



## Newsletter No. 5

6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a wonderful week we have ahead! Over the next few days, I'll be showing around families with children due to start in EYFS in 2026, and it always fills me with pride. Our visitors are consistently blown away by our fantastic children — their enthusiasm for learning, their focus, and their eagerness to share what they're doing. If you know anyone with a child starting school next year, please do encourage them to contact the office and book a tour — we'd love to welcome them!

This week, we're also looking forward to our EYFS Number Hunt, when parents/carers will join their children for some number-filled fun! It's a wonderful way to be part of your child's learning (and a great opportunity to explore our school grounds too).

We're thrilled that The Southend Jazz Festival is coming to Thundersley on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025. We'll be hosting *Rhythm Connections*, who will be running exciting drumming workshops for our KS2 children. These sessions will also celebrate the incredible influence of Black music on jazz — and across so many other genres — as part of Black History Month.

Wishing you all a fantastic week ahead,

**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 by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. To register your choice please visit:-

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

### Attendance

For the week ended 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 there were nine classes who achieved 97%

attendance or above. Well done to Butterflies who achieved 99.7%.

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    | 99.3% |
| Dragonflies  | 93.4% |
| Butterflies  | 99.7% |
| Rabbits      | 97.2% |
| Ladybirds    | 97.0% |
| Robins       | 94.3% |
| Fireflies    | 98.6% |
| Owls         | 94.7% |
| Bears        | 99.0% |
| Sparrows     | 92.1% |
| Ants         | 99.3% |
| Kestrels     | 98.7% |
| Badgers      | 92.3% |
| Squirrels    | 97.4% |
|              |       |
| Whole School | 96.6% |
| Target       | 97.0% |

Congratulations to this week's winners

**BUTTERFLIES**

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2025 - 2026 is:

**97%**

### Girls' Football Tournament



On Wednesday, we took two girls' football teams to The Deanes School for our annual SSP Football Tournament. Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Watts walked the girls to Deanes full of excitement for the day of football ahead. It was a brilliant day overall with both teams being really competitive throughout the day. Thundersley 'Green' team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in their group but had such great fun, with some girls playing their first games for the school. Whereas, Thundersley 'Gold' managed to get to the semi-finals and narrowly missed out on getting to the finals through penalties! They managed to get a bronze medal by beating a strong Grovewood side, 2-0. A brilliant day for both girls' teams who had lots of fun. Definitely being 'The best they can be!' Well done to all girls involved. Isla Reeves (Squirrels) and Perla Puckey (Sparrows) tell of their respective experiences below:-

"We walked to Deanes and the first game we played was a 0-0 draw. Then the next game we played was also a 0-0 draw. Then the next game we played was a 0-0 draw. Then the next game we played was 1-0 to us. Then the next game we played we lost on penalties. Then after that we played the next game which, if we didn't win this, we wouldn't get a medal. On the last match we played the team who were really good and they had someone who plays for West Ham Academy. We actually won it 2-0 and I scored 1 and Hermione scored 1. This meant we got a bronze medal. It was really, really good and I enjoyed it." (Isla Reeves)





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"First we lost and then in the second game we lost again, The third game we lost and then we lost another one. Then we won a friendly 1-0 by a penalty. Our team came 5<sup>th</sup> overall. This is the first time I've played for the school in Year 4 and I really, really enjoyed it. I'm looking forward to playing more games. (Perla Puckey)

## Year 2 Parent/Carer Involvement Session

On Thursday, it was the turn of the Year 2 Parents/Carers to visit the children to make penguins as part of their Geography topic work. Mia Haxhia (Ladybirds) and Louis Clapton (Robins) give their respective accounts of the afternoon below:-

"My mummy came in to help me. I liked my mummy coming in because she is a good at sewing. First we cut out the template and then we got some black fabric and we used the chalk to draw around it. Then we cut the fabric and then we got the white fabric and used a pencil to draw around the template because we couldn't use the chalk as it was the same colour as the fabric and we wouldn't be able to see it. We got the orange fabric and traced it with the chalk and then we cut it out. After, we started to sew a little bit and



then my mummy cut the flippers with the black fabric using the chalk to trace around the template. After we sewed the front and back together we left the bottom open so we could put the cotton in.

After we got the cotton and put it in, we sewed the bottom up. After that we cut the pupils and the eyes out. After we sewed the eyes on. Then we had to sew the black fabric flippers on. Mummy helped with the cutting and the sewing and that's all she helped me with. I really liked mummy coming in to help me it was fun." (Miah Haxhia)

"My mum and dad came in to help me. I cut out the word that said main body of the penguin. I did half of the sewing. My

mum did the other half. I liked sewing because the needle goes up and down. My mum helped me draw around the paper with the chalk. My mum taught my dad to sew too. We had to glue to flippers and the eyes on. Then we had to put stuffing inside. I had to put the penguin in a bag and give it to Miss Hemmings. The flippers and the eyes all fell off so we had to stick them on again! I liked when my mum and dad came to see me because they don't really come in in the morning or the afternoon." (Louis Clapton)

## Honesty is the best policy!

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

Olivia Oswald - Squirrels  
Penny Lawrence - Squirrels

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

## Stars of the Week

**Year 6:-** Teddy Thompson and Finley Barber  
**Year 5:-** Alex Muir and Daniyal Sethi  
**Year 4:-** Preston Hooper and Vanesa Lukoseviciute  
**Year 3:-** Ronnie Hartman and Alois Pjetra  
**Year 2:-** Elliott Harris and Ioanna Mortis  
**Year 1:-** Elsie Giles and Rosie Selby  
**EYFS:-** Connor Hill and Daisy Izzet



## Playground Stars of the Week

Olivia Oswald, Jacob Nevill, Hermione Delf, Isabelle Hawkins, Perla Puckey, Matilda Bolden, Jarad Nyama, Grace Grocott, Henry Benson, Isla Laurie, Lacey Gibson, Archie Stuart and Rosie Richards

## House Point Scores

Scores for the House Point groups are:-

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Blue Dolphins | 4589 |
| Golden Eagles | 4412 |
| Green Dragons | 3925 |
| Red Arrows    | 3902 |



Well done Blue Dolphins!

## 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](mailto:Katie.Hayward@tps.robusmat.co.uk)





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### **Treetops:-**

This week we will be basing indoor activities on Goldilocks and the Three Bears as Friday is National Porridge Day. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather stays dry so that we can continue playing outside as this is definitely the most popular.

### **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.danielllesshop.co.uk](http://www.danielllesshop.co.uk)

### **PTA**

### **Next Meeting**

The next PTA meeting (AGM) is on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in the White Hart at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the PTA and making a real difference to our school, please just pop along! Everyone is welcome.

### **Community News**

### **Girls 4 Football - October Half Term 2025**

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

### **Good Beginnings - EYFS**

Available for parents/carers of children in EYFS or younger with or without an

autism diagnosis. This is an eight week course supporting parents/carers to understand autism and what it means for their child, and have the opportunity to meet with professionals and other parents/carers. The course is running in the Spring and Summer terms in person in Rochford, Braintree, Saffron Walden, Witham, Colchester, Harlow and Canvey Island. It is also running online on Tuesday evenings in the Spring term. Parents/Carers can request a place via [this link](#).

### **Rayleigh Operatic & Dramatic Society (RODS) - A Long Time Ago Pantomime**

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  
24/11/25  
23/02/26  
20/07/26

