



Newsletter No. 2

15th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our assemblies on Friday celebrated children who are becoming super Thundersley learners and who personify our values:-

Belief – we believe in ourselves

Courage – we learn from our mistakes

Endeavour – we work hard

Determination – we never give up

These values are not about academic ability or being the best at anything. No matter a child's starting point, every single one of them has the chance to shine. That's why all children can be chosen as *Star of the Week* or *Playground Star*.

Whether it's showing kindness to a friend, using Makaton to say yes, tackling a tricky problem with resilience, or simply believing in themselves when things feel difficult, each child has the opportunity to be recognised and celebrated. What I find most humbling in our assemblies is how genuinely delighted the children are when a classmate receives a certificate. Each week, it reminds me how fortunate we are at Thundersley to have such thoughtful and kind children.

Have a good week and remember, reading with your child should not be a stressful experience. If your child is finding it hard and getting worked up, read to them and perhaps have them talk about pictures or ask them questions about the story. Then do let us know.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Secondary School Admissions

Please note that if your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply online for a Secondary School place (applications open from 12th September 2025) by 31st October 2025. To register your choice please visit:-

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

School Gate Opening/Closing Times



Please note that the school gate will be opened at 8.40am. Children must be in class for an 8.45am start. Gates will be closed at 8.55am. Children arriving after this time must be signed in late at the main office. The gate will be opened again at 3.05pm ready for EYFS/KS1 children to be collected at 3.10pm and KS2 children to be collected at 3.15pm. For the safety of all our children we ask that everyone leave the school site promptly. Thank you.

School Office Hours

Open at 7.15am (for phone calls) - Monday to Thursday

Open at 7am (for phone calls) - Friday

Open at 8.40am (front desk for enquiries)

Closes at:-

5.00pm Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

4.30pm Wednesdays

4.45pm Fridays

Polite Reminders

Absence

If your child is unwell or not in school for any reason, please contact the main School Office on 01268 793251 before 9.15am to advise staff or email admin@thundersley.essex.sch.uk - thank you.

Leave of Absence

All 'Leave of Absence' requests in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances and will be at the discretion of Miss Dawson. Please complete a 'Leave of Absence' form which you can obtain from the main School Office. Please give as much notice as possible. Thank you.

Visitors

Please note that all visitors must sign in at the main School Office. Please do not enter the buildings without signing in first and receiving a 'visitor's sticker'. Thank you.

Peanut Butter/Nutella/Nut Products

We would like to remind you that your child must not bring peanut butter, Nutella or any nut products into school as we have children with severe nut allergies. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named bottle of water in school at all times in order to keep hydrated throughout the day. Thank you.

Asthma Pumps

If your child requires an asthma pump, please ensure that your child has one in the main School Office and one in their classroom. Please also check that the pumps are in date. Thank you.

Coats

Please note that children will go out to play at break and lunch times each day whatever the weather unless it is torrential rain. Therefore, please ensure your child has a named coat with them every day to wear if necessary.

Labels

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's full name in order that they can be returned if found. Thank you.

Bikes/Scooters

Please note that bikes/scooters must not be ridden in the playground. Please ensure your child dismounts and walks their bike/scooter on the school premises to avoid any accidents. Thank you.





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Medication

Please note that staff are not able to administer medication unless your child has a Care Plan for an ongoing medical condition. Thank you.

Attendance

For the week ended 12th September 2025 there were eight 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.

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Butterflies	91.0%
Rabbits	95.2%
Ladybirds	99.3%
Robins	98.3%
Fireflies	98.6%
Owls	98.7%
Bears	97.4%
Sparrows	91.8%
Ants	98.6%
Kestrels	96.1%
Badgers	97.4%
Squirrels	98.7%
Whole School	96.8%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

LADYBIRDS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2025 - 2026 is:

97%

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Ella McGeown - Squirrels
Skylar Angerstein - Badgers
Eleanor Henry - Badgers
Trisha Patel - Badgers
Millie Smith - Badgers
Patrick Ridgwell - Squirrels
Edward Payne - Squirrels

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Stars of the Week

Year 6:- Sophia England-Cowen
Year 5:- Harry Molloy & Alfie Carrington
Year 4:- Maddison Wilson & David Stan
Year 3:- Frank Mataj & Arthur Barclay
Year 2:- Florence Deal & Beau Taylor
Year 1:- Reggie Morris & Adam Sethi



Playground Stars of the Week

Zachariah Sanders-Mackey Couch, Darcey Gayler, Louie Seymour, Kitty McCombe, Mabel Evers, Scarlett-Rose O'Dell, Layla-Star Wright-Martin, Roux Bilkey, Lilly Hawker, Elliott Harris, Monty Adkins, Nowen Davis and Charlie Robinson-Boot

House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

Red Arrows	7524
Golden Eagles	6471
Green Dragons	3071
Blue Dolphins	2114



Well done again Red Arrows!

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





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Treetops:-

As part of National Literacy Day, Daisy Avison (Squirrels) used story dice to determine the characters, settings and props in the little story below.

Once upon a time, there was a fairy that had a map with a dot as the reach point. On the way there, she saw an evil wizard that also wanted the treasure, so they had a fight to get it. They didn't stop until the fairy eventually won and ran off to get the treasure. She was so happy!

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.daniellelessshop.co.uk

PTA

Next Meeting

Date to be confirmed.

Community News

Mega Camps October Half Term 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Community Connect

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Essex Fire Museum

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Acro School

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Graveyard Groove

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Ultimate Halloween Disco

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

The Big Shout

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Anglo European School - Open Evening

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

eSchools or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

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****

24/10/25

