not returned - thank you.

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

Ronnie Hartman (Robins)  
Alfie Seymour (Sparrows)  
Jeremy D'Aleo (Sparrows)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

## House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

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



Well done Golden Eagles!

## This week's 'Think'

What colour is summer?



## 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. This will be the last NumBots for this academic year.



EYFS - George Grigson (Chipmunks)  
Year 1 - Kya Hollington (Rabbits)

Well done to you both!

## 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 either speak to Mrs. Hayward in the main School Office or email her directly on:-



Katie.Hayward@tps.robusmat.co.uk

## Treetops this week:-

This week we will be enjoying the continuing summer sunshine outside with some summer craft activities available too.

## 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

## Next Meeting

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

## Community News

## Deanes Summer Camps - 10% Discount

Please note that if you wish to book your child onto the Deanes Holiday Camps you can get an exclusive 10% discount.







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Bookings can be discounted using the code **thundersley10** at the checkout.

### LW's Football Camp

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### Essex Fire Museum Open Days

Please find attached flyers in respect of the above.

### Barracudas Activity Day Camps plus Discount

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### e-Scooter Advice

Please find attached information in respect of the above.

### ACL Family Arts & Crafts

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### ACL Preparing for the Summer Holidays

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### ACL Summer Fun

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

